

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY 2003

SUNDAY DIARY

4. EASTER 3

9.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.00pm Service of the Word

11. EASTER 4

9.00am Communion
10.30am Family Worship
& Baptism
6.00pm Communion

18. EASTER 5

9.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.00pm Service of the Word

25. EASTER 6

9.00am Communion
10.30am Family Worship
6.00pm Communion



Simplistic Elizabethan costumes contrast sharply with the casual modern dress of the spectators at this street festival (Photo: © Emily Maxwell)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Ascension Day: Communion at 7.30pm
in Deane Church on Thursday 29th May

Joint Parochial Church Council Meeting in Deane Church
following the Ascension Day Communion on May 29th

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p>Rector: Ian Mainey Deane Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p>Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p>Wardens: Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288) Eric Morgan 41 St John's Road (01942 814735)</p> <p>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Lay Stan Wilson Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p>Honorary Keith Acton Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p>Honorary Les Kilsby Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby Worship: Elizabeth Plant Social: Chris Dewhurst-Taylor Mission & Pastoral: Philip Gore</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 6 Poolfield Close Radcliffe (0161 7235860)</p> <p>Flowers: Josie Crompton (655964)</p> <p>Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p>Gift Aid Sid Harris Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355) Deane Elizabeth Plant Church News: 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Creche: under 3 years Rachel Bickerstaffe (657161) Scramblers: 3 to 5 years Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093) Explorers: 7 to 11 years Rebecca Unsworth (0771 041 8137) All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460) The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm CYFA: 14 to 18 years Fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm</p> <p>BELL RINGERS Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p>CHURCH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (0161 7235860)</p> <p>MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Pat Sewell (61278) Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p> <p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)</p> <p>Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p>Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p> <p>Beavers: Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (855163)</p> <p>Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)</p>

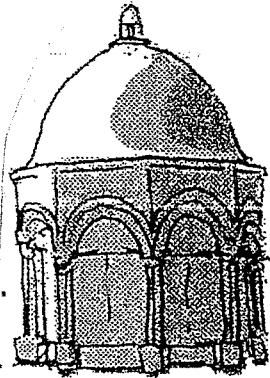
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Initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Rector

Editor's Page



Ascension Day this year is Thursday 29th May. The gospels relate how Jesus was taken up from his disciples into Heaven. As the disciples looked up, a cloud hid Jesus from their sight.



The Dome of the Ascension on the Mount of Olives is the traditional site of the ascension. The small octagonal building known as the Dome of the Ascension was begun in 380 AD. It began as an octagonal colonnade open to the sky and surrounding the rock from which Jesus traditionally ascended into Heaven. There is a footprint in the rock (rather like the one George Marsh is said to have made when he stamped his foot on his arrest as Smithills Hall) which marks the actual spot. The early crusaders filled in the arches. Then when the Moslems took over the holy places in 1187 (which led to the Third Crusade with Richard the Lionheart) they added the dome.

Strangely when in 1200 the Moslems built their own dome of ascension to record where they believe Mohammed ascended, they made their dome an almost exact copy of that on the Mount of Olives!

Visitors to Jerusalem also learn of a second possible site for Jesus' ascension. There is a walled complex, close to the Dome of the Ascension, which belongs to the Russian church. Inside is the Tower of Ascension which the Russian church believes is the true site. Near the tower is a rock said to be where the Virgin Mary watched the ascension.

Christian Aid Week 2003 *May 11th to 17th*

You can change the world. This week.

Christian Aid Week 2003 is approaching fast. By the time you read this newsletter, lists will already be in church for you to sign up to help. Please do consider prayerfully about volunteering, if you have not done so before. Every year some homes in the area do not receive an envelope because there are not enough volunteers to cover all the rounds allotted to Deane Church.

The work involves delivering an envelope to about 50 or so houses at the start of the week, preferably Sunday or Monday and collecting the envelopes a little later in the week. The early evening between 6pm and 7.30pm is usually a good time to find people at home. Delivering the envelopes is quick, but it takes an hour or so to do the collecting. The filled envelopes are brought to church the following Sunday. Please do sign up to help if you can. You will be taking part in a nationwide event and will be helping to give every family in the area the opportunity to give a donation to this most worthwhile project.

Christian Aid works in almost 50 countries helping people whatever their religion or race to improve their own lives and tackle the causes of poverty and injustice. This year Christian Aid week is focussing our attention on the Middle East where many are suffering as a result of war, violence, hunger or lack of clean water.

For further information, contact Phil Rae, the co-ordinator in Deane for Christian Aid.

Christian  Aid

We believe in life before death

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Africa

ETHIOPIA/ERITREA Following failed harvests, millions of lives are at risk. The international response has been slow with the focus on Iraq. Pray for Tearfund partners as they develop their response; pray that Tearfund's new Please *Pray* video will also raise awareness of the desperate need.

ZIMBABWE Ongoing food shortages and HIV/AIDS continue to devastate a nation; the latest harvest looks poor. However, give thanks with Tearfund partners that three maize deliveries have arrived safely.

D R CONGO North-eastern areas are still very tense; thousands of people who have fled the fighting face an uncertain future. Pray for Tearfund partners working in healthcare, for continued dialogue between the government and rebel parties, and that plans for a power-sharing government will be successful.

NIGERIA Elections are due on April 19th. Last month, the assassination of a senior opposition party member shook the nation. Pray for the cycle of violence to be broken, and democracy strengthened.

Central Asia/Middle East

AFGHANISTAN Insecurity still makes it difficult for Tearfund's partners and Disaster Response team to reach some areas where they are working. These projects depend on funding from governments and international institutions; pray that this will continue.

IRAQ War creates immediate challenges and long-term problems for politicians, military leaders and aid agencies. Pray for wise and compassionate decision-making; for those who suffer and those who are looking for new hope.

Asia

THE PHILIPPINES Muslim separatists are being blamed for a bomb attack at Davao airport last month, in which 21 people died and 150 were injured. The possibility of US troops taking an active combat role against the country's rebels has been rejected; pray that increasing terrorism can be halted.

NEPAL A ceasefire has been declared between the government and Maoist rebels. Pray that formal negotiations will take place soon and for a lasting peace to be established. Pray also for a Tearfund partner in Nepal that is seeking to improve their structure and effectiveness, while working in an unstable environment.

Latin America

COLOMBIA Tearfund's Debora de Arco is contributing to a consultative workshop on children from March 31st to April 3rd in Medellín. Half of Colombia's 16 million children live in poverty; another 700,000 have fled violence in their communities. As six different agencies engage with pastors to seek their views and support, pray that the church will be united to bring effective change.

HONDURAS Tearfund partner Mopawi is challenging the Honduran government's poverty statistics for the Mosquitia region, one of the poorest areas in the country. The overall indicator on health, education and living conditions, which is used by agencies worldwide as a guide on aid decisions, portrays the region as relatively well off, which is far from the truth.

Common Worship

May 4/Easter 3 Acts 3 v12-19
May 11/Easter 4 Acts 4 v5-12
May 18/Easter 5 Acts 8 v26-40
May 25/Easter 6 Acts 10 v44-48
June 1/Easter 7 Acts 1 v15-17&21-26

Bible Readings

1 John 3 v1-7 Luke 24 v36b-48
1 John 3 v16-24 John 10 v11-18
1 John 4 v7-21 John 15 v1-8
1 John 5 v1-6 John 15 v9-17
1 John 5 v9-13 John 17 v6-19

Bits and Pieces



Ladies Guild

May 6th

Open Evening

May 20th

Ian Mainey The New Rector of Deane

What's happening this summer? A Holiday Club for 5 to 10 Year Olds!

We, the members of Deane Church, are holding a Summer Holiday Club for 5 to 10 year olds in the week commencing August 4th at St Mary's Primary School from 10am to 11.50am each day. Karen Greenhalgh (back from Sheffield University) and Mark Attwood from St Philips will be heading up the event, but it will not work without you! We are going to need 20 to 30 volunteers to support the main team by leading or helping with the small group activities, taking registers, helping with refreshments and so on. If you can be a part of this important outreach to young children and their families, please put your name on the list at the back of church. Can we encourage everyone to pray for a successful, safe and fun-packed event where children, their families and the helpers can come closer to God.

Many Thanks! Tom Stokes writes:

"I was overwhelmed to receive so many lovely cards, flowers and gifts in March. Thank you so much for your kindness and good wishes on the occasion of my 90th birthday, a most enjoyable day! I always have you in my thoughts."

News from Kent.

Pauline Ridyard brought us greetings and good news in March when she visited Deane from her new home in Kent where she now lives near her daughter, Virginia. Virginia's husband is John Corbyn who was a curate at Deane in the 1980s. He is now Vicar of Holy Cross, Bearstead with Thurnham. He and Virginia have three children. Virginia has very recently been appointed the Education Officer in Religious Education for the diocese of Canterbury. She takes up her post in May.

Embu News. Deaconess Jessie Njaga writes to us:

"Thank you very much for your continuous support for the St Stephen's Home for street children in Embu. Thanks to recent gifts of money, the clinic is now fully operational. As a result not only our own children, but also children from poor families can come to the clinic for treatment. Having our own nurse means that we now only need to refer the most serious cases to hospital. All this would not have been possible without your support. Thank you again."

Can You Help the Street Children of Embu?

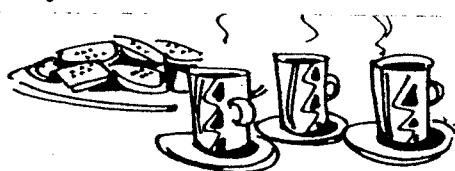
Sheila and Chris Dewhurst-Taylor, the co-ordinators in Deane for the Embu project, are always pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to make a donation or give support in any way to the Children's Home for street children in Embu. They are especially grateful to the Pathfinders who recently donated £50. Chris and Sheila can be contacted in church or on 01204 598889 or you could write to them at 17 Fossgill Avenue, Turton Heights, Bolton, BL2 3FR.

Congratulations

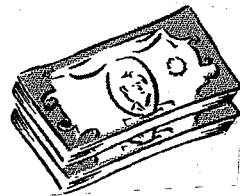
Congratulations to Mary and Tony Willford on the birth of their first grandchild, Claire, born to their daughter Jane and her husband Laurens. Jane, who is a former member of the Deane CYPEX groups, gained a modern languages degree at Bristol University. Since her graduation Jane has served at one or other of the L'Arche communities for the severely mentally and/or physically handicapped young people in France. Last year she married a Frenchman, Laurens Dominici, whom she met through her work. Congratulations to the whole family.

Coffee Invitation

The Ladies Guild invites you to a Mini Market and Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th May from 10am to 12 noon in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is most welcome. Entrance is 50p which includes coffee and biscuits.



Money Matters



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

	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
March 2	£113.71	£731.30	£845.01
March 9	£213.50	£543.23	£756.73
March 16	£126.39	£641.43	£767.82
March 23	£191.07	£596.76	£787.83
March 30	£217.91	£618.02	£835.93
Standing Orders		£539.50	£539.50
Totals	£862.58	£3670.24	£4532.82

The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude donations to the total of £133.

Three British Saints with Feast Days in May

St Augustine of Canterbury's feast day is May 26th.

St Augustine is only British by adoption. He spent seven years in England! The story goes that in 597 Pope Gregory saw some fair-haired children being sold as slaves in Rome. On asking who they were he was told that they were Angles. His reply was that they were not Angles, but Angels. Thereupon he despatched one of his priests, Augustine, to convert their people to Christianity. After an adventure filled journey, he arrived in Kent and was received by the local king, Ethelbert, whose wife was already a Christian. Initially Ethelbert refused to listen to the good news about Jesus, though he did allow Augustine to use a small church in Canterbury and to preach and teach his people about Christ. Eventually however Ethelbert and many Britons were converted and baptised by Augustine. He is always thought of as the first Archbishop of Canterbury.



The Venerable Bede is remembered on May 27th

Bede is technically not a saint, but a 'venerable', a title which means worthy of great honour. Bede was born in Northumbria in 672 or 673. He went as a boy to a new monastery at Wearmouth and later to Jarrow on the Tyne. At Jarrow he became a monk and at Jarrow he lived, worked and died. It is unlikely that he ever travelled further north than Lindisfarne or further south than York. He was a teacher and a scholar. He taught Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He wrote about forty books, the most important of which, a History of the English Church and People, is still used today. He was in the process of translating St John's gospel when he died on May 27th in 753. He is buried in Durham Cathedral.

St Dunstan's feast day is May 19th

Dunstan was a relative of King Alfred the Great (the one who burned the cakes) and he was born in about 909 shortly after Alfred died. Dunstan was educated at Glastonbury and it was while he was there that he decided that he was being called to the religious life. Eventually he became Abbot of Glastonbury and played a major role in building and renewing religious life at many abbeys including Bath, Westminster and Exeter. Dunstan was appointed Archbishop of Canterbury by King Edgar of Wessex in 959. In 973 Edgar was recognized as King, not only of Wessex, but also of the whole of England. He was crowned King of England by Dunstan in Bath. It is said that royal coronations ever since then have their basis in the ceremony which Dunstan prepared for Edgar in 973.