

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**JULY 2003**

## **SUNDAY DIARY**

### **6. TRINITY 3**

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

### **13. TRINITY 4**

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

### **20. TRINITY 5**

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

### **27. TRINITY 6**

9.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Worship  
6.00pm Communion



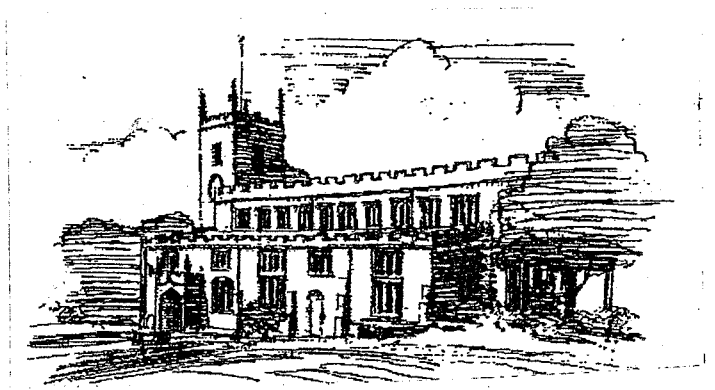
*Lakeland's Esthwaite Water lies at the heart of 'Beatrix Potter country'.  
Her home at Near Sawrey for many years is nearby (Photo: © John Beldam)*

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## **MIDWEEK DIARY**

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

# *The Rector Writes*



## **From here to eternity.**

I was reading an article in my newspaper today. It said that having one's portrait painted has never been so popular. You don't know an artist to paint your picture? There's a web site that can find you one in your locality. The cost? Somewhere between £800-£4000.

Now I have to admit that I would quite like my portrait painted. I don't think it's vanity. To me it would be a bit of heritage to pass on to my children and then on through the succeeding generations. My great great grandchildren would be able to look at it and say, "He looks a bit strange, doesn't he?" Well I mentioned vanity. Although I don't think having my portrait painted would be vain (my wife would probably think differently!) I would hope though that the painter would exercise a bit of artistic licence. I'm thinking here of hair, or should I say the lack of it. It would be nice to be painted with rather more hair than I have at the present time. But I suppose that the thinning of my hair on top is but a gentle reminder of the fact that I am not as young as I used to be.

In fact I have to admit that I am at that point in life where things seem to change very rapidly. I sympathise with Jeremy Clarkson who wrote in an article that time drags its feet in the early years and then "when you get to 33 everything changes. Time straps a jet pack to its back, lights the afterburners and sets off at Mach 3. The sun moves across the sky as though God's got his finger on the fast forward button. Blink and you can miss a whole month."

Just the sad reflections of one growing older, or are they the wise reflections of one who is starting to realise just how short life really is? Such sentiments as that of Jeremy Clarkson are not new. Moses said "The length of our days is seventy years- or eighty, if we have the strength....for they pass quickly, and we fly away." (Psalm 90:10). King David agreed with such sentiment. He wrote in one of his psalms "Each man's life is but a breath." (Psalm 39:5). Had these biblical heroes hit mid life crises, or were they simply expressing things as they really are?

To acknowledge that life is fleeting is to set up camp at reality checkpoint. But, more than that, it is to embrace wisdom. Moses goes on to pray "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). To acknowledge that life is short is the mark of the wise. To live as if death will never come is the mark of a fool. Acknowledging that life is short is the first step to making the most of it. As one missionary put it, "Only one life, it will soon be past. Only what is done for God will last."

Remembering that time has a jet-pack on its back will help us to invest in what really matters when looked at in the light of eternity. It will keep us from putting off until tomorrow the good that should be done today. It will stop us from saying that one day, when we have got more time we'll get serious with God, that we'll get truly committed, and really involved. That we will begin to take our Christian life seriously instead of treat it as a hobby. The wise will always recognise that today is in fact that day.

Ian Mainey

# WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

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## Asia

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**CAMBODIA** June 7th is the Worldwide Day of Prayer for Children at Risk. Children make up half of Cambodia's population, but face increasing risks from poverty, neglect and abuse. Pray for Tearfund's Children at Risk team, working with Tearfund partners on a month of special activities for children and churches.

**BANGLADESH** Tearfund partners report an increase of violence against Christians. Militant Islamic followers injured several people as they attended Easter services, and a Christian worker was murdered soon afterwards for showing the Jesus film. Pray for the government too in its bid to halt violence and corruption.

## Africa

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**ETHIOPIA/ERITREA** Up to 14 million people urgently need food aid – 4 million more than during the 1984-85 famine when 'Live Aid' was launched. Pray for a swift and sufficient international response to avert disaster. Pray too for all aid agencies working to bring hope, including five Tearfund partners.

**ZIMBABWE** There are encouraging signs that church leaders are working more closely together to halt violence and intimidation here. But the end of the rainy season will increase the impact of famine. Pray for Tearfund partners helping some of those worst affected.

**D R CONGO** Rival ethnic militias battled for control of Bunia last month. Most of the population of 300,000 have fled with reports of horrific massacres. Many have fled to Beni, Oicha and the Ugandan border. Pray for Tearfund partners meeting urgent basic needs, and for swift, effective international assistance to halt a genocide.

**LIBERIA** Civil war is escalating, with fears that violence could spread to neighbouring countries. After attacks from rebel forces recently, Tearfund partner Equip Liberia was forced to relocate to the capital, Monrovia. Pray that vital work can continue; for an end to violence.

## Central Asia/Middle East

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**AFGHANISTAN** Security is still deteriorating, especially in the south. Pray that vital supplies will get through to people in need as violence and anti-Western demonstrations increase.

**SAUDI ARABIA** There is pressure for swift democratic reform, following conflict in Iraq and last month's bomb attack that claimed the lives of over 30 people. Pray the spread of terrorism can be prevented.

## Latin America

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**PERU** Tearfund partner Peace and Hope supports those facing political violence or unjust imprisonment. Give thanks that recent prayerful action led to the release of a young Christian man falsely charged with terrorism and imprisoned for seven years. Pray too for Graham Gordon who has left Tearfund's Advocacy Group to work with Peace and Hope this summer.

**COLOMBIA** Last month, a pastor and three others were murdered by guerrillas in a remote district. A Tearfund partner working nearby will assist the bereaved and help families to leave the area. Pray for church leaders, trade unionists and children who remain most vulnerable to attack. Tearfund's Children at Risk programme seeks to combat hopelessness among many young people.

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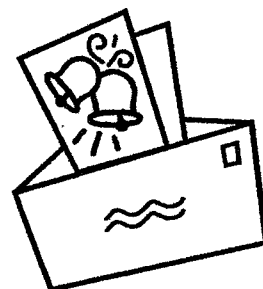
### Common Worship

July 6/Trinity 3	2 Samuel 5 v1-5 & 9-10
July 13/Trinity 4	2 Samuel 6 v1-5 & 12b-19
July 20/Trinity 5	2 Samuel 7 v1-14a
July 27/Trinity 6	2 Samuel 11 v1-15
August 3/Trinity 7	2 Samuel 11v26 to 12v13a

### Bible Readings

2 Corinthians 12 v2-10	Mark 6 v1-13
Ephesians 1 v3-14	Mark 6 v14-29
Ephesians 2 v11-22	Mark 6 v30-34 & 53-56
Ephesians 3 v14-21	John 6 v1-21
Ephesians 4 v1-16	John 6 v24-35

# Bits and Pieces



*Ladies Guild*

July 1	Mountain Rescue
July 15	Winter Watch
July 29	Age Concern (Bolton)

## Wedding Invitation

Keith and Sheila Acton would like to invite the Deane Church family to join them at the marriage of their daughter, Claire, to Andrew Forsyth at 1pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August and afterwards for cake and drinks at the back of church.

## Blue Peter Sale

The Explorers are inviting you all to a Blue Peter Sale on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 11.30am to 1pm in the Memorial Hall. You will be able to enjoy fun and games; refreshments are available. See you there!

## Baptism

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed through baptism the following children into the church family:  
Janet Kathleen Fowler, the daughter of William Bryan and Gladys Mary Fowler  
Joseph Nathaniel Oliver, the son of Darren James and Samantha Jayne Oliver

## Confirmation

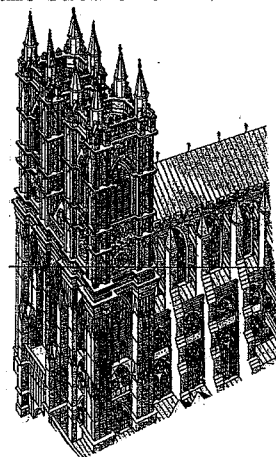
On May 18<sup>th</sup> Bethany Dewhurst-Taylor and Sarah Gardner were confirmed in their faith by the Bishop of Bolton at a service at St Andrew's. At the same service Jonathan Cheetham and Marilyn Smith were baptised and confirmed. We welcome all four as full communicant members of the church.

## Holiday Club! A Jungle Jamboree!

Please note that there is a change of venue for the holiday club which is being held from August 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> between 10am to 11.50am each day. It will now take place in the **Scout Hut** and not St Mary's CE School as previously announced. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help with this important event. Please speak to Ian Gardner or Karen Greenhalgh if you want to know more or sign on the list at the back of church.

## At Westminster Abbey

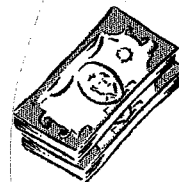
On June 2<sup>nd</sup> two members of Deane Church family were present at the service in Westminster Abbey to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coronation. Elizabeth and Olive Plant were among the 1000 members of the public to receive tickets to the service as the result of a public ballot. From their position just under where the trumpeters played the fanfare as the Queen entered the Abbey, they saw all members of the royal family and many other nationally known figures including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Baroness Thatcher, Gordon Brown, Charles Kennedy and Camilla Parker-Bowles.



## Answers to July Quiz

1 William Wilberforce in 1833, only days after all slaves on British soil were freed. 2 Bank of England. 3 Isaac Watts, born 1674, who wrote 'Jesus shall reign where'er the sun' and 'O God, our help in ages past'. 4 St Swithun. 5 Bastille Day, remembering when the Bastille was stormed in 1789. 6 Sir Thomas More, because he disagreed with Henry VIII divorcing Catherine of Aragon to marry Anne Boleyn. 7 Islam, when Mohammed fled from Mecca to Medina. 8 The Spanish Armada. 9 Diana, Princess of Wales. 10 The Sunday School Union which provided books and resources for the growing number of Sunday Schools throughout the country which gave basic education to many poor children. 11 The first Roman Emperor, Augustus, renamed the month July in honour of his great-uncle Julius Caesar. Augustus also renamed the following month August in honour of himself! 12 Vasco da Gama of Portugal who was the first European to reach India by sea by sailing round the south of Africa. 13 USA celebrates Independence Day. 14 Thomas Cranmer. 15 St Ignatius Loyola who wrote the prayer which begins 'Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest'.

# Money Matters



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

	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
May 4	£104.80	£579.76	£634.56
May 11	£177.85	£505.81	£683.66
May 18	£91.11	£480.53	£571.64
May 25	£90.50	£588.06	£678.56
Standing Orders		£730.50	£730.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£464.26</b>	<b>£2834.66</b>	<b>£3298.92</b>

The Treasurer also acknowledges with thanks donations to the total of £42.

## July Quiz! What do you know about July?

- 1 Who died on July 29<sup>th</sup> 170 years ago?
- 2 What was founded on July 27<sup>th</sup> 1694?
- 3 Which hymn writer had July 17<sup>th</sup> as his birthday?
- 4 Which saint has July 15<sup>th</sup> as his feast day?
- 5 What do the French celebrate on July 14<sup>th</sup>?
- 6 Who was executed on July 7<sup>th</sup> 1534?
- 7 Which world religion dates from July 16<sup>th</sup> 622?
- 8 What was the danger for England on July 21<sup>st</sup> 1588?
- 9 Who was born on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1961?
- 10 What organisation started 200 years ago on July 13<sup>th</sup>?
- 11 How did July get its name?
- 12 Which explorer set sail on July 8<sup>th</sup> 1497?
- 13 Which nation celebrates on July 4<sup>th</sup>?
- 14 Which Archbishop of Canterbury was born on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1489?
- 15 Which saint has July 31<sup>st</sup> as his feast day?

