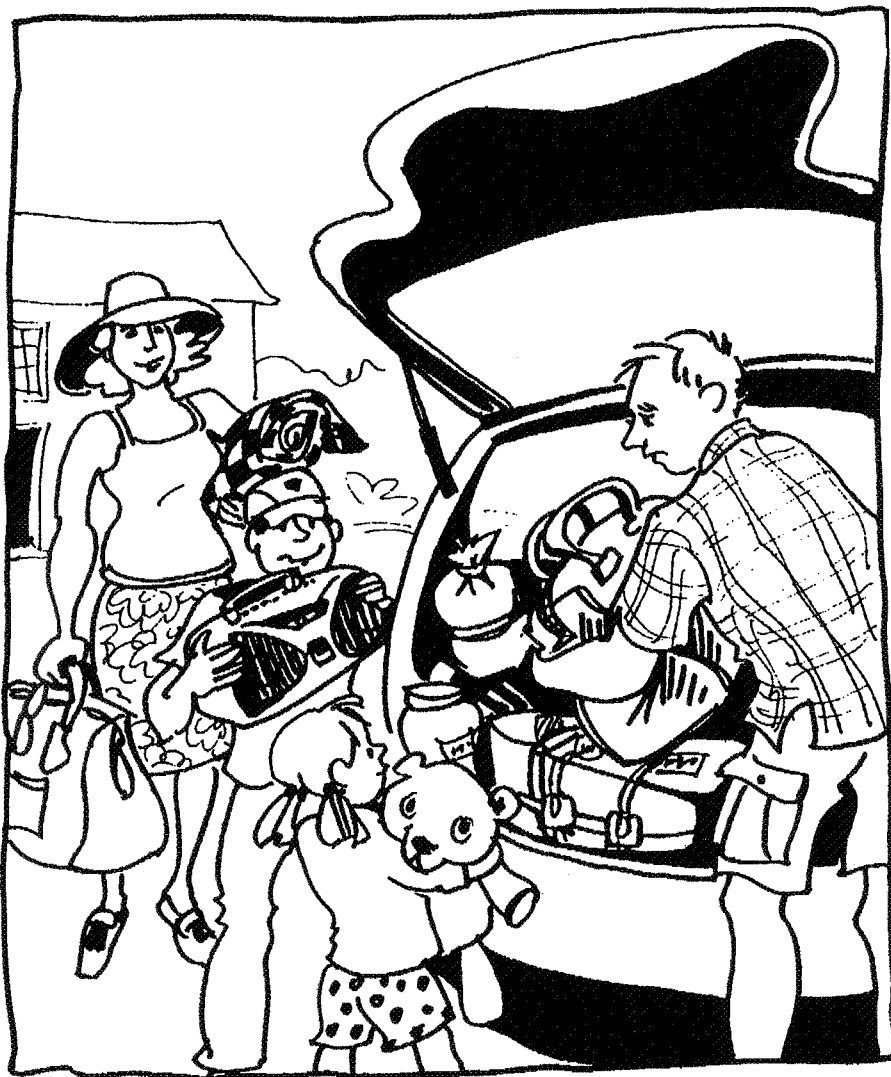
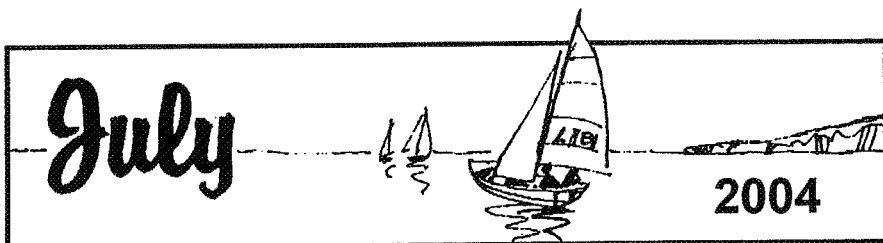


Deane Church News



July 2004 Diary

July 4 Trinity 5

9am Communion CW

10.30am Family Worship and Parade

6pm Communion

July 11 Trinity 6

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Service of the Word

6pm Service of the Word

July 18 Trinity 7

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Worship

6pm Communion

July 25 Trinity 8

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Communion

6pm Service of the Word

Communion Readings for July 2004

July 4 Trinity 5

2 Kings 5 v 1-14

Galatians 6 v7-16

Luke 10 v 1-11&16-20

July 11 Trinity 6

Amos 7 v 7-17

Colossians 1 v 1-14

Luke 10 v 25-37

July 18 Trinity 7

Amos 8 v 1-12

Colossians 1 v 15-28

Luke 10 v 38-42

July 25 Trinity 8

Hosea 1 v 2-10

Colossians 2 v 6-19

Luke 11 v 1-13

August 1 Trinity 9

Hosea 11 v 1-11

Colossians 3 v 1-11

Luke 12 v 13-21

The Rector Writes

As I write this article a friend of mine is preparing to be priested on Saturday (I must admit I do find that expression grates somewhat on me as every Christian is technically a priest according to the Book of Hebrews). She will progress in her church orders from being a deacon to becoming a minister (now there's a word I like!).

Of course when most people talk about "the ministry" they are referring to the ordained ministry. To the ministry exercised by those who wear the Colgate ring of confidence round their necks. But if that is our notion of ministry I would suggest to you that you've got it wrong, for Gods Word teaches us that every Christian, whether ordained or not, has a ministry. I find that exciting, I hope you do to, for it means that every Christian has a ministry. There is a part for each one of us to play in the church - and no one else can play our part.

It doesn't matter whether we are young or old, clever or slow, we are each of us indispensable! We are each of us called to serve in some particular way. And what a task-force a church is when each member realizes that he or she is a unique full-time servant of Christ. That means that we just don't come to church to be comforted, but to be commissioned!

When the New Testament talks about the different ways of serving Jesus it doesn't draw a line between the sacred (the things we do in church) and the secular (the things we do in the community). The minister preparing his sermon is no more holy than the housewife preparing a meal. Every Christian is holy - belonging to God, and looking to serve him in everyday life. The church to which we belong can only be effective if each of us discovers our own ministry. If we don't do that, then the church is lame in our department. If we are lazy, or go missing, the whole church is poorer.

When it comes to ministry Jesus is our example. He was never a status seeker. When his followers tried to make him king, or talked of him sitting on his glorious throne, he checked them, "The Son of

Man did not come to be served; he came to serve and to give his life to redeem many people." And when his disciples were arguing among themselves as to which of them was the most important Jesus said, "The kings of the pagans have power over their people, and the rulers are called "Friends of the People". But this is not the way it is with you; rather, the greatest one among you must be like the youngest, and the leader must be like the servant."

For Jesus status was neither here nor there. What mattered was the humble laying down of his life in service to others. If we are his followers today, we must do the same.

What is important in the life of our church is not what our ministry is, but that we discover what ministries God has given us and then exercise them. This is the only way for us to grow, and the only way our church can grow.

So ask yourself, "What ministry has God given me? And how best can I exercise it?"



Eunice insisted Cedric show her just where in the Bible it said men couldn't do the washing up.

July 15 St Swithun (or Swithin) - saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint to blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15 July, it will then rain for forty days after that.

It all began when he was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he has been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun.

Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation, and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

When asked to say grace...

God of goodness, bless our food

Keep us in a pleasant mood.

Bless our host and all who serve us

From indigestion, Lord, preserve us!

How to Grow Deane Church

Gifts and Ministries

It has been said that 90% of the work of the church is done by 10% of its members! At a time when people's commitment to the church is often limited, we face a real challenge in mobilising our congregations. 'Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good' (1 Cor.12:7). According to Paul, the Holy Spirit gifts each person in ministry for building up the body of Christ and making the invisible God real in our world. Therefore, we need to identify, mobilise and support the ministries of all in our churches. Alongside helping people to discover and use their gifts, we have to support them in their ministries. In addition to the teaching and encouragement of preaching and small groups, people need to be shown how and where they can serve. As we think about our own church: To what extent are we intentional in identifying gifts and ministries? On a personal level: where is God calling me to serve? In his book *The Purpose-Driven Church* Rick Warren describes a person's ministry in terms of SHAPE:

Spiritual gifts: What are my gifts?

Heart: Where is my passion?

Abilities: What skills do I have to use and develop?

Personality: How does my temperament determine my use of gifts?

Experience: What life experiences can God use?

Taken together, these aspects help us to understand the ministry that God has shaped for us, recognising that it is not just giftedness that determines ministry. 'You will be most effective and fulfilled in ministry when you use your spiritual gifts and abilities in the area of your heart's desire in a way that best expresses your personalities and experiences'

Christian Aid Week Report 2004

Congratulations to all who contributed to this year's collection of **£2731**, £1 more than the total for the last two years! Although this year the individual rounds were slightly down, thanks to all the collectors and especially to those who took on as many as four rounds, we have avoided having a reduced total. Despite this effort 19 rounds were not still collected. This is disappointing. Most people do not like house-to-house collection, but, compared to the distress suffered by those we seek to help, our discomfort for perhaps two hours a year seems a small thing to bear.

Over the years the rounds have been reviewed several times and those that have been difficult to get to, areas where the returns have been very low or areas where collectors may have felt they were 'at risk' have been taken off the list. In this way the list has been kept down to 65 rounds, but with new houses still being built and with some of the rounds having 100 or more houses, we may have to make cuts. Since the house-to-house collecting does provide a form of witness, it is a pity to have to consider taking this action. In order to try to get better coverage of some of areas and to help those who do not wish to collect alone, it has been suggested that some go out as a group. Surprisingly virtually nobody has taken up this option. Any views on how we can increase the number of houses that we cover will be much appreciated.

This year only a small percentage of the donors signed that their donation was to be gift aided. Christian Aid can get nearly 30% extra on donations from taxpayers, provided they fill in the details on the envelope. For those that did do this, Christian Aid should be able to claim an additional £300.

Thank you again!

Phil Ray

Get Ready for the Olympic Games with a Christian Olympic Champion!

Jonathan Edwards went to the 1992 Olympic Games with high hopes for a medal but it all went very horribly wrong in the qualifying. "I had been jumping 17 metres reasonably consistently throughout the season but when it mattered, I didn't even make 16 metres. I was absolutely devastated. All my hopes and dreams had been blown out of the water. I remember going to bed in the evening thinking I'll wake up in the morning and it will all be a dream. This isn't reality. It can't have happened. This wasn't the way it was supposed to happen. It was awful. There is no other way of describing it. I was taken to depths that I had not known previously".

The key to his reaction in disappointment is his faith in God:

"Essentially my relationship with Jesus and with God is fundamental to everything I do. Man is sinful and separated from God and can do nothing about that, and God of his own will sent his son to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus rose again and by virtue of having faith in him we can be reconciled to God, as a gift, not something that we can earn but as a gift, and then out of that gift we give our lives in service to God."

In 1995 he broke the world record three times and in 1996 took the Olympic silver medal. In Sydney he went one better producing a jump of 17.71 to take Olympic gold. It was the icing on a great career but Jonathan is not fazed by it, "I do smile when I think how differently I am viewed because I have won an Olympic gold medal because really what difference does it actually make? I am exactly the same person as if I had not won the Olympic gold. I believe God's plan for my life is the same as it's ever been and that is to glorify him, to obey his commandments. How that is going to work out in my athletics, in my life at home, in all the opportunities that I have now, the bottom line is that to walk in obedience to his will as revealed in the Bible which results in glorifying him".

Bits and Pieces

Ladies Guild

July 13

Meal at the Tavern

July 27

And the Teddies came too

Pat Haywood

Golden Congratulations

Congratulations to Bob and Brenda Dixon who celebrated 50 years of marriage in May.

Happy Retirement

We wish a long, happy and healthy retirement to Bill Calderbank who retired at the end of May after twenty one years working in Deane churchyard. Bill, who was an iron-moulder by profession, has not only kept the church grounds in good order but also has dug graves by hand, without any mechanical help. He now feels, at 81, that it is time to hang up his spade for the last time. He will be joined in retirement by his wife, Betty, who is retiring from her role as church verger in August. We express our gratitude to Bill and Betty for their loyal service to the church and wish them every blessing in a well-earned retirement.

New Treasurer

Alan Cheetham was elected as the new church treasurer at the first meeting of the new PCC. Alan takes over the mantle from Keith Acton who held the post for twelve years. We wish Alan well as he takes on this important task.

Deane's Link with the Transit of Venus

Deane may have a link with Jeremiah Horrocks who was the first man ever to observe and record the transit of Venus back in 1639.

Jeremiah is usually said to have been born in Toxteth in 1618, but there is no actual written record of his baptism there. His father's family may have come from the Deane area of Bolton and Jeremiah may have been born here. There is a local record of the baptism of a Jonas Horrocks in 1622 and Jeremiah did have a brother called Jonas. Many of you will have seen the 2004 transit on June 12th. The one before that was in 1882!

What you have in common with a £20 note

A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a £20 note. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this £20 bill?"

Hands started going up.

He said, "I am going to give this £20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the money up. He then asked,

"Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

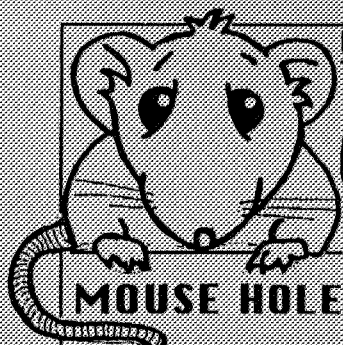
"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Still the hands went up in the air.

"My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth £20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value in God's eyes."

To Him, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know but by WHO WE ARE! You are special - don't ever forget it!



It all began when someone suggested we might introduce the 'Kiss of Peace' at the main service!



MOUSE HOLE

There are many ways we can worship God and tell him how much we love him using songs, music, art, prayer, dance and our church services.

Most of all we can worship God by giving our lives to him.

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

Praise God in his Temple,
Praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power
Praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding trumpet,

Praise him with the harp and lyre,

Praise him with

tambourine and dancing,

Praise him with he strings and flute,

Praise him with the clash of cymbals,

Praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath

PRAISE THE LORD!

This is Psalm 150, a song of praise to God, it tells us why and how to worship God.

Sounding Trumpets

Make a joyful noise to the Lord with these simple squeakers!

Cut a drinking straw in half, flatten at one end and cut into a > shape. Put this end between your lips and blow! Cut straws to different lengths and see what sounds they can make.

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE HARP STRINGS!

TAMBOURINE
TRUMPET
CYMBALS
STRINGS
HARP
LYRE
DANCE
FLUTE
CLAP
PSALM
PRAISE
LORD
GOD

F	L	U	T	E	R	B
S	P	S	A	L	M	A
T	R	U	M	P	E	T
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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
Wardens:	Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years CYFA: 14 to 18 years Ian Gardiner (660460)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm
Lay	To be appointed	BELL RINGERS
Chairman:		Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)
Honorary	Alan Cheetham (405829)	CHURCH CHOIR
Treasurer:	7 Lomond Place	Rehearsals on Sundays at 12 noon (except third Sunday – see Music Group below) Jim Needham (01617235860)
Honorary	Les Kilsby	MUSIC GROUP
Secretary:	1386 Junction Road West (492351)	Rehearsals on each third Sunday at 12 noon Beccy Rutter (01942 814946)
CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS		LADIES GROUPS
Buildings & Fabrics:	Mike Kirkby	Meet in the Memorial Hall
Worship:	Elizabeth Plant	Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Pat Sewell (61278)
Social:	Chris Dewhurst-Taylor	Parents & Toddlers: Thursdays at 1.30pm Jean Mainey (61819)
Mission & Pastoral:	Philip Gore	UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS
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Organist:	Jim Needham 6 Poolfield Close Radcliffe (0161 7235860)	Brownies:
Flowers:	Josie Crompton(655964)	1. Tuesdays at 6.45pm Ann Calderbank (398206)
Verge:	Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)	2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)
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Gift Aid	Les Kilsby	Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)
Secretary:	1386 Junction Road West (492351)	Cubs:
Deane	Elizabeth Plant 25 Kintyre Drive	Thursdays at 6.45pm Mike Ash (436036)
Church News:	(63730)	Beavers:
MEMORIAL HALL		Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (855163)
Bookings:	Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	Rainbows:
Caretaker:	Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)

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