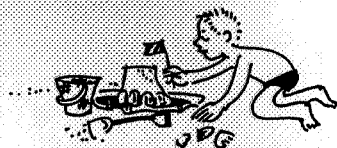


July

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July Diary



July 3	Trinity 6
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
10.30 a.m.	Family Service and Parade
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
July 10	Trinity 7
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 a.m.	Service of the Word
6.00 p.m.	Service of the Word
July 17	Trinity 8
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 a.m.	Family Worship (Baptism)
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion
July 24	Trinity 9
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 a.m.	Family Communion (Common Worship)
6.00 p.m.	Service of the Word
July 31	Trinity 10
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30 a.m.	Praise Service with the Holiday Club Team
6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion

Communion Readings

July 3	Genesis 33.1-20; Matthew 11.16-19
July 10	Genesis 37.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
July 17	Genesis 37.12-28; Matthew 13.24-30
July 24	Genesis 39.1-23; Matthew 13.31-33
July 31	Genesis 41.1-16, 25-32; Matthew 14.13-21

Other Dates

Mon 25th-Fri 29th—Holiday Club (p6)

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	the notices

The Rector Writes

I love the film "Mission Impossible". I suppose all of us, well the men at least, would like to be, in some way, a bit like Tom Cruise in the film. But do you know what? if you are a Christian you have the privilege of being on a mission, but its not a mission impossible! And being assigned that mission means for a start that you are important to God, that you are a part of His plan. And that's something you can't shrug off. You can't say for instance that you are worthless, that you are unimportant, for that is not the case, you are important to God, yours important to us, and to the mission which God has called you to. But maybe you think that God could not have possibly chosen you. That you have too many problems, that you lack the courage or the fortitude to fulfil Gods mission. But in fact, if you are having severe problems and struggles right now, that means you are needed even more for the mission God has called you to, for your perseverance will give many others hope.

Somewhere we have got hold of the idea, the wrong idea, that the best, the most powerful Christians are the ones who sail through life's problems, that these are the people who have a real ministry. But the truth is the kind of "ministry" they have is not really helpful, because in reality, no one really sails through life without a care in the world. We only think they do.

I often think of Joni Eareckson-Tada, a quadriplegic on a mission since her diving accident in 1967, and what would have happened if God had healed her 30 years ago. I'm sure that would have been wonderful for her, but not for the countless number of people who since that accident she has emboldened by her everyday example of courage and dependence on God. The ones

who can really help others are often the ones who are toughing it through their own difficulties in life. They are the ones whose mission grows out of their own challenges.

I have a confession to make. It may shock you. But I know people who really find it really difficult to get through life. Some of these people I know suffer from depression, others suffer from anxiety attacks, or have a particular point of vulnerability in their lives with which they struggle. Well you're probably saying, "What's so shocking about that?" Well I suppose it's that these people that I know who struggle in this way are all ministerial friends of mine! Now some would say they shouldn't be ministers until they get themselves sorted out. But I would want to say that if all their problems and difficulties were sorted out they wouldn't be the ministers they are, helping others to get through their problems and difficulties in life, and breathing testimony to the power of God — not to the power of God ten years ago or more when they were called to the ministry, but to the power of God today.

And this is the type of mission no one is excused from. It's a ministry not so much about survival but about surviving, and helping others who, like you, are struggling with things in their lives.

Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer.

(2 Corinthians 1:6)

Growing Deane Church

Acts For Today

'The Growing Church in the Acts of the Apostles'

The Council of Jerusalem

'Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace' (Eph 4:3).

Unity was of primary importance to the first Christians, in a church with an astonishing racial and cultural mix. Just as today, failing to exhibit unity compromises the very gospel of reconciliation that we preach.

This concern was highlighted in the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), when the unity of the church was under threat. As Gentiles joined the church, it was the conservative Jewish Christians who said, 'it is necessary to circumcise them (i.e. the Gentiles) and to charge them to keep the law of Moses' (15:5). At heart the issue concerned whether faith in Christ alone was sufficient, or whether other conditions should be imposed upon them? In their case it was Christ plus other demands brought over from Judaism. In our own church today, it can be Christ plus laying on of hands, Christ plus speaking in tongues, Christ plus re-baptism and so on.

How did the apostles respond? After listening to Peter, the testimony of Paul and Barnabas and applying Scripture, they reached a decision. While agreeing that circumcision should not be demanded of Gentile Christians, they were asked to forego eating meat offered to idols, or from which the blood had not been drained, and immorality.

What can we learn from them about maintaining unity within our own church life at Deane?

- They allowed free and open debate.
- They stood firm on essentials, while compromising on inessentials.
- They permitted variety in practice among different cultural groups.

Do we value unity as highly as these early Christians?

Like them, we should aim for what 'seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us' (28).

HOLIDAY CLUB 2005

Who is it for?

Children aged
5 -11 years old

What?

games songs
bible teaching
craft drama

Why should I help?

We need a big team of helpers to make this event run smoothly and safely.

Getting involved is a great way of getting to know other people in the church, and is really good fun.

Don't worry if you've never been involved in anything like this before; you will be given training, and we will give you a role that suits you. Don't worry if you can't help everyday; any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Rock Pool Leader

working in pairs, spending time with a small group of children, getting to know them, helping them with the activities, talking through the main teaching points.

For more info speak to Karen:
01204 64340 or 07821 304564

This summer Deane Church is inviting children from the parish to Seaside Rock

When?

Monday 25th – Friday 29th July
10am – 12 noon.

Why?

For many children in the Parish, holiday club may be the only contact they have with the church, for others it is a great way of them getting to know people in the church, and learning more about Jesus, whilst having lots of fun.



Behind the scenes

making sure that each child gets a drink, setting up, clearing away, awarding points for work.

Young Helpers (12 - 17)

loads of ways to help -welcoming children, encouraging them, helping in the groups, getting involved in drama, songs & games.

Benedict (c.480 – c.550)

Those of you who saw the recent series about the men who entered a Benedictine monastery for a few weeks may be interested to know more about Benedict whose special day is July 11th.

Benedict was an abbot and author of the famous Rule that bears his name. Surprisingly little is known about his life: born at Nursia, Benedict studied at Rome, which he then left before completing his studies to become a hermit at Subiaco. After a time disciples joined him, whom he organised into twelve deaneries of ten. After an attempt on his life, Benedict moved on to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he wrote the final version of his Rule.

Benedict's Rule is justly famous and respected: not only did it incorporate much traditional monastic teaching from revered monks like Basil, but Benedict went on to modify this in a way characterised by prudence and moderation within a framework of authority, obedience, stability and community life.

Benedict's great achievement was to produce a monastic way of life which was complete, orderly, and workable. The monks' primary occupation was liturgical prayer, complemented by sacred reading and manual work of various kinds.

Benedict's own personality shines through this Rule: wise, discreet, flexible, having a deep knowledge of God's word, but also a spiritual father to his community. His rule came to be recognised as the fundamental monastic code of western Europe in the early Middle Ages. Because of his Rule, monasteries became centres of learning, agriculture, hospitality, and medicine. Thus Benedict came to influence the lives of millions of people.

Whilst Benedict's spirituality may not be ours we can learn from a man who devoted his own life to seeking to serve God with all he had and encouraged others to do the same.

wise	discreet	flexible	deep knowledge of God's word
ARE WE GROWING UP IN CHRIST?			
IS OUR EXAMPLE ONE TO FOLLOW?			

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK REPORT 2005

Congratulations to everyone who contributed in their many ways to this year's collection of **£2854** which is £123 more than the total for 2004.



All of this has been achieved despite the fact that we had one less collector than last year. Out of the 65 rounds that cover our area 20 rounds were not covered, despite a number of dedicated collectors taking on 2 or even 3 rounds. It has to be said that our 'patch' has increased in size due to the new (or not so new now) houses on Ferncrest, Ladybridge Gardens and Beaumont Chase estates but in order to avoid increasing the number of rounds some of the more difficult areas have been taken off the list. It would be fair to say that most people do not enjoy house to house collecting but it is a form of witness in which the churches across the country can share and it has been a disappointment that we have not been able to achieve better coverage. However the television advertising during Christian Aid Week has helped significantly with awareness since it was started some years ago.

On June 6th there was a meeting of the Bolton Christian Aid Committee that meets at this time to report on the various areas within Bolton. John Logan, who is the Manchester area representative for Christian Aid, was able to be present and this provided the opportunity for comments / complaints to be fed back to headquarters. There was universal condemnation of this year's campaign poster in which the fact that it was advertising Christian Aid was so insignificant as to be virtually useless and an official complaint was recorded.

As part of a rationalisation exercise the individual offices for Christian Aid in Cheshire, Merseyside, Preston and Man-

chester will be relocated to a single office in Warrington. It remains to be seen whether this will make them too remote from the areas they represent.

A comment was made recently by someone in church that they thought Christian Aid was becoming involved in politics. John Logan commented that all aid organisations need to lobby governments in order to apply pressure for change. The fact that our government has adopted the 'Make Poverty History' slogan is not an indication that Christian Aid is supporting them but actually that the government is conceding the need to show that some action is proposed. The active reality has yet to be proven!

The opportunity to gift aid contributions was taken up by about 30% percent of the donors. Christian Aid can get 27% extra from the government in respect of donations from taxpayers provided they fill in their details on the envelope. For those that did fill in the necessary details Christian Aid should be able to claim an additional £350.

Some Irish coins, some half pennies, a tiddlywink and a small pebble were included in the envelopes but everything else was legal tender!

Thank you again to all who, in many ways, helped to achieve this total.

Phil Ray.

Observations on the spiritual side of life

The conversion of a soul is the work of a moment, but the making of a saint is the task of a lifetime. - Alan Redpath
Holiness should be our aim - not in an attempt to make the Lord love us, but simply because He already does.
Never make your living at the expense of your life.
There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up. - J A Homer
Character is what a man is in the dark. - D L Moody

Notice Board

Ladies Guild

July 12

History of Nursery Rhymes
Fred Holcroft

July 26

What use would a
microwave be to me?
Pat Haywood

Who's Who?

It may be that there will be insufficient room in the magazine to include this page every month. Please keep a copy if you think you may need it. There are extra copies at the back of church, including some in a larger format.

"Church Warden goes through the Pain Barrier for Charity"

Bryan Shephard and his son Ross are doing the 60 mile Bike Ride from Manchester to Blackpool on Sunday 17th July in aid of the Christies against Cancer Appeal.

A sponsorship form will be at the back of Church for anyone wishing to sponsor them.

Your Valley Gate

One of the ancient ways into Jerusalem was through the valley gate. And at some point in each of our lives, we will have a 'valley experience'. No one leaps from peak to peak throughout life. Sometimes all we can do is just 'walk and not faint' (Isaiah 40:31).

But there is help promised to each of us: 'They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.' God will allow us to walk through situations in life that bring us to a place of total dependence on him.

This is not to destroy us, but to help us to grow our faith in him. For He promises: **The Lord himself goes before you, and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.** (Deuteronomy 31:8).

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
Climbers: 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

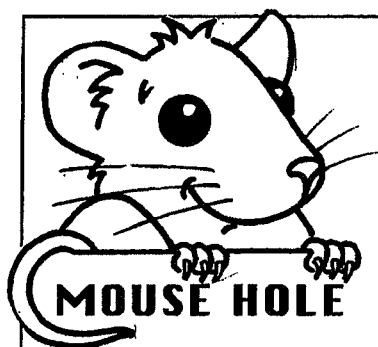
Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut
Brownies Tuesday 6.45
 Ann Calderbank 398206
Brownies Wednesday 6.30
 Janet Barnsley 01772 322247

Guides Monday 7.15
 Carole Baxendale 419167
Cubs Thursday 6.45
 Mike Ash 436036
Rainbows Friday 6.30
 Margaret Latchford 657101

WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

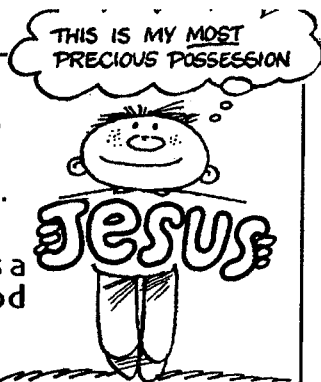
meeting in the Memorial Hall
Ladies' Guild
 alternate Tuesdays 7.45
 Brenda Dixon 653333
Parents and Toddlers
 Thursdays 1.30

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



The most valuable thing you can have can NEVER be lost or broken or stolen.

The most valuable thing you can have is a friendship with God through Jesus



Treasure Trail

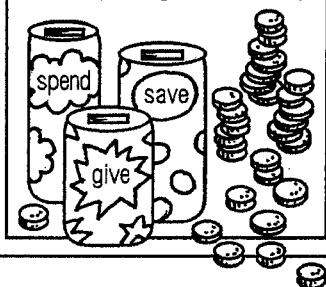
Mark a trail for your friends to follow.

Draw a map and leave puzzles and clues to lead them to the treasure.



Treasure Boxes

Where do you keep your pocket money? Don't have just one box to keep it in... have three! One for money to save, one for money to spend and one for money to give away.





Jesus said:
"...store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy and robbers cannot break in and steal."

"For your heart will always be where your riches are."

Matthew 6: 20-21

What is more valuable?

an everlasting friendship with God and his son Jesus... 

...money and all the things in the world it can buy. 

Precious Stones

In the times of the Old Testament the priests wore special robes with precious stones on.

Look up Exodus 28:15-20 (N.I.V. Bible) to see what they were ...

