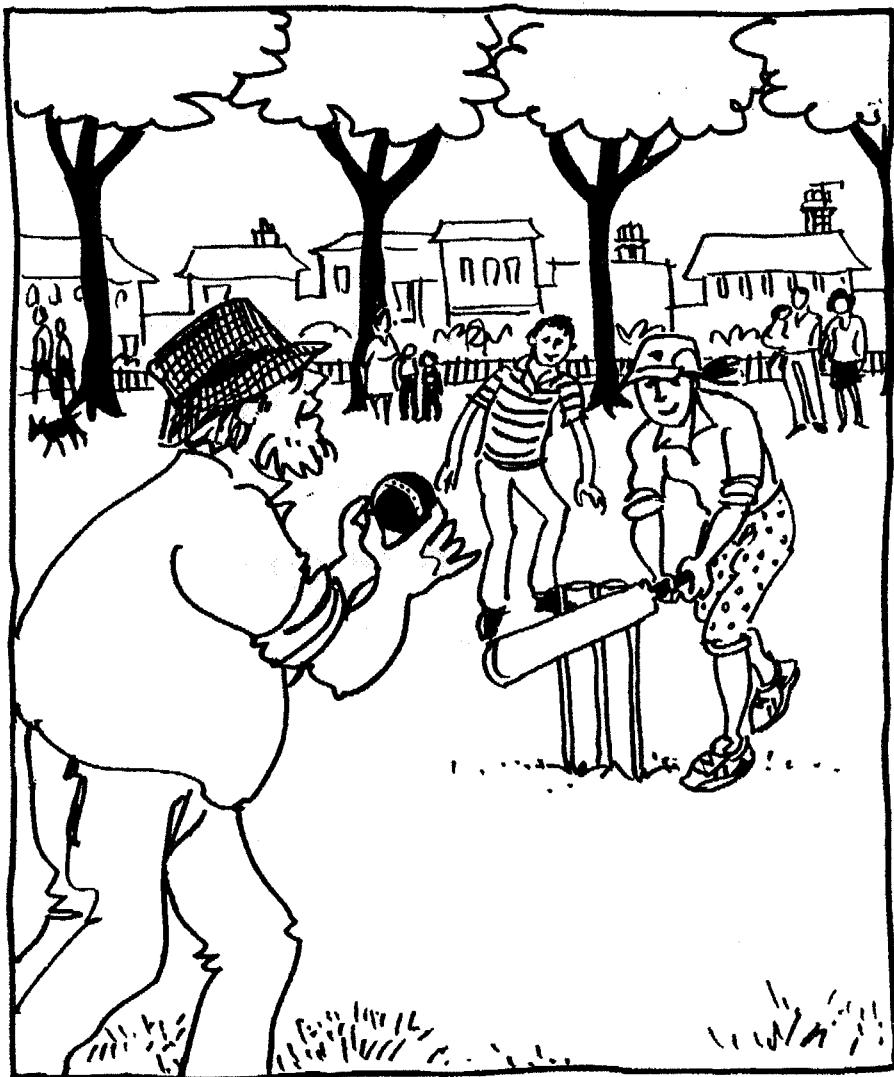


# Deane Parish News

## August



2004



## August 2004 Diary

### August 1 Trinity 9

9am Communion CW

10.30am Family Worship and Parade

6pm Communion

### August 8 Trinity 10

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Service of the Word

6pm Service of the Word

### August 15 Trinity 11

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Worship

6pm Communion

### August 22 Trinity 12

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Communion

6pm Service of the Word

### August 29 Trinity 13

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Praise Service

6pm Communion

## Communion Readings for August 2004

### August 1 Trinity 9

Hosea 11 v 1-11

Colossians 3 v 1-11

Luke 12 v 13-21

### August 8 Trinity 10

Isaiah 1 v1&10-20

Hebrews 11 v1-3&8-16

Luke 12 v32-40

### August 15 Trinity 11

Isaiah 5 v1-7

Hebrews 11v29 to 12v2

Luke 12 v49-56

### August 22 Trinity 12

Jeremiah 1 v4-10

Hebrews 12 v18-29

Luke 13 v10-17

### August 29 Trinity 13

Jeremiah 2 v4-13

Hebrews v1-8 & 15-16

Luke 14 v1 & 7-14

### September 5 Trinity 14

Jeremiah 18 v1-11

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14 v25-33

## **The Rector Writes**

On a few occasions lately I have heard people mention the word "vision". It's normally been in the context of "What is our vision in, and for, the church?" Of course when I hear such comments I immediately feel threatened because I wonder if others are thinking that it is me who should have this "vision". So often when I have been involved in ministerial appointments I have heard representatives from a church ask a candidate for the vacancy "And what is your vision for our church?", and that with the candidate never having set eyes on the church building, never mind never having met the congregation!

Having said that vision is very important. Most of us know the words of Proverbs 29:18 as rendered in the King James Version of the Bible "'Where there is no vision the people perish". Yes we do need a sense of direction, not only in the life of our church, but also in our own lives. It is not good to just drift through life. So taking this on board I did what I normally do when faced with a question or query I cannot answer, I went out into the garden and did some weeding for a couple of hours while I thought through the issue, and here is the result of some of my thinking.

Firstly we need to remember that we have already been given a vision. God has not left us floundering around in the dark. He has given us a vision of what he would want us to do. That vision is seen in different parts of the scriptures.

- Look for example at the ministry of Jesus and ask yourself "What did Jesus do while he was here? What would he do if he were here today?" Whatever Jesus did while he was on earth we are to continue today.
- Look at the images and names of the church. There are many analogies for the church to be found in the New Testament - a body, a bride, a flock, a community, an army. Think about the

implications that each of these should have on us as a church, and what we should be doing.

- Look at the examples of the New Testament churches. Ask, "What did the first churches do?" Each of the churches mentioned in the New Testament was unique, with its own particular strengths and weaknesses (look at the seven churches mentioned at the beginning of the Book of Revelation) but from each church we can learn what it means to be church.
- Look at the commands of Christ. Ask "What did Jesus tell us to do?" One of the things we need to remember is that it is not our job to create a purpose for our church but to discover it.

One of the things that I discovered in my previous church was that God does not send His blessing upon us in a continuous flow. Instead God's blessings come in waves. The knack is in identifying the wave and going with it, and if we do that it might be that we find ourselves going in the most unexpected of directions. But before even that occurs we need to make sure that what God has already given us to do we are doing well. For instance are people being properly welcomed into the life of the church? Are we serious about Bible study? Do we show practical care for those who are vulnerable in the church? etc.

God's vision to a church does not, on the whole, come through one individual. It comes from within the body as we worship and pray together and seek God's will.

So to sum up ask yourself these questions to clarify your thinking:-

1. Why does the church exist?
2. What are we to be as a church here in Deane?
3. What are we to do as a church?
4. How are we to do it?

That should get you thinking. If you don't know the answers I suggest you spend a little time out in the garden weeding whilst mulling them over.

**August 31<sup>st</sup>**

## **Aidan - the man who brought Christianity to England**

August 31st is the feast of St Aidan, who brought Christianity to northern England. He is a strong contender for the title of the first English bishop. Not that honours meant a great deal to this austere but captivating character.

In 635 he came to Northumbria at the invitation of the local ruler, Oswald. Oswald had spent several years of his childhood on Iona, and when he succeeded to the throne of his northern kingdom he was shrewd enough to realise that the Christian faith would be an ideal unifying force to pacify rival tribes of warlords.

Oswald's invitation was not immediately successful. The first missionary from Iona returned in despair, claiming that the barbarity of the Northumbrians made them unconvertible. But as Aidan listened, he felt the unmistakable call of God to try again. "Perhaps you were too harsh on them," he found himself suggesting to the travel-stained missionary. Shortly afterwards, Aidan found himself at the head of a party of brothers heading for Northumbria. He was never to see his beloved Iona again.

The monks made the long journey to Northumbria on foot, singing psalms as they went. Their need to ward off the powers of evil with prayer was genuine, for these were dangerous times to travel through remote country unarmed. They arrived safely at Oswald's castle in Bamburgh, where he offered them lavish hospitality and assumed that they would found their community there. However, the brothers realised that to live under the king's protection would make it difficult to avoid the world's temptations and establish a rapport with the local people. They saw the tidal island of Lindisfarne on the horizon and chose it as their base. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

## How to Grow Deane Church

### *Becoming a Church for Others*

It is God's will for his church to grow: 'the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow' (Col 2:19). This is not just about Sunday attendance, but involves taking seriously Jesus' commission to 'go and make disciples' (Matt 28:19-20). Of course, fulfilling this command will vary with different churches, depending on their individual mission and context. A recent Church of England report, *Mission-shaped Church*, suggests five values that we might adopt if we want to be a church committed to growth. These include:

**A missionary church is focused on God the Trinity:** worshipping and serving a missionary God, and sharing in the divine mission; all its life and activity is rooted in prayer.

**A missionary church is incarnational:** shaping itself in relation to the culture to which it is located, being responsive to the activity of the Spirit in the community.

**A missionary church is transformational:** existing for the transformation the community that it serves, through the power of the gospel and the Holy Spirit, operating as a servant and sign of God's kingdom.

**A missionary church makes disciples:** calling people to faith in Jesus Christ, consistent Christian lifestyle, and encouraging the gifting and ministry of all God's people. While engaging with culture, it will also present a counter-cultural challenge by its life together.

**A missionary church is relational:** forming a community of faith, characterised by welcome and hospitality, open to change when new people join, and effective at establish interdependent relationships between members.

Now consider these questions:

Which of these values most characterise or most challenges our church?

What are the practical implications for our church?

## **Focus on: Deane Lunch & Leisure Club**

A small group of hard working and committed volunteers have been successfully running Deane Lunch & Leisure in association with Age Concern for just over 2 years now. Our aim is to help relieve loneliness and provide opportunities for friendship and support.

Each Wednesday we meet between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m. A delicious and good quality two course meal is served to the 40 ladies and gentleman of the Club at a cost of £2.00 (including tea or coffee) and some of the members finish the afternoon off with a few games of bingo before heading home. All the members are from our local community and those who are unable to make their own way to the Memorial Hall use the door to door services of Ring & Ride.

Last year we secured a grant from the Community Chest which enabled us to purchase a commercial oven, dishwasher and some new tables, for which all of the volunteers are very grateful as it has reduced the amount of work considerably. We recently had a disaster with the freezer which decided to defrost our lunches before we were ready to cook them, Hotpot and Peas from Carrs Pasties saved the day and the search is on to purchase a new freezer as soon as possible.

Anyone aged 50 or over can join, as can anyone who is disabled in any way, irrespective of age. However at present our register is full but we do operate a waiting list so if you, or anyone you know would be interested in putting their name on the list have a word with Julie Cooper.

## **And more from Julie**

### **Update-Knitting Challenge! (in aid of Operation Christmas Child)**

The response to the knitting challenge has been overwhelming and we are well on our way to our target of **700** hats (200 down - 500 to go). Thanks to Paul Ellis sending the article to Crux Magazine we now have knitters not just from our congregations, the Lunch Club, friends and family, but as far a field as Bury, Dukinfield and across many regions of Manchester. If you're running short of wool don't worry I have plenty for you to use. So thank you to everyone who is taking part, keep up the good work and continue with the knitting.

## Some river!

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

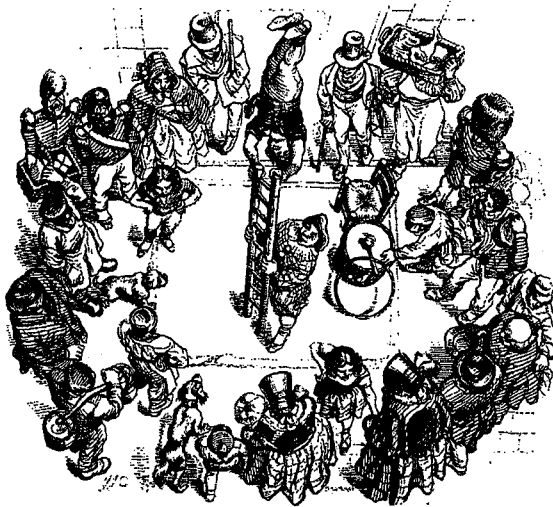
Sermon complete, he then sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile: "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365, 'Shall We Gather at the River'."

## Lost cause

"They say your daughter has made up her mind to marry a struggling young curate."

"Well, if she's made up her mind, he might as well stop struggling."



The whole congregation were involved in the new-style Family Service.



## **Bits and Pieces**

### **Ladies Guild**

August 10 All Things Bright and Beautiful Miss Curray

August 24 Evening Trip

### **Church Bibles**

At a recent meeting of the PCC it was agreed that the Bibles we use in church are in need of replacing. Many are now over 20 years old and in poor condition.

It is proposed that we move towards using the New International Version which many believe is a much better translation than the Good News Bibles which we have been using.

Members of the church family may wish to sponsor a Bible (they will cost about £10 each) in memory of a relative or to celebrate a special event. Further details will be available in due course.

### **Jesus not a swear word**

A campaign has been launched to challenge people to rethink their use of blasphemy in everyday language. Postcards designed with the caption 'Jesus not a swearword' placed on a motorway sign, parking meter, taxi meter and as a text message have been sent to over 100,000 homes.

Posters with the same designs have been put up on billboards, and across the backs of buses. Christians are being encouraged to place them in their windows and at work in a bid to raise awareness that blasphemy is not acceptable. The campaign is now attracting national interest.

Lloyd Cooke, director of Saltbox, the charity behind the campaign explains: "Our aim is to challenge people about their use of language. In today's society many people are concerned about offending other religions. Indeed, there would be outcry if people began to use Buddha or Mohammed as a swear word." Details:

[www.jesusnotaswearword.org](http://www.jesusnotaswearword.org)

## **My prayer for you**

This morning when I wakened  
And saw the sun above,  
I softly said, "Good morning, Lord,  
Bless everyone I love."  
And right away I thought of you  
And said a loving prayer,  
That He would bless you specially,  
And keep you free from care.  
I thought of all the happiness  
A day could hold in store,  
I wished it all for you because  
No one deserves it more.

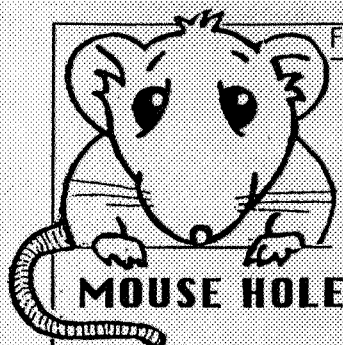
## **Take me from myself**

My Lord and my God, take me from all that keeps me from you  
My Lord and my God, grant me all that leads me to you  
My Lord and my God, take me from myself and give me completely to you.  
*By Nicholas of Flue*

## **Guest preacher at Deane?**



*May I say what an honour it  
is to be preaching from one of the tallest  
pulpits in the world?*



## Nice for Ice

Put 75g/3oz butter with 2 tablespoons of cocoa and 3 tablespoons of golden syrup into a pan and gently heat stirring all the time.

When melted immediately pour over cold ice cream, watch it set hard then EAT!

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

The voice of the Lord is heard on the seas; the glorious God thunders, and his voice echoes over the ocean. The voice of the Lord is heard in all it's might and majesty...

The Lord rules over the deep waters; he rules as king for ever.

The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace.

This is from Psalm 29 and tells of a great storm with strong winds, massive waves, loud thunder and bright lightening.

But God's people are not afraid because they know that God, who made the wind, waves, thunder and lightening, is with them and gives them peace.

## Sea-shore Treasures

After a storm you can often find pieces of driftwood, shells and sea-etched glass washed up onto the seashore. String together to make 'sea-shore' mobiles.

Make small boxes into 'sea-shore treasure chests' by covering with small shells and pebbles.

### FIND THESE WORDS IN THE SANDCASTLE:

BEACH CAVE SHELL SUN TEA  
PICNIC BUCKET WAVE DOCK OAR  
PEBBLES SANDCASTLE PADDLE  
NET SPADE DECK SWIM CRAB (2)  
BOAT ROCK BALL FISH (2) SEA

ROCK  
BALL  
CRAB

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

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