

# ADVENT

Advent candles tell their story as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory, 'come, Lord, soon', we say.

**RIDE AND STRIDE** - Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Ride and Stride. We raised £907. Half for churches in need in Oxfordshire and half to Deddington church. Look out for details of next year's event, second Saturday in September. *Sarah Liebrecht* [s.liebrecht2@gmail.com](mailto:s.liebrecht2@gmail.com)

**CHRISTINGLE QUIZ** what is the symbolism of each of these? (answers below)

1. The Orange
2. The Candle
3. The Red Ribbon
4. The Fruits



**Turkey Takeaway!** Please speak to **Angela** in church or contact any of the **wardens** if you would like a lunch on Christmas Day for collection or delivery.

**DECEMBER - - -**

**NEXT Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – 11am-2pm - Hempton Christmas Fayre - Hempton Church**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – 6pm – Carol Service, Hempton**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – 6pm - Carol Service, Deddington**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – 4pm Benefice Nativity Service in Barford St Michael.**

**8pm – Midnight at Bethlehem Service, Barford St Michael**

**1130pm – Midnight Service, Deddington**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 9am – Christmas Communion in Hempton Church**

**1030am – Christmas Communion, Deddington Church**

**PLEASE NOTE** there will be NO 10am communion on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December.

**NEWS:** Hugh White, former vicar of this parish, will be installed at Helmdon Church on 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Ask Iain Gillespie for further details.

'Pathways' – Oxford Diocesan magazine, pick up your copy from the porch.

**ECO CHURCH** How can we have a greener, planet-friendly Christmas? (Or prepare for a greener 2024!) Choose non-sparkly paper and re-use it. Recycle cards as gift tags. Have a real, locally-grown tree. Don't buy TOO much food. Remember the Food Bank Trolley. Use all our left-overs. Christmas will still be a very joyous celebration, especially if we are helping the planet to survive, for all our futures!

**CHRISTINGLE ANSWERS:** 1. The world. 2. Jesus, the light of the world. 3. The love and blood of Christ. 4. All of God's creations.

For church bookings please use [bookings@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:bookings@deddingtonchurch.org) . Please send any items for the newssheet by 5pm on Wednesdays to [newssheet@deddingtonchurch.org](mailto:newssheet@deddingtonchurch.org)

## BENEFICE WORSHIP AND NEWS

St Peter and St Paul, Deddington

St Michael and St John, Barford

St John the Evangelist Hempton

**1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT**

**3 DECEMBER 2023**



A warm **WELCOME** to all celebrating the beginning of Advent in our churches in the Deddington Benefice. For details of other Advent and Christmas services and events please see the back page of this news sheet.

'Gaza Hospital Appeal'. THANKS: the final total for Christian Aid: £1,087.50 (incl. GiftAid.)

**SERVICES 3-9 DECEMBER - Deddington services online at <http://bit.ly/DCOLS>**

Sunday	1030	Coffee and Chat	Barford St Michael
	<b>1030</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Deddington</b>
	1500	Christingle Service	Deddington
	<b>1800</b>	<b>Advent Carol Service</b>	<b>Deddington</b>
Mon and Fri	0845	Morning Prayer	Deddington
Wednesday	<b>1000</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Deddington</b>

**Readings:**

**Sunday** – Isaiah 64.1-9, **1 Corinthians 1.3-9**, Mark 13.24-end

**Monday** – Isaiah 25.1-9, **Matthew 12.1-21 (MP CW)**

**Tuesday** – Isaiah 26.1-13, **Matthew 12.22-37**

**Wednesday** – Isaiah 28.1-13, **Matthew 12.38-end**

**Thursday** – Isaiah 28.14-end, **Matthew 13.1-23**

**Friday** – Isaiah 29.1-14, **Matthew 13.24-43 (MP BCP)**

**Saturday** – Isaiah 29.15-end, **Matthew 13.44-end**

**Sunday** – Isaiah 40.1-11, **2 Peter 3.8-15a**, Mark 1.1-8

Vicar: VACANCY

**For enquiries about weddings or baptisms – please contact the Wardens**

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