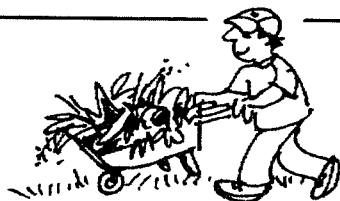


Deane Parish News

June



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June Diary

June 6 Trinity Sunday

9am Communion CW

10.30am Family Worship

6pm Communion

June 13 Trinity 2

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Service of the Word

6pm Service of the Word

June 20 Trinity 3/Sermons Sunday

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Outdoor Service (weather permitting!)

6pm Communion

June 27 Trinity 4

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Communion

6pm Service of the Word

Communion Readings for June

June 6 Trinity

Proverbs 8v1-4&22-31

Romans 5v1-5

John 16v12-15

June 13 Trinity 2

1 Kings 21 v1-10 & 15-21a

Galatians 2 v15-21

Luke 7v36-8v3

June 20 Trinity 3/Sermons

1 Kings 19 v1-7

Galatians 3 v23-29

Luke 8 v26-39

June 27 Trinity 4

2 Kings 2 v1-2 & 6-14

Galatians 5 v 1&13-25

Luke 9 v51-62

July 4 Trinity 5

2 Kings 5 v1-14

Galatians 6 v7-16

Luke 10v1-11&16-20

The Rector Writes

Seeing the real picture

As some of you know I am one of those abnormal men who actually like shopping - especially for a bargain! If I'm in a supermarket my eye has been naturally trained to spot a 'reduced' sticker from quite some range. Occasionally I can also be spotted trawling through the reduced rack in a clothing store. Often the items found on such racks come with a little tag on them which says 'Sold as seen'. This, as you probably know, is a very polite way of saying 'These goods are in some way damaged'. Often there is a flaw present - a stain that wont come out; a zipper that wont work; a button that is missing; a fault in the material. Whatever the fault may be one thing is for certain, the item sold with such a tag is not normal.

I often think that when it comes to people each of us is to be found in the 'Sold as seen' department of the universe. Think for a moment about someone close to you. Is it not true that the person you are thinking of comes with a 'Sold as seen' tag on them? There's a flaw in their personality. It can take a number of forms - a selfish attitude; a passive spirit; an out-of-control temper. Whatever it may be that flaw is there.

Sometimes we are tempted to live under the illusions that somewhere out there are people who are normal. In the movie 'As Good As It Gets', Helen Hunt is permanently frustrated by Jack Nicholson. He is kind and generous both to her and her sick child, but he is also obsessive, compulsive, and worst of all is terminally offensive. He has developed rudeness into an art form. In desperation Helen says to her mother, 'I just want a normal boyfriend'. 'Oh', her mother responds, 'Everybody wants one of those. There is no such thing dear.'

Although all of us would probably agree with this what we find most painful is realizing that we too are to be found in the 'Sold as

seen' department. We may appear normal, we may think of ourselves as normal, but the Scriptures insist that we are not normal - at least not as God defines normality. 'All we like sheep have gone astray.' 'All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.'

Every one of us has habits we cannot control, past deeds we cannot undo, flaws we cannot correct. In the same way that nitro-glycerine is predisposed to explode, we are predisposed to do wrong when the conditions are right. That predisposition is what the theologians call 'depravity'. We lie. We sacrifice our integrity. We gossip. We seek to control others.

We know that we are not supposed to behave this way and so we try and hide it. We try to be better than we are. We engage in 'depravity management'. Occasionally though it all comes out in the open. And when we observe it in others we often say, 'Well I never thought that so and so would do that'. As if we were incapable of such behaviour!

But inwardly we know that each of us carries with us our own little arsenal of weapons that keep others at a distance - rejection, condemnation, resentment, arrogance, selfishness, envy, contempt. Some of us hide those weapons better than others, but if anybody gets close to us then they will find that they are there. We too are capable of hurting those we are closest to.

In the church we see this problem. We want to be in close fellowship with one another, but we are afraid of being hurt or rejected. The easy answer is to keep our distance, but I would suggest to you that what we have to do is accept the fact that in any fellowship, in any church, the problem does not just lay with others, it also lays with us.

So may God give us the grace to really see ourselves as we really are, to accept each other in Christ, and to pray for change - in others and in ourselves.

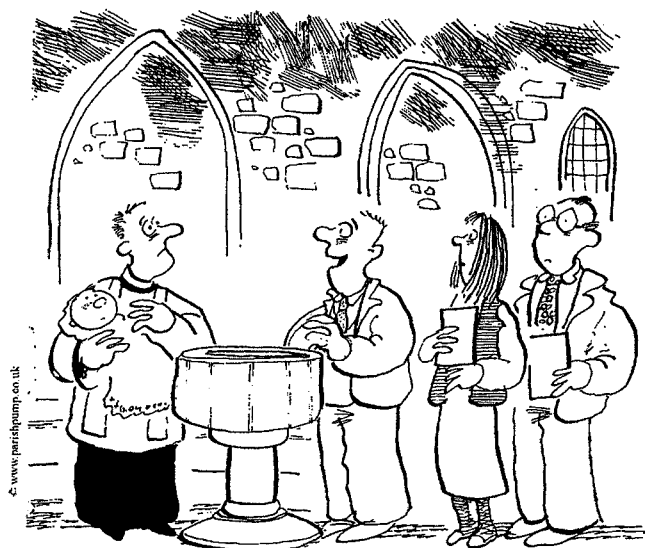
Understanding the church year

With Whit Sunday, 30 May, we begin the second half of the Christian Calendar Year.

During the first half of the year (Advent to Whitsuntide) the Church's focus has been on what God has revealed to Man, particularly through the history of the Christ becoming man and of his divine deeds on earth.

In this second half of the year (from Whitsuntide back to Advent) our attention is focused on Man's response to God - through faith, through commitment, through loving deeds and through trying to understand Christ's transforming work within each individual man and woman.

So the smaller festivals of this second half of the year give us a magnificent opportunity. As we remember the lives of different saints down the centuries, we too can seek to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives.



*...we don't mind what name you give him,
just as long as it'll look good on an identity card!*

How to Grow Deane Church

Building Christian Community

John Wimber used to say that people join churches for a number of reasons, but leave because of one: lack of friendship!

Building Christian community involves structuring around people, since the church is not a club or organisation, but a family, the body of Christ. Newcomers need to be welcomed and incorporated, and those within the church need to be encouraged and motivated in ministry, as well as being pastored and ministered to.

How well is our church doing in this area?

Practically, this involves structuring around small groups. The cell church movement has shown the importance of small groups for the life and growth of the church. Bill Beckham speaks of the church as a two winged bird, the wings being its congregational and small group life. His point is obvious: a one-winged bird will never get off the ground, let alone fly! It is only in the small group that we can genuinely exercise 'one-another' ministries with each other, alongside the other aspects of the church's life (see Acts 2: 42-7).

How can we encourage people to be a part of a small group?

Working with others is an excellent way of getting to know them, and so we also need to be structuring around teams. Such ministry teams will range from being pastoral (e.g. visiting) to practical (e.g. making coffee). Remember Nehemiah organised the people in teams when they were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

List all the teams that already operate within our church. How effective are we at helping people to be part of such a team?

Unless people belong to a small group or team, they will probably never move from talking about the church to 'my' church!

Bits and Pieces

Ladies Guild

June 1	Show Business Memories	Peter Ward
June 5	Coffee Morning	
June 15	Handicrafts/Patchwork/Quilting	Leslie Mercer
June 19	Day Outing to Harrogate	
June 29	Bolton Primary Care Trust	Veronica Swinburne

Church Wardens 2004-2005

At the annual church meeting on April 28th Les Kilsby, Bryan Shephard and Craig Mochrie were elected to serve as church wardens for the next twelve months. Congratulations and good wishes to all three. A big thank you goes to Eric Morgan who has stepped down as a warden after two years' service. We are very grateful for all he has done and will continue to do to serve the church in Deane.

A Huge Thank You

The church family owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Keith Acton who is retiring as church treasurer after twelve years of service. Keith has given most generously of his time and efforts over this long period. A new treasurer will be formally elected at the first meeting of the new PCC.

Parochial Church Council Members 2004-2005

We congratulate the following who have been elected as PCC members for the next year: Alan Cheetham, Ian Gardner, Jane Hampson, Elizabeth Plant, Howard Roberts, Becky Rutter and Charles Winder.

Pat Boydel, Philip Gore, Nola Kilsby, Terry Oakes, Pat Sewell and Stan Wilson are members of the Deanery Synod and so are automatically ex officio members of the PCC.

Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations to Gail and Alan Cheetham who celebrated their Silver Wedding at the end of April.

Street Pastors hit the streets of Manchester

Churches in Manchester have launched a new scheme to combat inner-city problems - by simply engaging with people on the street. It's called Manchester Street Pastors, and it was pioneered in London by the Rev Les Isaac, whose Street Pastors in London have now been running for a year.

Teams of Street Pastors patrol the London streets at night, from 10pm to 4am. "We are aiming at how can we prevent young men in particular picking up the gun, picking up the drugs, going into gangs. We are aiming at that, because we believe that these young men who find themselves in these areas ultimately not only become a danger to themselves but to their community and to society."

Chief Supt Neil Wain, of the Greater Manchester Police, has endorsed Street Pastors: "Real change occurs where the community mobilize themselves and get involved. I am very keen to support this initiative". He adds, "As a member of the Christian Police Association and a serving officer I not only believe this will assist the police in tackling this problem but will demonstrate real Christian concern and practical support for those people who find themselves involved in gangs and gun crime".

Chief Inspector John Graves, Greater Manchester Police, says: "We are obviously keen to support any initiative from the community, especially those initiatives that divert young people away from gun crime and gang related violence".

The training of the Manchester Street pastors will start this month (June) after which the first Street Pastors will hit the streets of Moss Side this summer. The training is multifaceted and concerns amongst other conflict resolution, drugs awareness, social historic development of the inner city and counselling skills. Parts of the training will be given by GMP, Manchester University and Social Services.

Chief Inspector John Graves adds, "We are pleased to assist in making this a safe and productive training programme. We need to see positive role models on the streets, who have credibility".

Community leader Paul Keeble from CARISMA says, "Churches talk about 'Good News', about serving and caring for people. 'Street Pastors' is an opportunity to be that 'Good News'!"

For more information see www.carisma.me.uk

A poem for June, the month of the summer solstice

I Am the Great Sun (from a Norman crucifix of 1632)

I am the great sun, but you do not see me.
I am your husband, but you turn away.
I am the captive, but you do not free me,
I am the captain you will not obey.
I am the truth, but you will not believe me.
I am the city where you will not stay,
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,
I am that God to whom you will not pray.
I am your counsel, but you do not hear me.
I am the lover whom you will betray.
I am the victor, but you do not cheer me.
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.
I am your life, but if you will not name me,
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

It would never happen at Deane!

The vicar at one church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone." Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

Pathfinder Sleepover

When twenty-two 11 to 14 year olds arrived at the Memorial Hall, with their sleeping bags and pillows, SLEEP was the last thing on their minds. Their intention was to raise money for the children at St Stephen's, Embu, Kenya, and in the process have fun and fellowship.

A number of events had been organised - a run round the Ladybridge estate, dancing, a judo demonstration, three a side football, table tennis, and pool. By way of contrast a prayer room was set up with a labyrinth, candles, sand, a prayer tree, a prayer wall, music and visual aids to encourage meditation and stillness.

Sixteen Pathfinders and leaders set off for the run round Armadale Road. Six completed the run; others took short cuts back to base. Throughout the night everyone moved around the activities before a talk and bedtime prayers (at about 1 am!). Eventually silence fell and sleep was enjoyed (for an hour or so) but then at 6 o'clock the pool and table tennis tables were back in use.

Pathfinders joined the congregation at the family service and sang "Drop in the Ocean" as their contribution to the worship.

Meanwhile a skeleton team of two leaders were left to prepare the lunch and lay out the hall for an unknown number of guests. God stepped in to send help where it was needed and everyone worked hard to get the room ready. Stalls had been set up for the sale of cakes, friendship bracelets, plant pots, cards, bookmarks and quizzes. Tables were prepared and sandwiches made for the forty-five guests who arrived at twelve noon.

At presents the total raised amounts to £200 and our grateful thanks go to those who gave so generously. We only have four regular leaders and this event would not have been possible without extra "volunteers", so thank you also to them.

Ian Gardner and Chris Dewhurst Taylor would welcome your prayers for the work in Pathfinders, they say "no matter how hard we work or what we say it will be nothing without God's blessing."

The devil and the duck

Sally and Jamie were visiting their grandparents' farm. Jamie was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practised all afternoon, but could not hit any targets. Discouraged and cross, he headed back to the farmhouse. As he neared the yard, he saw his grandmother's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let fly with a stone. To his horror, the stone hit the duck square on the head, and killed it. Jamie was shocked and grieved - and frightened that he would be found out. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woods.

That evening after supper his grandmother said: 'Sally, let's wash the dishes.' But Sally said, "Grannie, Jamie told me that he wanted to help you tonight." Jamie was about to protest, when Sally whispered. "I saw what you did to the duck." So Jamie, appalled and embarrassed, meekly did the dishes.

Next morning, grandfather asked which one of the children wanted to accompany him into the village to go to the shops.

Sally said: "I'll go - I know Jamie wanted to sweep the yard." She whispered to Jamie: "Remember the duck?" So Jamie stayed behind and swept the yard.

After several days when Jamie did both his chores and Sally's, he finally could not stand it any longer. He crept into the kitchen to his grandmother and chokingly confessed to having killed the duck. He cried and cried. His grandmother knelt down and took him in her arms and comforted him. "Darling," she said, "I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

So here's a thought: whatever is in your past, whatever you have done: the devil will keep throwing it up in your face. If you've lied, are in debt, in great fear, if you have hatred in you, anger, if you've committed some sexual sin, stolen something - no matter what, you need to know that God was standing at the window when it happened. He already knows all about it. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He still loves you, and that if you ask for forgiveness, you are forgiven. He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you.

Why Americans drive on the wrong side of the road

Blame it on the French!

In 1300 Pope Boniface VIII decreed that pilgrims travelling to Rome keep to the left. This rule allowed travellers to reach their swords easily if they passed suspicious characters. The system didn't change until the eighteenth century, when the French ordered that peasants keep to the right to let the carriages of the aristocracy pass.

Then, as French influence spread under Napoleon, so did this rule. And because the British and United States were at odds during this period, the French rule of the road was adopted in the States. So, now you know.

Smile Please

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. She said: "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Nearer my God to thee

or

What are we going to do with the graveyard?

By the time you read this edition of Deane Church News Bill Calderbank will have retired from his duties as sexton in the graveyard. For many years now Bill has not only dug the graves but has also kept the graveyard in good order. We owe Bill a great vote of thanks for all that he has done over the years.

Recently some people have been asking me about the graveyard and its upkeep so I thought I would pen a few words to explain what is going on and some of the options we are looking at.

First of all I am aware that the graveyard is not in as good a state as we would like. This has come about for a number of reasons. First of all Bill was not well early on in May and although Bill is slowly recovering he could not do the amount of work he had done in the past. But the main reason why some of the graveyard got untidy was because our main grass cutter broke down. Having spent over £800 on it last year this was very disappointing. At the moment we are awaiting a replacement part but the fact of the matter is that having given good service for over fifteen years our present machine needs replacing. To buy a comparable machine today would cost approximately £3,500.

Last year our expenditure on the graveyard was in the order of £4,500 and frankly the church cannot afford this kind of expenditure on a year by year basis. The expenditure on the graveyard is outstripping its income.

One of the things that many are not aware of is that Deane graveyard is the largest church graveyard in Lancashire. As such it is a great burden to maintain. In times past families would look after individual graves with the church being responsible for the maintenance of the paths. Gradually over time though more and

more graves have been neglected by the families for a variety of reasons and the church has stepped in to do the best it can. The simple fact though is that this is a losing battle. A small working group has therefore been set-up to work out the best way forward.

At the moment we are considering a number of options:-

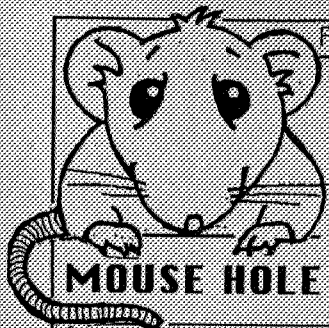
Seeking help from those who organise community service schemes to obtain assistance in maintaining the graveyard.

Seeking permission from the diocese to remove all the kerbs from the graves so that a ride on mower can be used to cut the grass (at the moment the grass has to be cut with strimmers which is very time consuming and labour intensive).

Seek the closure of the graveyard apart from KK section (the area we presently use for new burials). Again the diocese would have to be consulted. Effectively this would mean that no new graves could be opened in the closed area but burials in existing graves could still be allowed. The reasoning for seeking a closure order would be that we could then apply to the council for them to take over its maintenance. The front of the church is already closed and the council maintain this area already.

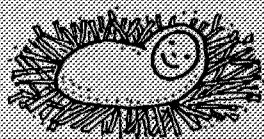
There are no easy answers to the problem we face with the graveyard. We know what the problems are; we do not as yet know what the answers are. Nothing has yet been decided and we ask for your prayers as we try and find the best solution to the upkeep of the graveyard.

In the meanwhile we are giving some thought as to how, in the new area of the Garden of Remembrance, the kerbstones can be levelled. We are also grateful for the assistance that Ian Cooper is giving at the moment. I hope that this, in some measure, keeps you in the picture.

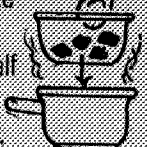


MOUSE HOLE

Edible Baskets

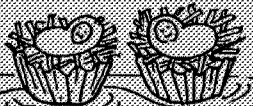


• Melt 110g/4oz of chocolate in a bowl in a pan half filled with hot water.



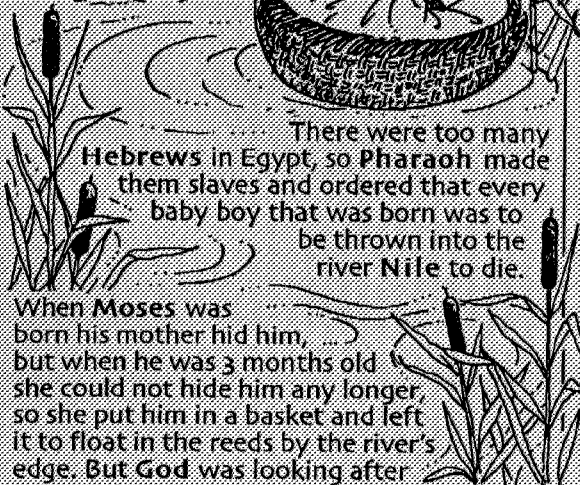
• Mix in 3 crushed Shredded Wheat until all coated with chocolate. • Spoon the mixture into paper cake cases and press in the middle with a teaspoon to make a basket shape.

• Leave to set.
• Make little 'babies' out of ready-made fondant icing and put into the the baskets.



From my home in the church I learn about all sorts of things...

The Old Testament book of **Exodus** tells the story of how **God** rescued his people, the **Hebrews**, from slavery in **Egypt** and led them to another land... and it all started with a baby, a little baby boy called **Moses**.



There were too many **Hebrews** in **Egypt**, so **Pharaoh** made them slaves and ordered that every baby boy that was born was to be thrown into the river **Nile** to die.

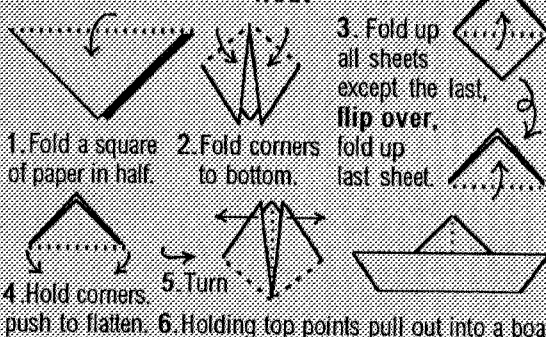
When **Moses** was born his mother hid him, but when he was 3 months old she could not hide him any longer, so she put him in a basket and left it to float in the reeds by the river's edge. But **God** was looking after **Moses**, he was found by **Pharaoh's** daughter who adopted him as her own son.



Read **Exodus** chapters 2 and 3 to find out **God's** plan for **Moses**.

"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you"
Deuteronomy 31:8

Little Boats to float in the bath



WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
Rector: Ian Mainey Deane Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Scramblers: 3 to 5 years Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)
Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Explorers: 7 to 11 years Elaine Cockerham (650347)
Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347) Nola Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351)	All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years CYFA: 14 to 18 years Ian Gardiner (660460)
Wardens: Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm BELL RINGERS Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Lay To be appointed Chairman: Honorary Alan Cheetham (405829) Treasurer: 7 Lomond Place Honorary Les Kilsby Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)	CHURCH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 12 noon (except third Sunday – see Music Group below) Jim Needham (01617235860) MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on each third Sunday at 12 noon Beccy Rutter (01942 814946) LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall
CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby Worship: Elizabeth Plant Social: Chris Dewhurst-Taylor Mission & Pastoral: Philip Gore	Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Pat Sewell (61278) Parents & Toddlers: Thursdays at 1.30pm Jean Mainey (61819)
OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 6 Poolfield Close Radcliffe (0161 7235860) Flowers: Josie Crompton(655964) Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375) Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417) Gift Aid Les Kilsby Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Deane Elizabeth Plant 25 Kintyre Drive Church News: (63730)	UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.45pm Ann Calderbank (398206) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247) Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167) Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Mike Ash (436036) Beavers: Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (855163)
MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946) Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)

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