

Deane Parish Magazine

May

2007



St Mary's Diary: May

	9:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sunday 6th	Morning Prayer (BCP) Revelation 7: 9-17 John 14: 8-24	Family Parade 2 Kings 5	Holy Communion (BCP) Revelation 7: 9-17 John 14: 8-24
Sunday 13th	Holy Communion (BCP) Revelation 21: 1-6 John 15: 1-16	Holy Communion 2 Kings 6: 8-23	Service of the Word Revelation 21: 1-6 John 15: 1-16
Ascension Day Service Thursday 17th May at 7:30 (Holy Communion)			
Sunday 20th	Holy Communion (BCP) Revelation 21:10, 22—22:-5 John 15: 17-16:4	Family Worship Acts 1:1-11	Holy Communion Revelation 21:10, 22—22:-5 John 15: 17-16:4
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion (BCP) Revelation 22: 12-21 John 17: 1-19	Service of the Word Sunday School Acts 2:1-13, 43-47	Evening Prayer (BCP) Revelation 22: 12-21 John 17: 1-19

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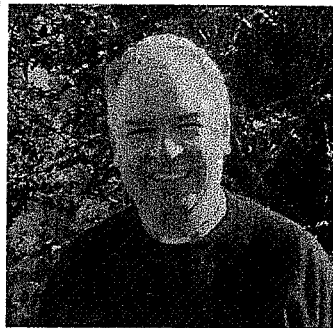
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Deane Handicraft Group

We would like to thank everyone for the kind remarks regarding the 'Easter Banners'. These were made and donated by the Handicraft Group out of the proceeds from the coffee morning. We meet on Mondays at 1.15 p.m. Contact Julie Cooper on (01204) 660946 for more information.

The Rector Writes

Who do you rate?



It's not very often that I write a magazine article a few weeks before the deadline but I heard something on the radio this morning which made me think and so I thought I would put pen to paper, or fingers to keyboard, while the subject is still fresh in my mind.

The article I heard on Radio 4 was about school pupils putting embarrassing pictures of their teachers on YouTube (www.youtube.com). It also went on to mention that there was a web site, www.ratemyteachers.co.uk (the banner of which is "changing the way the world looks at education by providing students with the unique opportunity to critique their teachers"), where pupils can mark their teachers out of 10 and leave comments about them on the site, anonymously of course. Teachers are calling upon the education secretary to put an end to this as they believe that it is dragging the teaching profession down.

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Well I have fairly strong thoughts about this myself. Of course as an ex teacher I know that every teacher will at times be caught out by an embarrassing moment. One just has to ride it out in the knowledge that it will be forgotten in time, probably when that particular year group leaves school, or if the faux pas was particularly spectacular, it will go down in the annals of school history. If that is the case one actually becomes a bit of a celebrity. But that said I am not happy with having material posted on sites which have a national, no, international audience. If a teacher was to take a picture of a school pupil in a compromising position and post it on YouTube the likelihood is that they would be disciplined, in fact it would probably be a dismissible offence. So why should pupils be able to do something which teachers cannot do? And as to marks out of ten, I could have made some very telling remarks about some of the pupils I taught, if I knew they were to

remain anonymous. There was one boy I taught of whom I would have left the comment "John Smith (fictitious name!) lives in a world of his own from which he occasionally awakes to make yet another mistake." However I don't think it would have been very good for "John Smiths" confidence, or that of his parents.

And then I thought to myself what it would be like if the clergy had a web site on which they could post comments about their bishop. Or what about a web site where members of the congregation could post comments about their minister. Or what about a web site where ministers could rate out of 10 members of their congregation. Ah, well that would be different. You see we don't mind making comments about others, but others making comments about us, well its just not on.

And this is where I get to the rub of the problem. You see so often we find it easy to see the faults in others but fail to see them in ourselves. So often we are unforgiving to others but hope that people will be gracious unto us. There is a bit of the "do not throw stones in glass houses" that we need to be mindful of. But more than that there is a Christian injunction that we all need to be mindful of, and it comes from the lips of Jesus himself, "Do not judge others, or you too will be judged. For in the same way as you judge others , you will be judged, and with the measure you use , it will be measured to you." (Matthew 7:1).

Maybe that is the banner text that should be posted up on the home site for Youtube or Ratemyteacher. I guess if it was then some at least may think twice about making the contribution they were intending to make. And maybe some would decide to be more charitable and positive about their teachers, just as they no doubt wish that others would be charitable to them. And maybe that's what all of us need to learn in this debate.†



Parochial Church Council Update, 25th April 2007

The following people were elected
or re-elected at the APCM on 25th
April:

Wardens

Les Kilsby
Craig Mochrie
Beccy Rutter

PCC Members

June Gill
Karen Greenhalgh
Jane Hampson
Mike Kirkby
Michelle Moxon
Bryan Shephard
Ken Tidmarsh
Charles Winder

The following are 'ex officio'
members of the PCC (not elected
at the APCM):

Clergy

Ian Mainey
Daniel Howard

Deanery Synod Rep's

Julie Cooper
Philip Gore
Nola Kilsby
Pat Sewell
Paula Small

PARISH WEBSITE REQUEST FOR HELP!

An opportunity for someone to help out with church life...
...you can do it at home and fit it in around other commitments.

Are you prepared to take on the job of updating the information on the
church website? Expected workload is around 2 hours per week average.

We are looking for someone who is:

- Fairly comfortable using computers
- Reliable and willing to serve
- Able to process information
- Willing to try something a bit different

The job doesn't have to be done by a computer expert!

The old parish website is about to shut down due to factors beyond our
control. The new one will be simpler and the information will be updated via a
user-friendly software program. Please contact Dan Howard if you-or a
friend-may be interested. (contacts on back page)

St Mary's C of E School - Our School

At Edale Road there is the school that belongs to this church. It has been pointed out that little is known about the school and the activities that take place there. We intend to correct this by writing a series of articles in the church magazine to inform church members and others what does take place in our school and to hopefully improve the links between the church, the school, the congregation and the staff.

The school already uses the church for special services and the intention is for church members to come into school to see what activities take place and meet the staff. A regular once a month, Tuesday morning service in church is being arranged to which you are invited and details of these dates for the Summer Term are listed below:

Tuesday 1st May 2007

Tuesday 5th June 2007

Tuesday 3rd July 2007

Our school is a Voluntary Controlled Church of England Primary School, which means that the school is affiliated to St Mary's Church Deane but is the responsibility of the Education Authority. It is reputed to be the oldest established school in Lancashire originally occupying a building across the road from the church in Horsfield Street. The present school dates from the mid 1960's.

The school takes boys and girls from the ages of 3 to 11 years, and has an Early Years Unit for under 5 year old children. The number on the school roll is 256 (including our Nursery) and a number of our children (37%) are from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, with English as a second language. The Head teacher, Mrs Diane Jeffries and her team of experienced staff, ensure the provision of the school meets the needs of all its pupils, their families and the wider community.

The Governing Body is responsible for the school and is made up of 15 people comprising of parents, teachers, members of the local authority, members of the community and representative members of the church.

As with other schools funding is given to the school annually (April)

through the Local Authority and is used to ensure that all children have the appropriate resources in order to learn and achieve, which include, quality staffing, a safe environment and educational resources. The school entrance was remodelled in July 2006 at a cost of in excess of £120,000 as it was found to be lacking in security, toilet facilities and access for any children and adults with disabilities.

The school was inspected by the dreaded OFSTED team on 18th /19th January 2007, a momentous time as you may recall, as the 19th was a day of exceptional weather conditions with much property damage. It was on this day that during the inspection a large tree in the grounds fell down destroying part of the recently erected security fence. This could have been taken as a bad omen but this was not the case. The report showed the school to be satisfactory in all respects and especially good in the personal development, in care guidance and support of pupils and in the leadership and management of the school. The leadership of the Head teacher was reported to be exceptional and outstanding.

There is a yet another stage in the process where the Diocese sends their own inspector this has yet to take place and will be reported on later.

Hopefully this will give you a 'broad strokes' picture of the school in which there are many new initiatives in process but more of this later.

Diane Jeffries - Head Teacher
John Tudor - Chair of Governors

THE CELL PHONE vs. THE BIBLE

What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?
What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
What if we flipped through it several times a day?
What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
What if we gave it to our children as a gift?
What if we used it when we traveled?
What if we used it in case of emergency?

Unlike our mobile, we don't have to worry about our Bible being 'disconnected' because of an unpaid bill. Jesus already paid the bill. In full. And just think - no dropped calls! God hears them all!

Author Unknown

'Blow the Whistle' Sunday

20th May 2007

By Alison Partington

The year 2000 was a time when many people paused to reflect on the state of the world at the start of a new millennium. This was not just a time for personal reflection, the mood of reflection was matched by many national leaders too. For many the world as we entered the 21st century was not a pretty site. As a result in 2000, 191 countries signed up to the Millennium Development Goals. There were eight of these goals which if achieved would lift 500 million people out of poverty throughout the world. The goals are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/Aids, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

This summer marks the half way point from the signing of these goals to when they should be achieved. At the moment there is a real danger that none of these targets will be achieved, and we need to do all that we can to keep the pressure on world leaders so that the goals become a reality.

But is helping to eradicate poverty just a job for world leaders? In this the year we have celebrated the work of William Wilberforce and others in abolishing the slave trade, we should be inspired by his example. Perhaps you have recently seen the film "Saving Grace" about his life. One incident from the film sticks in my mind. The then Prime Minister William Pitt, turns to his friend Wilberforce, a young politician, famed for his powerful speeches, and says "Are you going to use your great voice to worship God in private or to transform society in God's name?"

Wilberforce rose to that challenge and spent 2 decades working to outlaw the slave trade; he saw an injustice and he spent most of the rest of his

life trying to fix it. In doing so he stood up against the standards of the day, facing resistance from politicians, businesses and even religious leaders.

Two hundred years after the abolition of the slave trade, nearly 2 billion people live in absolute poverty. Surely if Wilberforce were alive today he would be addressing this pressing issue of injustice. As Christians we need to hold our national leaders to account for their progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals but we also need to be doing part to help fight poverty and injustice wherever we see it.

Pray :

for our government and other world leaders to act justly and remember the needs of the poor
that promises they made will be turned into action to fulfill the Millennium Development Goals
that we, the Church might be a prophetic voice to bring about change
that as individuals we would be passionate and active to bring justice and hope for the oppressed.✠

Ladies Guild

May Programme

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| 1 st | A talk on Bolton Little Theatre | June Grice |
| 15 th | final arrangements for coffee morning | |
| 19 th | Saturday Coffee Morning | |
| 29 th | Sugar, Spice, Vinegar and Salt | Mrs Hayward |

We particularly invite everyone to come and join us for the 'Coffee Morning' at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 19th May. Tickets are available at 50p (which includes coffee and biscuits) from Guild members. Please do join us for a good time of fellowship together, and the home made cake stall is not to be missed!

Advanced notice of our day out on Saturday 2nd June, to Buxton and Castleton. We have some seats available at £10.00 each. If you are interested, please contact Edna Barlow on 01942 877434.

Update on redevelopment of church site and building of new Memorial Hall

The redevelopment committee has long been aware of the state of the Memorial Hall and the need to build a new one. We have explored what could be done on the church site before starting on plans for a new hall, to avoid duplication of facilities. Following on from this, the PCC made the following decisions at its February meeting:

1. To continue with the plans for the church site, including submitting these to the various bodies for discussion and approval.
2. To instruct the architect to prepare plans for a new hall, with the idea that once we have approval of these plans we would go ahead with the rebuilding of a new hall as a priority over the redevelopment of the church site.

We are now in the early stages of looking at plans for a new hall and are reasonably confident that this will not take long before we will be able to present them to the PCC and then to the church and wider community.

As a committee we are aware of the length of time we have spent on the redevelopment but we feel strongly that it is worth the time spent at this stage rather than rushing into something and regretting unwise decisions in the future. So thank you for your patience and please still pray that we will make the right decisions about our buildings not just for our present use but for potential use in the future.

Nola Kilsby— Chair of the redevelopment committee

Fundraising!

"Isn't it too soon to be thinking of raising funds?" ...in a word, "No!"

Now is the time for us to gather ideas and plan events. We hope that many of you will want to be involved. We already held a meeting to discuss ideas, and it went very well. If you have ideas but missed the meeting, or if you can help to plan the fund raising, please contact Nola Kilsby or Dan Howard. Thank you!

Maundy Money

In England on Maundy Thursday the Queen gives out Maundy money to a group of pensioners. This tradition dates back to the 12th Century. At that time the Sovereign also used to give food and clothing (later this was changed to a gift of money), and washed the feet of the recipients, a practice that has not been done since James II.

The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin word for 'commandment', important on this day as Christians remember the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane and Jesus' arrest followed by his trial. It was at the Passover meal on that Thursday, when Jesus gave "a new commandment" (*mandatum novum* in Latin), which is "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Historically the Royal Maundy Service has been held in London, but the Queen decided that a service should take place at a different cathedral every year, and this year was the turn of Manchester Cathedral. The number of recipients of Maundy money is related to the Sovereign's age, so this year 81 men and 81 women received the money. These men and women are recommended by clergy and ministers of all denominations, in recognition of service to the church and to the community. Three people associated with Deane Parish received Maundy money; Douglas Robinson, Ruth Smith and Marjorie Stokes.

When the Spirit Came

I denied him,
Watched him die,
Despaired, then dared to hope
When Mary told of the tomb.
Oh, yes he died,
And oh, he rose again –
My Jesus,
Just as he said.

I saw him,
Ate with him
Early in the morning
That day on the shore.
He spoke of following and feeding,
He spoke of the Spirit,
Of waiting and witnessing

And we did wait
When he left us.
We waited, in obedience this time,
In Jerusalem

And the Spirit came.
In wind and in words,
In power and in praise,
In heavenly tongues of fire,
And then we witnessed,
Oh we witnessed to the world
Of our Lord Jesus –
When the Spirit came.

St Mary's Church Directory

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