

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 2003

SUNDAY DIARY

2. NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Service of the Word

9. LENT 1

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Worship
& Baptism
10.30am Youth Service
in Scout Hut
6.30pm Communion

16. LENT 2

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Service of the Word

23. LENT 3

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Communion

30. MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Worship
6.30pm Communion



The elegant spire of the parish church at Newark-upon-Trent in east Nottinghamshire is a landmark for miles around (Photo: © Clifford Knowles)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Thursday at 10.00am at St Andrew's

Ash Wednesday: Communion on March 5th at 7.30pm at St Andrew's

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Initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Rector

Editor's Page



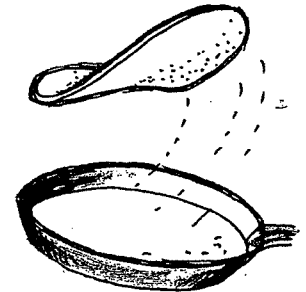
Lent begins this year on March 5th, Ash Wednesday. Lent is the time when the Christian Church remembers the forty days and nights which Jesus spent in the wilderness at the start of his ministry. It has traditionally been a time of self-denial and Christians are still encouraged to do something to mark the weeks of Lent, such as giving up one meal a week or eating a smaller meal. We are also encouraged to use the time to consider our faith more deeply. Watch out in church for information about Lent groups. It is planned that these will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on March 11th and 12th.

Lent has many old customs and traditions, some of which go back hundreds of years.

The Word Lent comes from an old English word **Lencten** which means Spring. The actual word literally meant lengthen, because it is during the Spring that the days get longer!

Shrove Tuesday is the name we give to the day before the start of Lent.

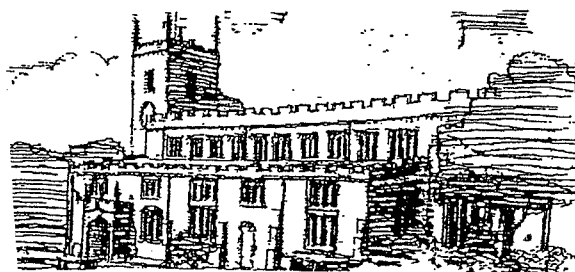
This was the day when people attended church to be **shriven** or **shrived**, which was to be forgiven for sins they confessed. Today most think of it as the day for eating pancakes. Why pancakes? Pancakes were a good way of using up ingredients such as butter and eggs which it was not permitted to eat in Lent. In many parts of the Spanish speaking world the day before Lent and its celebrations are known as **Mardi Gras** (Fat Tuesday). There is often a carnival. Some say that the word **carnival** comes from the Latin words **carne** **valere** meaning "to bid farewell to meat". Carnival therefore literally would mean "Goodbye to meat" because the day before Lent was the last time people would eat meat before Easter!



Ash Wednesday gets its name from the ashes which those who had committed very serious sins and were barred from receiving communion would scatter on their heads. They would stand outside the church doors wearing sackcloth and ask those going in to pray for them. Many Roman Catholic churches maintain the use of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The palm crosses which were given out on the previous Palm Sunday are burned, sprinkled with holy water and placed on the altar. The priest dips his finger in the ashes and makes the mark of the cross on the foreheads of each member of the congregation.

Mothering Sunday has always been celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent. It is a very old festival. (Calling it Mother's Day is a very recent invention!) The original emphasis was that young people should return home in mid-Lent to worship in their mother church; that is where they had been baptised and brought up. Many young people worked away from home. They would be hired for twelve months' work at the October Hiring Fairs. The middle of Lent was a half way through their year's contract and thus would be an ideal time to return home. They were given a day off for that purpose and good employers provided them with a cake, a **simnel** cake, to take home as a present for their mothers. No doubt many mothers kept the cake to eat at Easter which is probably why we associate **simnel** cake with Easter! You will find more about **simnel** cake elsewhere in the newsletter.

Bits and Pieces



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Girl Guides, Laura Caen and Sarah Gardiner, who have completed the Baden Powell Challenge Award. This is a splendid achievement. Well done, Laura and Sarah!

Many Happy Returns!

Congratulations to Tom Stokes who will be ninety years old on March 27th. Tom has given over 50 years of service to the people of Bolton and the parish of Deane, ever since he and Marjorie settled in Bolton in 1947. Tom had a distinguished war record, he was at Dunkirk in 1940 and took part in the liberation of Europe in 1944-5. In Bolton he became one of Lancashire's leading opticians and his shop, T J Stokes, on Knowsley Street still keeps the name Stokes, although Tom retired a long time ago. At Deane he was a church warden for over twenty years and still keeps an active eye on the church grounds! We wish Tom many happy returns of the day.

Would you like to visit Lourdes? Gillian Gregory writes:-

"Hosanna House, part of The Pilgrimage Trust, a registered charity, organises two pilgrimages to Lourdes in southern France each year. Groups comprise 40 to 50 adults, aged 18 to 90 plus. They include people with physical mental or sensory disabilities, people with limited mobility, people with life-threatening or neurological illnesses and the elderly and frail. There are also many voluntary helpers who need NO specialist skills, but do need enthusiasm and a caring attitude! Groups fly out for one week. They are based at Hosanna House which is in a village just outside Lourdes.

The dates for the 2003 visits are June 27th to July 4th and July 4th to July 11th.

"Groups experience spiritual, physical, mental and emotional renewal, and that includes the helpers!

If you would like to go to Lourdes either as a helper or a pilgrim, or you know someone who would, please get in touch with me, Gillian Gregory, on 01204 64792 for more information."

Baptism

On Sunday 9th February we welcomed into membership of the church family through baptism Adam Jack Frankland, the infant son of Jason and Helen Frankland.

47 Years of Bell-Ringing

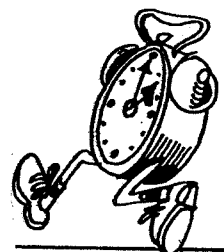
We say a huge thank you and wish a long and happy retirement to Harold Lever who has decided that the time has come to bring his years of ringing the bells at Deane to an end. Harold has been bell-ringing at Deane since 1956, but now, at 85, he feels that his days of climbing the ladder to the belfry are over! We thank Harold whole-heartedly for his 47 years of ringing the church bells.

An Appeal from Deane Cub Scouts

After 20 years service the present Cub Leaders have decided to take a well-earned rest and will be retiring at the end of June 2003. We are therefore appealing for new leaders to take over the pack. Enthusiasm and commitment are the only essential requirements and, although it is an unpaid post, it is extremely rewarding. Anyone interested should telephone Wendy Gooding on 01204 653277 or Jim Boydeell on 01204 61450.

Clocks Go Forward!

Don't forget! Clocks go forward on the night of Saturday/Sunday 29/30 March! Put your clocks forward before you go to bed! Don't arrive at church an hour late for the Mothering Sunday services!



WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Africa

D R CONGO The number of homeless people in the north east continues to increase following further fighting on New Year's Day. Pray that current peace talks continue, and bring stability and hope.

ZIMBABWE More than 7 million people are at risk from famine. Additionally, individuals and churches must demonstrate integrity, compassion and practical help to many desperate people living in a climate of fear. Pray for Tearfund partners, trying to continue to distribute food to those who are most vulnerable without interference.

Europe/Middle East

CZECH REPUBLIC Voting began in January to find a new president to replace Vaclav Havel, who leaves office on February 3rd. Pray for an open and unifying result, and for all those meeting the challenges in post-Communist Europe, including Tearfund partners.

Latin America

URUGUAY Massive recession has caused dramatic rises in unemployment figures and prices in the last three years. Pray for a country that has led the region in its progressive education and welfare programmes until now, but which, like its neighbours, suffers increasingly from social and economic deprivation.

Asia

NEPAL King Gyanendra's sacking of the elected government last year has provoked protest rallies in Nepal's Congress. Pray that the new government can restore confidence by holding local and national elections swiftly, and for aid agencies including Tearfund partners, continuing to work in an unstable environment.

KENYA A sensational election victory by the National Rainbow Coalition could mean a new start for Kenya after 40 years as effectively a one-party state. Pray for Tearfund partners, working for peaceful change.

NIGERIA Elections for a head of state and governors to the federation are scheduled for April; the first held by a civilian government in nearly 20 years. More than 10,000 people have been killed in the last four years in outbreaks of communal and religious violence; pray for justice and peace to build up a fragile democracy.

IRAQ As war seems ever more likely, pray for all leaders involved in making vital decisions. Pray too for the ordinary people of Iraq, whether Kurds or Arabs, Muslim or Christian. Pray for Tearfund and its partners preparing for a potential humanitarian crisis.

VENEZUELA A general strike aimed at forcing President Chavez from power continued into January. Venezuela's vital oil industry has been paralysed as groups accuse Mr Chavez of mismanaging the economy and trying to impose a dictatorship. Pray for a peaceful way forward, and for churches involved in reconciliation.

SRI LANKA Tearfund partner the Evangelical Alliance of Sri Lanka held a day of prayer on January 15th. Christian concerns are growing as the government considers introducing anti-conversion laws. Pray that the now frequent attacks on churches and Christians will be halted, and that the right to open worship will be upheld.

Common Worship

March 2/Next before Lent
March 9/Lent 1
March 16/Lent 2
March 23/Lent 3
March 30/Mothering Sunday
April 6/Lent 5

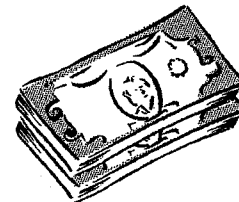
2 Kings 2 v1-12
Genesis 9 v8-17
Genesis 17 v1-7 & 15-16
Exodus 20 v1-17
Numbers 21 v4-9
Jeremiah 31 v31-34

Bible Readings

2 Corinthians 4 v3-6
1 Peter 3 v18-22
Romans 4 v13-25
1 Corinthians 1 v18-25
Ephesians 2 v1-10
Hebrews 5 v5-10

Mark 9 v2-9
Mark 1 v9-15
Mark 8 v31-38
John 2 v13-22
John 3 v14-21
John 12 v20-33

Money Matters



Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
January 5	£110.24	£699.73	£809.97
January 12	£246.03	£668.66	£914.69
January 19	£114.34	£785.98	£900.32
January 26	£171.58	£564.11	£735.69
Standing Orders		£607.50	£607.50
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Totals	£642.19	£3325.98	£3968.17
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The Treasurer also acknowledges with thanks donations to the total of £336.

The Original Simnel Cake

Today simnel cakes are usually associated with Easter. They are made with a fruit cake mixture, with a layer of marzipan in the middle of the cake and another at the top. The top is usually decorated with eleven balls of marzipan, representing the eleven loyal disciples. Judas Iscariot is not represented! But in the past simnel cakes were very different. They were usually given to mothers on Mothering Sunday. Indeed the only similarity to modern simnel cakes is the fruit cake mix!

Simnel cakes have been made for a long time. They were certainly being made before the Norman Conquest in 1066. Some say the name **simnel** comes from the medieval Latin word **simila**, meaning white flour, but no one knows for sure!

Until recently the original type of simnel cake was made in Shropshire. The cake mix was a rich fruit cake similar to a Christmas cake. It was the covering which was very different. A crust was made of flour and water and was wrapped round and round the whole cake. The crust was coloured yellow by adding saffron. Then the whole cake was wrapped in a cloth and boiled for several hours. After that it was brushed with egg and put in the oven to bake. By this time not surprisingly the crust was very hard indeed! There are stories of some cakes being so hard that they had to be broken open with an axe!

News From SAMS

Bob Lunt, our Link Missionary with the South American Mission Society, has written to us about the celebrations he attended in the autumn to mark the completion of the translation of the Bible into Wichi, the first complete Bible in a native language of Argentina.

Bob and his daughter, Alison, were able to attend five separate celebrations in August and September. They were held in a school in Juarez, a village by the Pilcomayo river, a church in the original Wichi mission, a cultural centre in Salta and finally a city centre theatre in Buenos Aires. Each ceremony was different, but all very moving and inspiring.

Bob is now back in the UK, working on publications and other resources to promote the church in South America, Spain and Portugal. He asks our prayers both for his wife, Margaret, who has been a vicar in Rayleigh for five years and is now looking for the next step in her ministry and for their daughter, Alison, who graduated last summer and is seeking God's will for her future.

