

Deane Parish Magazine

May

2006



May Diary

May 7

9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m.

Easter 4

Holy Communion (Common Worship)
Family and Parade Service
Holy Communion

May 14

9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m.

Easter 5

Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
Service of the Word
Service of the Word

May 21

9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m.

Easter 6

Holy Communion (BCP)
Family Worship with Baptism
Holy Communion

May 25

7.30 p.m.

Ascension Day

Holy Communion

May 28

9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
6.00 p.m.

Easter 7

Holy Communion (BCP)
Family Communion
Service of the Word



Holy Communion Readings

May 7

1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Easter 4

May 14

1 John 4:17-21; John 15:1-8

Easter 5

May 21

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Easter 6

May 28

1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Easter 7

Collect for Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Rector Writes

Putting the 'fun' back in dysfunctional

It's a bit of a strange title isn't it for this month's article. I have to say that it is not original. Someone I heard about had a fridge magnet which she had put on display for her family. It read: "Let's put the 'fun' back in dysfunctional."

Now this particular woman knew something about this topic. She was separated from her husband and the children were being shuttled between them on a regular basis, so I guess that if anybody knew what being dysfunctional was it was her.

Well, what could possibly be fun about her situation? Not much I suppose, but I hope that she could find *something*, because it would be truly awful to be so enslaved by your circumstances that it is impossible to find *any* "fun" in your "dysfunction."

Let me be honest with you - I'm not finding it a particularly "fun" time in my ministry at this particular moment. As many of you will know it has been a particularly difficult time in the church with both bereavements and sickness. At times I feel weighed down by other people's loss and at times their sense of hopelessness. I empathise with how they must be feeling and my heart aches for them. And then there are those who seem to do nothing but gripe about things in the church. The only time they want to have a "quick word with you" is when they want to voice a complaint of one sort or another. And to be honest most of what they want a "quick word" about is, in my opinion, trivia. And it's not just me! I know others feel themselves afflicted in such a way. Oh how one longs that such people would be a positive force within the church rather than a negative one. That they will seek to build up rather than to pull down. That they will realise that their actions and attitudes aren't helpful, not only to the church and others, but to themselves as well. But hey, less of me, what about some of you? I guess that some of you woke up this morning feeling depressed about one thing or another. That some of you come to church on a

Sunday morning with a smile on your face but with an ache in your heart. And the point I really want to make here is this: if God can't meet us in the middle of whatever bad news we are in, then he can't meet most of us most of the time, and we are in big trouble.

So here is some "fun" you might want to put right in the middle of your "dysfunctional" life:

There is nothing too big for God to handle. (Matthew 19:26)
There is nothing too bad for him to forgive. (1 John 1:9)

The forces that threaten to steal your life and your future are puny compared to his awesome power. (Romans 8:38-39)

He could change your fortunes in a day if he wanted to. (Daniel 2:21)

If he doesn't, there's a good reason why. (Proverbs 16:9)

He not only loves you, he is delighted with you despite all your dysfunctions, and revels in every moment you spend with him. (Song of Solomon 2:10-13)

He knows your sorrow. He remembers that you are dust, and collects all your tears in a bottle. (Psalm 103:14; Psalm 56:8)

He will give you strength and courage for whatever you may yet have to go through. (Romans 8:31)

Someday, from your mansion in heaven, you will look back on this day and smile, because you will realize that your light and momentary troubles were achieving for you an eternal glory that far outweighs them all in comparison. (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

There. Think you can manage a smile now? This "fun" stuff isn't just wishful thinking. It is real, and it exists in spite of everything around us. Kind of like the "fun" in dysfunctional that I bet you didn't even know was there until now.

So when things feel as if they are overwhelming us then let us get out this article again and let Gods words above give us both strength and comfort.

Ladies' Guild Coffee Morning

Saturday 13th May 2006 from 10 to 12 noon

Our church Ladies' Guild was formed more than 50 years ago and some of our members are coming up to their 'Golden Anniversary'! Over the years we have been privileged to have had many able leaders and helpers and to have forged many special friendships. Our main aim has been to provide a meeting for fellowship, to foster the growth of Christian faith and to visit those friends in the community who are sick or housebound. We also annually support many and varied charities at home and abroad, including Derian House, Bolton Hospice, Vision Aid and Embu.

Inevitably many of us are getting into the 'twilight' of our lives but our resolve and energy are still there—so once again we are holding our annual **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 13th May and we would earnestly ask the church family to support us with their presence.

Please come along and help us to make it a successful morning. You will find a warm welcome and a time of fellowship over coffee and biscuits and with many bargains to tempt you at our stalls.

Thank you!



Ladies' Guild May 2006

May 9th Pasty supper

May 23rd Cycles for Africa

Asleep

A young man fell asleep in the Sunday morning service, and began to snore. The preacher stopped and impatiently motioned to the young boy beside the man to wake him up. The boy said: "Wake him up yourself,, you put him to sleep!"

Traidcraft collects top social reporting award

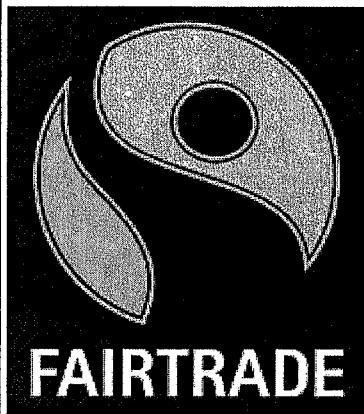


Christian-based Traidcraft's approach to social reporting has earned top honours in the prestigious 2005 ACCA UK Sustainability Awards.

In a 22-strong field which included some of the biggest names in the City, industry, the public sector and the media, Traidcraft plc collected the award for the best social report - the fourth year in succession its name has appeared on the trophy list.

"After three years in which we have been joint runner-up, joint winner and sole runner-up respectively, it is wonderful to be sole winner of the award at last," said Traidcraft chief executive Paul Chandler.

Fair Trade Stall



Thank you to everyone who has supported the Fair Trade Stall over the last few months. We hope you have been enjoying your purchases and that you are pleased to be able to ensure that those who have produced the goods are getting a fair price for the goods they have grown. The stall has been successful enough for us to make it a permanent feature - it will be in church on the first Sunday of every month. We are going to be increasing the range of products so you can try other

items such as marmalade, jam, honey, rice and pasta as well as tea, coffee, biscuits and chocolates. If you wish to make a regular order for items then you can do and this will ensure you will get what you want. It will also help us with the ordering. To do this, just give your order to Alison Partington or Anne Roberts.

Special days in May

25 Ascension Day - Forty Days with the Risen Christ

May continues the season of Eastertide, and 40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day.

It may seem crazy to call it Eastertide when Easter is clearly over! - but these are the forty days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

Editor: if you want to add more detail to Christ's appearances, the stories can be found in Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.

31 The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary - the virgin mother of Jesus. For centuries the eastern and western churches have considered her pre-eminent among all the saints.

In the gospels, Mary makes her first appearance as a teenager. Nothing is known of her childhood, and what we do know of her is found mostly in Matthew 1 - 2 and in Luke 1 - 2. If you read both accounts, you'll notice that Luke's account seems to give the story from Mary's standpoint, whereas Matthew concentrates more on Joseph's side of things. In both accounts the virginal conception of Christ is clearly stated. Mary's quiet devotion to God and her acceptance of his will shine forth.

After Jesus is born, Mary fades into the background, and makes few appearances: when the family visits Jerusalem and she loses her son on the way home; when she urges him to help the wedding party in Cana with its wine problem; and when Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when he is dying on the cross. .

Mary obviously joined the early Church, but her role was never one of teaching and preaching, and indeed she remained so much in the background that nothing more about her is known for certain.

Heading for Madagascar!

I am writing to tell you about a new project I am starting and to ask you for your prayers, your support and your blessing for this new venture.

I have applied to Tearfund, the Christian relief and development charity, and been accepted to serve as a volunteer on a four week project in Mandritsara in North-East Madagascar, working on the Transform Project.

The Transform programme enables Christians to spend from two weeks to four months working hand in hand with Tearfund's local partners in Africa, Asia and Central and South America. Transform teams turn their hands to a wide range of work, from building houses for widows and orphans from Rwanda's genocide, to working with children orphaned by AIDS in Thailand and working with street children in Brazil.

My journey starts on 8th July, and on my arrival in Madagascar I will be helping to build a guesthouse, helping with the local vaccination programme, arranging sports competitions to spread the awareness of HIV/AIDS and running a kids' summer club at the local church in Mandritsara. I'll be joined by ten other volunteers from around the country as part of the Transform team.

As many of you will know, I am a second year music student at the University of York, and I've never done anything like this before. I know that although my journey to Mandritsara will be exciting, it will also be incredibly tough. We shall be living in homes where there is no electricity, no running water or flushing toilets. Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world and 70% of the people there live below the poverty line.

We will be living with local families in their homes, and working with the local people, which gives me an amazing opportunity to make friendships and learn about a culture which is completely different to our own. For me, this will be a once in a lifetime, life-changing experience. I feel so fortunate to have been selected to be able to take

part in this project. I really want to go out there in July and actually be able to make a difference, and even if I only help a few people out of thousands, then I will have done something worthwhile.

The trip will cost in the region of £2,000 and I am in the midst of dreaming up many crazy fund-raising ideas. However, as well as your prayers and your blessing, I would greatly appreciate any donations or sponsorship you may care to make, however little. If you would like to help with this venture, there is a sheet at the back of church, through which you can make a pledge to donate any amount. If you would like any more information, I can be contacted via email at jec502@york.ac.uk or by telephone on 07849496741.

tearfund.org

Christian action with the world's poor

At THE YOUNGER END OF THINGS...

It's nearly holiday club time again!

This year's holiday club will be from 24th to 29th July, 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon each day and will be for 4 to 11 year olds.

Please keep the dates free if you can!

YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP!

Iuventus @ St Luke's Halliwell Friday 5th May

YZUP Café @ St Andrew's Over Hulton Saturday 10th June

Capture Saturday 17th June venue tbd

Look out for up to date info on notice board at back of church.

Baptism Register for May

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11-May-03	Aimee Jade Moss	08.10.02
11-May-03	Jak Dermot Orrell	10.09.02
16-May-04	Mark Anthony Glynn	04.10.03
16-May-04	Alex Lee Knowles	16.05.03
16-May-04	Jorge Robert Leonard Pimblett	14.05.03
16-May-04	George David Southern	08.02.04
16-May-04	Alexander Robert Stabler	26.01.04
16-May-04	Megan Jade Stabler	07.10.02
15-May-05	Charlotte Elizabeth Cunningham	28.10.04
15-May-05	Leanne Dawn Oakes	Adult
15-May-05	Peter Thomas Oakes	19.06.96
15-May-05	Emily Jane Oakes	05.09.97

A prayer for a baby

O Lord my God, shed the light of your love on my child. Keep him safe from all illness and all injury. Enter his tiny soul, and comfort him with your peace and joy. He is too young to speak to me, and to my ears his cries and gurgles are meaningless nonsense. But to your ears they are prayers. His cries are cries for your blessing. His gurgles are gurgles of delight at your grace. Let him as a child learn the way of your commandments. As an adult let him live the full span of life, serving your kingdom on earth. And finally in his old age, let him die in the sure and certain knowledge of your salvation. I do not ask that he be wealthy, powerful or famous. Rather I ask that he be poor in spirit, humble in action, and devout in worship. Dear Lord, smile upon him.

By Johann Starck (1680 - 1756)



May Miscellany

Have you ever noticed the difference in the Christian life between work and fruit? A machine can do work; only life can bear fruit.

Andrew Murray

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He'd be either a lunatic - on a level with a man who says he's a poached egg - or else he'd be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was and is the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.... But don't let us come up with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has-n't left that open to us. He didn't intend to.

C S Lewis

New Creation

(2 Corinthians 5 v16-6v3)

God thinks you into being,
Plans you,
Draws in all your details,
Every part intended to be
As you are.
The master of creation,
His loving preparation
Takes patient years
Of workmanship and waiting,
Until, at the exact
Time and day of his favour,
He looks at your black and white image.
Love looks at you,
And if you turn your eyes towards him,
Christ colours you in.

Daphne Kitching

God's Grace Distilling

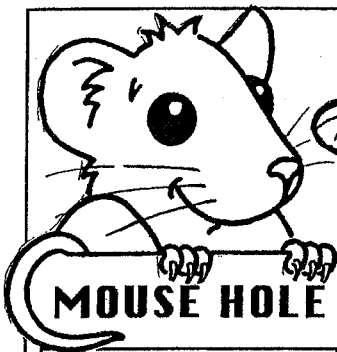
The grace of God on you distil,
The grace of Christ bedewing fill,
The grace of Spirit flowing still
Each day and night upon you pour
Of this life's share for you in store;
O day and night upon you pour
Of this life's share for you in store.

*From Poems of the
Western Highlanders*

Your dwelling-place

Lord, grant me a simple, kind, open, believing, loving and generous heart, worthy of being your dwelling- place.

John Sergieff, Russian priest, 1829 - 1908

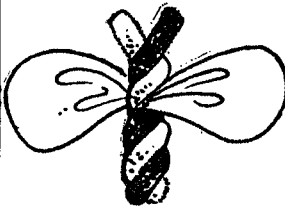


MOUSE HOLE

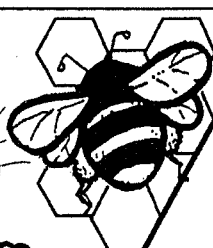
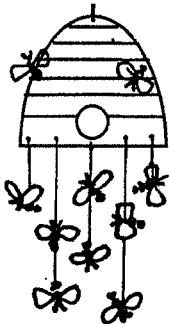


Buzzy Bees

- Twist together 1 yellow pipe cleaner and 1 black pipe cleaner

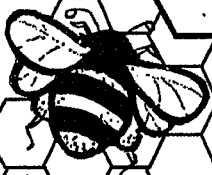
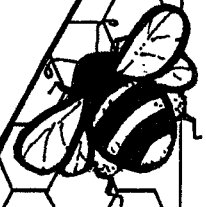
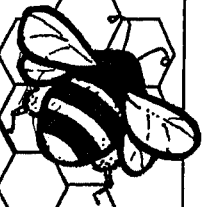


- Slot in the wings, made from a rectangle of cellophane, plastic or tissue that has been rounded off at the ends.
- Twist the pipe cleaners a further 3 to 4 times then trim.
- Make a large card beehive and hang lots of bees from it!



Kind words
are like
honey,
sweet to the taste
and **good** for
the health

Proverbs 16:24



Have you
heard the
sayings:

'Busy as a bee'

'As sweet as **honey**'

'A **hive** of activity'

'The bee's knees'

The name
DEBORAH
means
BEE

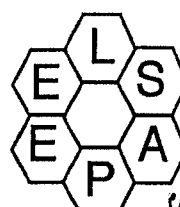
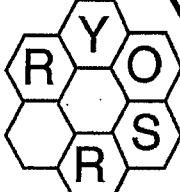
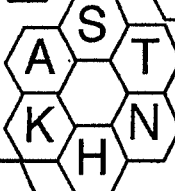
Read **Deborah's**
story in
Judges 4 & 5



BEE
WORDS:

BEEN
BEEF
BEEP

how many more
can you
think of?



Here are 3 kind words...
rearrange the letters in each
honeycomb to find out what they are.

