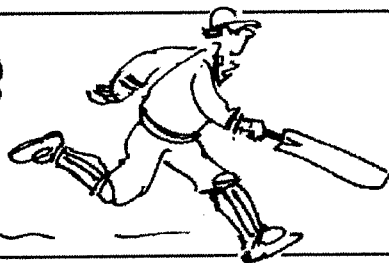


# Deane Parish Magazine

## June



2005



# June Diary

## June 5

9.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

6.00 p.m.

## June 12

9.00 p.m.

10.30 a.m.

6.00 p.m.

## June 19

9.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

6.00 p.m.

## June 26

9.00 a.m.

10.30 a.m.

6.00 p.m.

## Trinity 2

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

Family Service and Parade

Holy Communion (Common Worship)

## Trinity 3

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Service of the Word

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## Trinity 4 Sermons Sunday

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Family Service

Holy Communion

## Trinity 5

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

Family Communion

Service of the Word

## Communion Readings

### June 5

Genesis 27:1-29;

Matthew 9:9-13

### June 12

Genesis 28:10-22;

Matthew 9:35-10:8

### June 19

Genesis 29:15-28;

Matthew 10:24-39

### June 26

Genesis 32:22-31;

Matthew 10:40-42

## Other dates

June 5

Housegroup week

June 18/19

Sermons Weekend (see page 9)

Saturday

7.30

Ceilidh (see page 10)

Sunday

10.30

Open Air Service (see page 9)

June 19

Housegroup week

**Deadline for July magazine—Sunday 19th June**

# The Rector Writes

## The church we can be

Do you ever go to another church and leave feeling slightly despondent? It's not because you have had a bad experience of church—quite the opposite. You've had a good experience. The problem is that what you experienced in that church you long for in Deane church.

When the church building project group spent time a number of months ago looking at other churches and seeing what they had done you couldn't help but come away from some of the churches thinking to oneself, 'I wish we had those facilities in our church.'

But it's not just in the bricks and mortar that we can covet other churches' assets. Sometimes you leave a church thinking 'If only we had a large music group/choir like that... the vibrant children's/youth work they have...the concern for world mission they have...' etc.

I thought about this a number of weeks ago when I was looking at the gospel passage for the coming Sunday, John 20. In this passage we get a glimpse of the early church which is not at all flattering.

Near the end of his life Jesus had carefully prepared his disciples to be a confident and devoted fellowship of faith. They were to be a community of profound love with the doors wide open and the welcome mat always out. But here in John 20 we find the disciples barricaded in a house with the doors bolted shut.

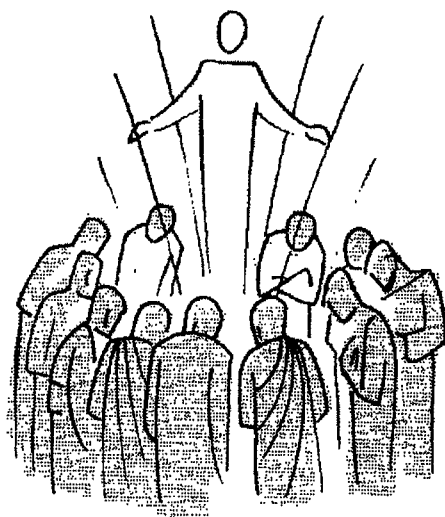
They were to be a fellowship of believers who would stride out boldly into the world to bear fruit in Jesus' name. They were to be a people full of the Holy Spirit, performing greater works than Jesus himself performed (John 14:12). But what do we find? We find those early believers cowering in fear, hoping nobody will find out where they are.

In short we see a church here at its worst - scared, disheartened and defensive. If it were asked to describe itself at this point what would

they write? 'The friendly church where all are welcome', perhaps. Hardly, unless one counts locked doors as a sign of hospitality. 'The church with a warm heart and a bold mission', maybe. I don't think so - more like the church with sweaty palms and a timid spirit.

Instead, in this snapshot of the church we have a picture of a church with nothing - no plan, no programme, no youth ministry, no powerful preaching, no building. Let's face it, they had nothing. In fact if you think about, it this terrified little band huddled in a corner of a room with a chair braced against the door really had only one thing going for it: it had the risen Christ in its midst.

As I reflected on this passage I thought, 'Well maybe that's the main point of the story.' In the final analysis this is a story about how the risen Christ pushed open the bolted doors of a church with nothing and of how the risen Christ enters the fearful chambers of every church and fills the place with his own life.



As I thought about this I thought maybe that is a message for us here in Deane church- that in spite at times of our feelings of inadequacy we, as a church, have the most valuable asset of all, the presence of the risen Christ.

As a church we may face many challenges this year, but we can stand firm and move forward, if we do so in the presence and the power of the risen Christ. If we desire it enough, and pray for it enough, we will see the Spirit of Christ at work amongst us, renewing and transforming the life of our church. Will you pray with me for that end?

*(This article is a digest of the address I gave at St Mary the Virgin Deane Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year.)*

# Growing Deane Church

**Acts For Today:**

**'The Growing Church in the Acts of the Apostles'**

**No. 6: Antioch Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)**

**'The task of every generation is to discover in which direction the sovereign redeemer is moving and then move in that direction'**

**(Jonathan Edwards).**

These words are just as applicable for us as they were for the church in Antioch. Here Jews and Gentiles shared fellowship together for the first time, and it is a model of church in which people of different background, race, sex, and culture come together.

## ***Dynamic Worship***

In their worship they met and engaged with God, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak, and acting upon his word by sending off their key leaders! They also responded positively to prophesy about a famine in Jerusalem. Is our worship expectant and life changing?

## ***Genuine Community***

God's grace was evident in the way they accepted each other, the diversity of their leadership and the way they were encouraged to 'remain true to the Lord'. Where is the evidence of God's grace in our church community?

## ***Effective Outreach***

The church was planted by Jewish Christians fleeing persecution, and so pushed out of their comfort zones. They shared the gospel with Greeks who spoke the same language and shared the same culture. To what extent are we equipping people to gossip the gospel with others? Obviously Antioch was an exciting place to be! Not only was the church growing, as the 'Lord's hand was with them', but here the disciples were first called 'Christians'. This nickname meant 'those who belong to Christ', because their lives spoke powerfully of their faith in Christ. As Christians today will our message be dismissed as irrelevant, or can we offer an alternative lifestyle to those around us?

## June 9 is the feast day of Columba of Iona (c. 521 -97)

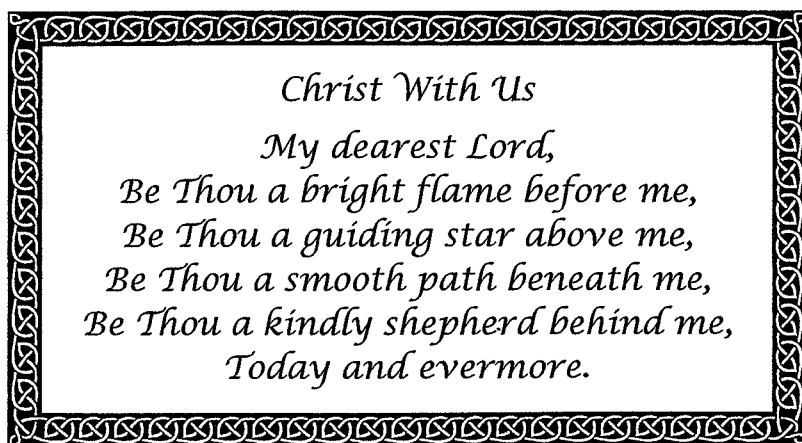
Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland.

Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age. As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish "majuscule" writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

It is a tribute to him that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

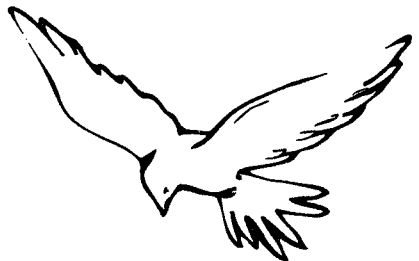


## The PCC in Chorley

The new PCC met in a splendid setting at the Chorley Conference Centre and serious matters were discussed in a joyous spirit. We sang hymns, played a game, which made everyone talk, and at the end of the day were entangled with a wedding reception. The Rector spoke of new challenges and new opportunities. We urgently need new ways of bringing the Church's unchanging message to the world and at the same time we must consider carefully the process of transition from the Church we are to the Church we want to be. Ian gave us five principles: to know the needs of our society which is detached from the church but has an evident spiritual hunger; to live in 'holy discontent,' seeking God's direction for our Church; fasting which is often followed by new understanding and change; prayer; waiting for God. Three questions follow: What is our purpose? Who is our target? What is our strategy? To approach these questions we looked at the Church's previous vision statement, summarised as Worship, Nurture, Vision, Service.

Here we were put into groups to discuss a questionnaire and next we indicated where we felt most called to serve. Eventually committees evolved under the four heads of the vision statement, to which chairs are now appointed and which will seek to add to their number members of the congregation. This process is already underway and the committees will be ready to work by the early summer. We are at a moment of change and renewal for the Rector, the Council, and the Congregation. Our thought is for those within the Church and those outside it.

The day passed rapidly. It was expertly designed and briskly led. We finished with St John, "These things I command you, that ye love one another," a hymn and Holy Communion. We were aware of the Spirit of Pentecost.

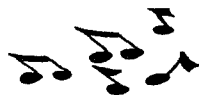


Charles Winder

## THANK YOU!

By the time you read this, it will be almost two months since I retired as organist/choirmaster at Deane; and I apologise for missing the deadline for the May issue of the Deane Church News - I thought I had a little more time to write!

April 3rd 2005 was, for me, a memorable day in many respects, not least for my being hauled out from my "sanctuary" - the organ console - to face a Sunday morning congregation, to be the butt of "what's the difference between an organist and a terrorist?..", and to have envelopes and boxes thrust upon me, from various quarters, to mark my retirement. If that wasn't embarrassment enough, to be handed a microphone in someone's anticipation of my saying a few words! Me?! You must be kidding! I do *my* 'talking' through the organ! I don't know about "organists and terrorists", this organist was terror-*struck*! I jest. Well, just a little.



Seriously, I want to thank you all - choir, music group and congregation, PCC and clergy past and present - very much, for the many good wishes, cards (including the one that said "Sod off" - but I am assured that was a joke!) and generous presents which I received on the day, but also for cards and letters that arrived at home during the following week. Thank you all, very much indeed. I haven't quite decided yet how to utilise the gift from the congregation (in the form of a cheque), but having invested, some little while ago, in a digital camera, my thoughts are towards a multi-function scanner/printer. However, owing to the size of such equipment, and our impending move, I have been "advised" by my better half to defer such purchase until we are in our new home. (On that front no more news to relate than there was in April. Watch this space!)

When I told Ian eighteen months ago that I would be leaving at Easter 2005, and so to 'make a note of it', he thought for quite a few moments and then said 'I'm not going to make a note of it, I'm going to pray.' I don't know what he prayed for or whether God answered his prayers in the way he anticipated; but, perhaps in His own way, God has answered that prayer: as I left Deane on the 3rd April, Lisa, your new organist, took up her new position the following week. I'm sure you will all make her feel welcome. God bless.

**Jim Needham**



## Become a Deane Bell-ringer

If you love the sound of church bells, and have at least some sense of timing, why not consider becoming a bell-ringer?

Church bells are incredibly heavy - ranging from six hundredweight to more than 28 hundredweight per bell

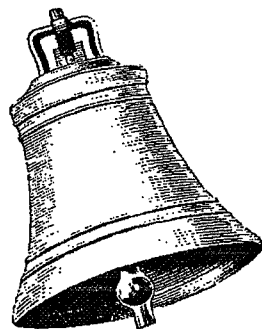
- but anyone is strong enough to ring them. Ringers range from schoolchildren to teenagers, from the middle-aged to retired people. It's a wonderful pastime for breaking down the generation gap.

All you really need is to be fit enough to walk up steps. There are only a handful of churches with a lift and Deane is NOT one of them!

After you reach the ringing chamber, the practice begins. There are a lot of instructions to remember: 'Don't look up, look straight ahead.' 'Don't anticipate the sally (reaching for the stripy part of the rope, the sally, too soon).' 'Get closer to the rope!' 'Flick your wrists away!' 'One foot a little ahead of the other!' 'Pull down slowly - no, too fast, too fast!' 'Use your elbows!' - etc!

You don't need strength, once you've got the bell going. It is just a matter of keeping the rhythm of your pull steady on the rope. There is no strain on the back: you simply stand straight and relaxed. If you have the all-important sense of timing, the rest comes with practice. Some people master the art in as little as four months; others take almost a year. But one day, when you least expect it, you'll find you've 'got it' at last. A bit like learning to ride a bicycle!

If you would like to know more about ringing Deane bells, please speak to Ken Higson.



**Sermons Day 19 June**

**10.30 Open Air Service**

**Followed by Picnic**

**Bring lunch and get to know a few people  
you don't already know!**

# Notice Board

## Ladies' Guild Coffee Morning

7<sup>th</sup> May.

The successful morning raised £451 towards our annual charity giving. Thank you to all Guild members who worked very hard to prepare for the event and for the support of all who attended, spent so generously and enjoyed a happy social gathering.

## Ladies Guild in June

June 14 Devotional

Betty Bamford

June 28 Evening Trip

## Youth Service

When? Saturday 9th July

Where? St Andrew's

With? other churches in  
our area

What? Worship, talk...

Who? tbd

For? All young people

Watch this space!

Sermons w/e Ceilidh

Saturday 18 June

Pasties and Peas Supper

Sermons Weekend

From 7.00 p.m.

At Bolton Music  
Centre South Hall  
(map on tickets)

Tickets Adults £5.00  
Children £2.50

On sale in church

# WHO'S WHO and WHAT'S ON

**Rector:** Ian Mainey 61819  
**Vicar:** Paul Ellis 651851  
**Readers:** David Dewhurst 651347  
 Nola Kilsby 492351  
**Wardens:** Les Kilsby 492351  
 Bryan Shephard  
 01942 817288  
 Craig Mochrie 652324

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Lay Chair:** Jane Hampson 848433  
**Honorary**  
**Treasurer:** Alan Cheetham 405829  
**Honorary**  
**Secretary:** Les Kilsby 492351

## OTHER OFFICIALS

**Organist:** Lisa Atherton  
**Flowers:** Josie Crompton 655964  
**Archivist:** Rodney Howard 652417  
**Gift Aid**  
**Secretary:** Les Kilsby 492351  
**Deane Mag:** Elizabeth Plant 63730

## MEMORIAL HALL

**Bookings:** Julie Cooper 660946  
**Caretaker:** Ian Cooper 660946

## BELLRINGERS

Kenneth Higson 63754  
 Anthea Morris 63754

## CHURCH CHOIR

Lisa Atherton  
 Rehearsals 2nd & 4th Sundays 12 noon

## MUSIC GROUP

Beccy Rutter 01942 814946  
 Rehearsals 3rd Sunday 12 noon

## YOUNG PEOPLE

**Scramblers:** 3 to 5 years

**Clubbers:** 5 to 7 years  
 Lynda Smith 62093

**Explorers:** 7 to 11 years  
 Elaine Cockerham 650347

All meet in the Memorial Hall on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.40 a.m.

**Pathfinders:** 11 to 14 years  
 Ian Gardiner 660460

Memorial hall Fridays 7.15—9.00 p.m.

**CYFA** 14 to 18 years  
 Karen Greenhalgh 64340

Memorial Hall Thurs 9.00 to 9.30 p.m.

## UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

**Brownies** Tuesday 6.45  
 Ann Calderbank 398206

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 Janet Barnsley 01772 322247

**Guides** Monday 7.15  
 Carole Baxendale 419167

**Cubs** Thursday 6.45  
 Mike Ash 436036

**Rainbows** Friday 6.30  
 Margaret Latchford 657101

## WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

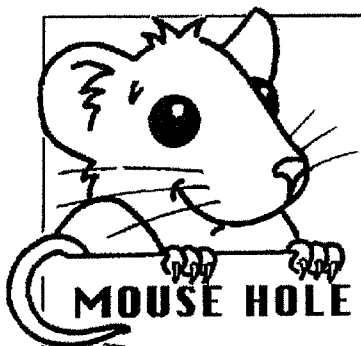
meeting in the Memorial Hall

### Ladies' Guild

alternate Tuesdays 7.45  
 Brenda Dixon 653333

### Parents and Toddlers

Thursdays 1.30  
 Jean Mainey 61819  
**Deane Lunch and Leisure**  
 Wednesdays 12 noon to 2.30 p.m.  
 Julie Cooper 660946



*"Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is part of it"*

1 Corinthians 12:27

**Eye-Spy**  
Look around you... How many things can you see starting with the letter S?



*"Though we are many,  
we are one body in  
union with Christ, and we  
are joined to each other as  
different parts of one body."*

Romans 12:4-6

## Tongue-Twisters

Try saying these tricky tongue-twisters as fast as you can...

"Three grey geese  
on the green  
grass grazing"

"She sells sea shells  
on the sea shore"

"Red lorry,  
yellow lorry"



## Smelly Wellies

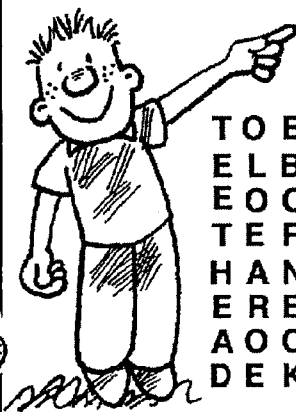
Don't look,  
just smell...  
can you  
guess what  
things are  
just by  
their smell?



Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a whole living person, so Christians need each other to make a whole, living church !

Read:  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27  
What different body parts are mentioned here?

Find these body parts in the grid:



TOE ARM  
ELBOW  
EEOBNU  
TE FOOT  
HANDSH  
EREYES  
AOCLEG  
DE KNEE

BODY  
HEAD EYES  
EARS x2  
MOUTH  
TEETH  
NOSE  
NECK  
ARMS  
LEG  
KNEE  
ELBOW  
HANDS  
FOOT TOE