

**DEDDINGTON CHURCH CLEANING:** There will be a big clean-up on Saturday 26 January after the Farmers' Market. This will bring a brighter start to the New Year. If you are able to come and help on that Saturday afternoon to join the work party from 1pm onwards, you will be very welcome. Please let Christine know if you are able to do this; it would be helpful to have an idea of how many will be there. Many thanks.

The wise men should strike us as alien. They are the 'outside' world, breaking in. They are not people of faith, they are not fellow-citizens, they are not the same race or class as Mary and Joseph. For all we know, they do not even speak the same language – Matthew does not record any conversation between the Holy Family and these strangers. Yet they have used their 'alien' skills of astrological divination to come to the Christ child and worship. They, too, are part of God's new people.

**HYMNS AT DEDDINGTON CHURCH**

CP: The first Nowell (sheet), 89 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
84 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

**DEDDINGTON CHURCH THIS WEEK**

Monday – Friday	08.45	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10.00	Holy Communion Service

**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (13<sup>TH</sup> January)**

Deddington	08.00 BCP Communion
	10.30 Holy Communion
Barford St John	09.00 Holy Communion

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

First Reading	Isaiah 43: 1-7
Second Reading	Acts 8: 14-17
Gospel	Luke 3: 15-17. 21-22

Church Website: [www.deddingtonchurch.org](http://www.deddingtonchurch.org)  
Anyone with an enquiry about Weddings or Baptisms should speak to the Vicar after a service.  
For all other church bookings please contact:

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Items for inclusion in this weekly news sheet should be sent to Judy by 12 noon on Wednesdays.

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