

Deane St Mary's

November/December 2010

St Mary's Info: ONovember 2010

	9.00	10.30	6.00
Oct 24	Holy Communion	Morning service	Evening Service God.. now you see him now you don't
	Psalm 19; John:19—29		
Oct 31	Holy Communion	All-age Communion	Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance
	Proverbs 16:1—6; John 9:1—12		
Nov 7	Holy Communion	Parade, Shoebox, Baptism	Evening Service
	Psalm 23; John 10:1—18		
Nov 14	Holy Communion	Remembrance	Evening Service
	Psalm 103:8—19; John 13:1—17 Remembrance Sunday		
Nov 21	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Service
	Romans 8:9—17; John 14:1—7		
Nov 28	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Evening Service
	I Thess. 4:13—18. John 11:17—44		

We're sorry if the publication dates of the magazine seem somewhat erratic! We are trying to publish when it seems appropriate rather than just because it's a new month. So, the next magazine will be published at the end of November and will cover Advent and Christmas with some advance notice of January events. The next one will be mid January and the following one for the beginning of Lent, March 6th. The following will be for Holy Week and Easter, out on April 17th, and so on. Deadline for next mag 15th November. Editor

By Him all things were created

Even a casual observer of the night sky just now can't fail to miss the planet Jupiter, looking like a huge star. With a low power telescope or just a good pair of binoculars you can pick out it's four biggest moons. You can even see the great swirls of cloud rolling over the surface of this gas giant. Yes, we are seeing the weather on another planet 400 million miles away!

The Magi from the East followed a star to find the Christ child in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:2), but they may have arrived anything up to two years after Jesus had been born... which puts a bit of a question mark over the traditional crib scene! But better a late birthday present than none at all!

1900 years before that first Christmas, God one night took Abraham outside his tent and said *"Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them. So shall your offspring be."* (Genesis 15:5). God had promised Abraham that he would have many descendants, who would live in a land of milk and honey, who would have a special relationship with God and through whom the rest of the world would be blessed. God that night was just reminding Abraham of this promise, and as we go through the Biblical account we see that God was true to his word - as indeed he still is today.

Fast forward 900 years and King David, familiar with the night sky as a shepherd boy on the hills around Bethlehem, writes:

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens... When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.*
(Psa 8:1&3-5)

Then, around 60AD, the Apostle Paul takes us beyond time and space. Speaking of Jesus, he says:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all crea-

tion. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (Colossians 1:15-20)

Wow! What an awesome summary of the identity and work of Christ. This Saviour who created the universe and by whose constant will every electron in every atom continues to spin (.... *'in him all things hold together'*) is not some distant figure who wound the clock up and then walked away. The God of the Bible who we see and can know personally in the person of Jesus Christ is intimately involved in his creation.

On a cloudless night I could happily spend hours star-hopping through the sky, picking out constellations. It strikes me that many souls in this world spend a lot of their lives searching for the divine. Some use a telescope (so to speak) and some a 'microscope', and whilst they may catch a glimpse of God, many fail to actually meet with him personally. Some with a spiritual thirst explore the occult (particularly around Halloween) and instead of finding light and life in Christ (John 10:10) find only pathways to darkness and shattered lives. Some look up at the stars and get lead to horoscopes and all the vain hope that they offer. David sat on a hillside and looked up at the night sky and proclaimed "*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*". Let's see beyond the creation to the Creator this Advent time, and let's trust him with the big things and with the little things of life.

Terry Clark



November 'saints'

Many Christians make a habit of remembering each day a Christian of days gone by who set an example in a particular aspect of the Christian life. Here are some for this month

4th November Charles Borromeo - the un-ordained archbishop

Why should being a 'lay' person stop you from as full a ministry as being ordained? Here is a saint for all lay people who suspect they can do as good a job.... Charles Borromeo was an Italian who lived in Milan from 1538 to 1584. His uncle, Pope Pius IV, made him Archbishop of Milan three years before Charles even became a priest, let alone a bishop. Charles, however, was one of the ablest and most compassionate Christian leaders of his age. He established theological colleges to train future clergy, encouraged children to be taught the Christian faith, and increased the help given to the poor.

8th November Four Crowned Martyrs

Has your boss ever tried to get you to do something that is against your Christian faith? If so, here are some examples for you.

Claudius, Nicostratus, Simpronian and Castorius were simple stonemasons in early 4th century Rome. They worked in the imperial quarries and workshops of Sirmium. They made a number of carvings for the Emperor Diocletian, who had a passion for building. Then Diocletian decided he wanted a statue of Aesculapius, the ancient Greek god of medicine. Here Claudius, Nicostratus, Simpronian and Castorius hesitated: they were Christians, and not comfortable about making a 'god'. They demurred. Their line manager Lampadius was furious, and soon had them imprisoned for refusing to sacrifice to the gods.

Claudius and his friends were in bad trouble - and then it got worse. Lampadius suddenly died. His family were distraught, and blamed the stonemasons. Claudius and his companions were killed by drowning. The courage of these four simple stonemasons to risk everything rather than make a stone statue of a god, was a great inspiration in the early Church. The consequences for us in making a stand for the one true living God may not be so drastic as it was for these men, but all the more reason why we should persist!

Look at the birds

I don't read the bible as much as I should nor do I read my bible reading notes as much as I should. But when I do, God never ceases to amaze me with his words of wisdom, encouragement and his great love for us, not forgetting the instructions he gives us.

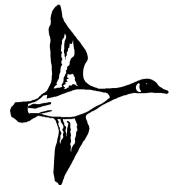
The UCB bible notes based on Matthew 6 v26 (3rd-7th August) have really spoken to me. 'Look at the birds flying around; they do not sow seeds, gather harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in Heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth so much more than birds?'

I never really understood this, but the bible reading notes for these few days really opened my eyes.

Speaking to an anxiety-ridden crowd, Jesus said, "I tell you not to worry about your life, look at the birds in the sky." What can we learn from a bunch of birds? Geese fly united; they don't fly separately because no goose alone can go the distance. They are designed to fly in a "V" formation. When a bird flaps its wings the air movement it creates provides an uplift, easing the load of the birds behind it. Together their flight range increases by 71 percent and this helps the youngest, weakest, and the oldest geese to make the trip. Lost and stray geese are always welcomed into the formation; it's not an exclusive club for the elite. Many newcomers arrive dirty, bedraggled and ill fed. But they are never turned away. How does this relate to us as a Church? Are we a welcoming church? Do we speak to people we don't know? Do we carry and encourage people who need our support?

I would encourage you to read the bible notes for the above few days. If you don't use the UCB notes, borrow one, or they can be accessed by computer (<http://www.ucb.co.uk/index.cfm?itemid=88&testdate=03%20Aug%202010>)

Christ has no higher agenda than to recruit, save and adopt the stranger into his flock. Can we be the church that swings its doors so wide that everyone can enter?



The Compassing of God

The compassing of God and of his right hand
Round my form and frame protecting may it stand;
High King's compassing and grace of Trinity
Round me abiding ever eternally,
Round me abiding ever eternally.

The Three's compassing my shield in my life-means,
The Three's compassing my shield through this day's scenes,
The Three's compassing my shield this night throughout,
From hate, from harm, from act, from evil about,
From hate, from harm, from act, from evil about.

An ancient Celtic prayer

With All Saints' Day and Remembrance Sunday in mind...

Who can imagine by a stretch of fancy the feelings of those who, having died in faith, wake up to enjoyment! Cardinal John Henry Newman

Those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time.
anon

He whose head is in heaven need not fear to put his feet into the grave. Matthew Henry

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. anon

At a funeral we bury something not someone; it is the house not the tenant that is lowered into the grave. Verna Wright.

We are not here to stay; we are here to go! - John Blanchard

I am walking toward a bright light and the nearer I get the brighter it is. D L Moody

We feel and know that we are immortal. Spinoza

War is kinder than a godless peace. G A Studdert-Kennedy

You'll find as poem for Remembrance later in the magazine.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox Appeal 2010

Sunday 7th November



Twenty years ago, moved by the terrible pictures of the Romanian Orphanages, 3000 shoeboxes were sent from the UK, filled with small gifts, to give hope and joy to this children who had nothing more than the clothes they wore. Twenty years on Operation Christmas Child is the UK's largest children's Christmas appeal and it helps to make the Christmas 'miracle' come to life, by continuing to deliver gift-filled shoeboxes to children in Africa, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. They work with local churches and charities overseas to ensure that the shoeboxes gets delivered by hand to children who need it most - children who still have next to nothing and who often have never received a present before in their life. Their approach is to give shoeboxes to children in need, regardless of their background or beliefs.

Last year over 1.18 million shoeboxes packed full of gifts and goodies were wrapped, packed and sent to children in disadvantaged situations by children and adults in the UK.

As a church we sent 96 boxes - it would be wonderful to get over 100 this year. It's easy to get involved You simply take an empty shoe box, wrap it in gift paper (lid and box separately) and fill it with toys, educational supplies, hats and scarves and other items that will bring joy to a child's life.

A leaflet will be available throughout October at the back of church which is full of ideas of what to put in the shoe box, plus an identifying label to stick on the front of your box and a donation envelope so

that you can include the £2.50 per box required by Samaritan's Purse to cover the distribution, transport, processing and promotion costs.

You can bring your filled shoe box to our church on our Shoe Box Celebration Service on 7th November or if you cannot make it that day leave at the Deane Church Shop. To make an even bigger impact, why not involve your whole family, neighbours and friends and bring them all along to the service. I now have about 10 people at work who fill shoe boxes so why not ask your work colleagues.



There is plenty more information on the website

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk

including many moving stories of the joy and happiness a shoe box can bring.

Here is one of my favourites.

The shoebox was the smallest the distributors had ever seen and to add to that it was plain and grey, no colourful Christmas designs decorated its outside. The little grey shoebox arrived at an orphanage in Belarus and during the distribution was handed to a small boy on crutches. Concerned that he would be disappointed with his meager gift, one distributor stayed nearby to watch. Opening the little shoebox, the boy gasped and pulled out a soft, cuddly grey mouse. Laughing, he hugged the mouse close to his cheek and began to look through the rest of the contents. Everything inside the shoebox was grey and yet the little boy's smile grew wider and wider. Intrigued, the distributor sat down on the boy's bed and asked him if he liked his shoebox. With a huge smile on his face the little boy explained, "Grey is my most favourite colour and I had dreamed about getting a cuddly grey mouse. I want him to sleep on my pillow at night. Everything in this shoebox is grey; I know it was especially made for me!"

Now you can order the first ever Easter Egg to mention Jesus on its box

The Bishop of Manchester has welcomed the launch of The Real Easter Egg, the UK's first and only Easter egg to mention Jesus on the box. And he is asking church schools to put in an order before Christmas.



There are over 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK and, incredibly, not one of them mentions the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. Not only does The Real Easter Egg mention Jesus on the pack, but the price includes a donation to charitable projects - buying everything from medical equipment for mums in the UK to chickens for farmers in Africa.

With seven million people going to church at least once a month, another seven million supporting the ethos behind Fairtrade products, and nearly 8,000 church schools, demand is expected to be high for The Real Easter Egg.

Despite the obvious demand, not all UK supermarkets are planning to stock the egg next year. The stores who have signed up will be revealed in January. In the mean-time church schools are being asked to help prove demand by ordering before 1st December 2010.

For schools that do there will be educational resources available in January 2011 with The Real Easter Eggs being delivered early in 2011. It is hoped that staff will use the arrival of the eggs to teach about citizenship, the meaning of Easter, the role of Fairtrade and the place of charitable giving. The supply of eggs can then be given as rewards for students who have worked particularly hard in exploring these themes.

The Rt Revd, Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Manchester, said; "The Real Easter Egg gives church schools their first ever chance to buy an Easter egg that not only tastes good but does good. I believe

there will be widespread support for the product from the faith community with many others likely to be interested."

David Marshall, from the team behind The Real Easter Egg, said; "It seems fitting for church schools to join in with a campaign to help prove demand for an Easter egg that could make a difference to the lives of many people here and abroad. Schools can help encourage retailers to stock the egg by ordering a supply before 1 December 2010 at www.RealEasterEgg.co.uk".

Making a big chunk of difference The Real Easter Egg has been developed by Manchester-based The Meaningful Chocolate Company, working in consultation with a number of churches and Dioceses. The Real Easter Egg explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the pack and is made from high-quality Fairtrade chocolate. The recommended retail price of the egg is £3.99. 30 pence from each egg will be donated to Traidcraft Exchange and a further 10% from profits will go to Baby Lifeline.

Traidcraft Exchange is a development charity which helps small-scale farmers and producers gain the confidence, knowledge and opportunities to work together effectively, find markets for their products, and trade successfully - resulting directly in increased incomes and improved livelihoods. It also lobbies and campaigns for trade policies and practices that help - rather than harm - people in the developing world, and encourage those who feel powerless to speak up for their rights.

Jane Riley, from Traidcraft, said: "We are delighted to be involved with the Real Easter Egg-It is such an exciting venture and the benefits to people in the developing world will literally transform lives."

Baby Lifeline supports new mothers and new-born babies in the UK. It supplies hospitals with life-saving equipment such as incubators and helps to give specialist training to doctors and midwives. Further afield, the cocoa and sugar farmers earn a Fairtrade Premium to invest in community projects that they choose, from chickens to fresh water.

See: www.therealeasteregg.co.uk

Walking to Church

We first entered Deane Church after walking through the Clough one afternoon. Tom Stokes, Warden, who just happened to be there, gave us a friendly and fascinating tour and it seemed to be the church I would like to attend. My wife, Mary, belongs to the Religious Society of Friends, the Quakers, and was already attending the meeting at that time in Tipping Street. Sometimes, particularly at Christmas and Easter, she comes to Deane. Sometimes I take part in Quaker activities.

The church, rising through trees and visible from the other side of Middlebrook, remained in my mind and at last I walked across for the mid-morning service, which was Matins in those days and I was familiar from childhood with the liturgy. The church was again welcoming and I attended the service for some weeks before knowing

that the regular Communion at eight o'clock was right for me. Things have changed. There is now the mid-morning Family Service, freer in form, and other services reflect different wishes or lead us in new ways. Even



Holy Communion has varied its form and content and now we gather at nine o'clock, always with The Book of Common Prayer. There are more in the gathering and often new faces. We used to meet in the side chapel and, on dark mornings, there were few of us. On one occasion there were five, all men, and Roger Jackson commented on this as an unusual congregation. Major Crook and Harold Lever were always there in that spirit of geniality, joy, seriousness and devotion, which blended with the teaching of Common Prayer. They loved the quietness, the presence of the spirit and the closeness to God. They attended other services, encouraging changes in practice, had wide

responsibilities and were amongst that group who have found life in the church and have given their lives to it. Once as sidesman I asked Major if any help was needed in counting the collection. No help was needed because he thought Harold was "shaping all right." This was not surprising after so many decades of service.

When Autumn and Harvest approach blackberries ripen in the Clough. The churchyard at its northern end has a rich, ripe crop as well. I have walked through these ways on Sundays for years. In late summer invading balsam now dominates and there is more shrubbery between the golf course and the stream. Oak, hawthorn, willow and alder are prominent in a varied habitat. Once I saw a kingfisher; herons, jays and various finches are common; there have been woodpeckers in the churchyard, where tawny owls hunt at night. To the north of the Croal foxes breed and there I saw a roe deer some years ago.

The landscape is always changing. There are new flats and houses near Overdale. The cemetery has a new extension and it is some time since cattle grazed in the field which descends to Middlebrook. It is no longer easy to descend from the churchyard into Deane Church Clough as steps are missing. The path along the river is much improved for pedestrians and cyclists as is the path through the Clough. I meet some people there every Sunday and other occasional walkers who may like to talk. One man had seen mink in the river and others speculate about the passages which are said to lead from the churchyard into town. The walk is always a pleasure and you can even forget about the litter which is occasionally impressive in the form of burnt out motor-bikes or cars.

During Bolton Festival this year I was lucky to hear the Festival Choir and Orchestra perform in the Parish Church. One item was the Mass of the Grove by Doctor John Ellis who died shortly after he completed it. Using Celtic prayers and poems it hauntingly conveys the presence of the divine in the living world. Walking to Deane, I often think of the words of thanksgiving in the prayer book,

"We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life."

Charles Winder

Deane Church



The Ladies
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On a glorious September day
a good crowd enjoyed a
barbecue in the Rectory
garden. Yummy food,
good company and beautiful
flowers!



Many thanks to the builders and all volunteers who put in so much effort to get the Memorial Hall ready for use again! It is a credit to them and a pleasure to use. It is being well used for our usual activities. Christianity Explored and a training in listening event was held on Saturdays ago.

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Timeline of Christianity

The Bible in English

Although [John Wycliff](#) is often credited with the first translation of the Bible into English, there were, in fact, many translations of large parts of the Bible centuries before Wycliff's work. Toward the end of the 7th century, the [Venerable Bede](#) began a translation of Scripture into [Old English](#) (also called Anglo-Saxon). [Aldhelm](#) (AD 640–709), likewise, translated the complete Book of [Psalms](#) and large portions of other scriptures into Old English. In the 11th century, Abbot [Ælfric](#) translated much of the Old Testament into Old English.

The English Bible was first translated from the [Latin Vulgate](#) into Old English by a few select monks and scholars. Such translations were generally in the form of prose or as [interlinear glosses](#) (literal translations above the Latin words). As time went on, however, English translations became more frequent into the evolving [Middle English](#). All of the translations made the Bible more accessible to the public, both to those who were literate and through oral interpretation.

Despite differences between the Middle English Bible and more contemporary English versions of the Bible, the importance of the texts in both times should not be doubted. While literacy was more limited in the [Middle Ages](#), the oral tradition, especially through the reading of scripture at Mass, was still very important. In fact, what scriptures would be read at what time of year was largely shaped during this time period. Additionally, the grand cathedrals and smaller churches in the Middle Ages conveyed Biblical stories through their art and stained glass windows. The Bible also played a prominent role in other literary works of the time, both in passing and as the primary subject.

The general perspective on the Bible in the Middle Ages was somewhat different from contemporary views. For instance, very few complete translations existed during that time. Rather, most of the books of the Bible existed separately and were read as individual

texts. Thus, the sense of the Bible as history that often exists today did not exist at that time. Instead, a more allegorical rendering of the Bible was more common and translations of the Bible often included the writer's own commentary on passages in addition to the literal translation.

Bede 673 - 735

"Servant of Christ and Priest of the Monastery of Saints Peter and Paul which is at Wearmouth and Jarrow." These are the words which Bede used to describe himself, known best today as the author of the Ecclesiastical History of the English People which he completed in AD 731. This work is our primary source for understanding the beginnings of the English people and the coming of Christianity.

Bede was born in AD 673 on the lands of the monastery. Of his family background we know nothing, save that he was entrusted at the age of 7 to the care of Benedict Biscop, the founder of the monastery, and then to Ceolfriith who in AD 681 was appointed Abbot of the new foundation at Jarrow. Bede spent the rest of his life in the monastery. He was ordained deacon at the age of 19 and priest at 30. He observed the Rule of the monastery and was punctilious in his attendance in choir at the daily offices. Outside of his time in choir, he worked as scholar and teacher; he records that "It has always been my delight to learn or to teach or to write". And he explains that "I have made it my business, for my own benefit and that of my brothers, to make brief extracts from the works of the venerable fathers on the holy scriptures, or to add notes of my own to clarify their sense and interpretation".

The range of Bede's scholarship was astonishing, going far beyond the "History". Bishop Boniface, who led a mission to Germany, wrote of Bede that he "shone forth as a lantern in the church by his scriptural commentary". He wrote also of nature, knew that the earth was a sphere, had a sense of latitude and the annual movement of the sun into the north and south hemispheres. He knew that the moon influenced the cycle of the tides. Bede died in his cell at the monastery in the year 735.

New Christian radio programme

TWR-UK has launched a new look TWR Today programme, broadcasting news and views live from its Manchester studios. TWR Today broadcasts live at noon on weekdays with all the latest regional, national and international events. The news is presented with comment from Christian leaders, giving a Christian viewpoint on the issues which are shaping the world in which we live.

TWR Today broadcasts live at noon on weekdays on satellite channel 0138, Freesat 790, online at www.twr.org.uk and on DAB digital radio throughout the North West of England. TWR Today can be listened to On Demand at www.twr.org.uk.

Trans World Radio, an international Gospel network, broadcasts over 1800 hours in 220 languages and dialects each week from 15 primary transmitting sites around the world.

Some miscellaneous observations on life...

Peace is not the absence of trouble - peace is the presence of God.

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die. G K Chesterton

The error of one moment becomes the sorrow of a whole life.

Chinese proverb

Evil urges us to the selfish, envious or idle choice, but it is only when that choice is made that sins begin. Philip Pare

Man still wishes to be happy, even when he so lives as to make happiness impossible. St Augustine of Hippo

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Thomas Moore

God does not want you to be dissecting your conscience. He simply wants you to come to him for help in order that he may help you. Fr Andrew SDC

For Remembrance Day

Last year Nigel Beeton went to three military funerals between November and February; the first was the son of a colleague of his at work, and the second two were at his church, St Mary's, which has a chapel dedicated to the Royal Anglian Regiment. He wrote:

O Gallant Youth

Through long dark years our young have fought and died,
In Freedom's name our country's foes defied;
Now in Remembrance they are glorified,
O Gallant Youth, we owe so much to you.

Though they were young, when came their country's call,
Ready they were to stand up strong and tall.
They did not flinch when asked to give their all,
O Gallant Youth, we give our thanks for you.

Rows of graves, with headstones white
Tributes to our gallant men,
From Sun's rise till it sets from sight
We'll always remember them.

Though they know well how high the price before -
Legions of men and women lost in war -
Our young today are standing firm and sure!
O Gallant Youth, we are so proud of you!

Desert sands, through wind or flame
Far flung seas, or skies of blue
Where you go in Freedom's name
We'll always think of you.

Go, in our name, to duty or to fight,
Go, with our hopes into the darkest night;
The hand of God will lead into the light.
O Gallant Youth, we send our prayers with you!

Follow your fellow men from ages past
Stand side by side with them, sincere, steadfast;
Fight for the right until you come at last
Home, Gallant Youth, to those that wait for you.

Two Jodi Piccoult Paperbacks

I would like to recommend two Jodi Piccoult paperbacks, both of which are suitable for teenagers as well as adults, and might well spark some interesting family debates!

The first book, `My Sister's Keeper` is by far the better known, indeed it was recently made into a film, so I will spend less time introducing it. It deals with the issue of sibling donation, more precisely the bringing of a child into the world partially as a close tissue match for her dying sister. Picoult always gives us access into the thought processes of all five members of the family; the father, a fireman, who is uncertain about the strain on the family; the mother determined to save her first born daughter at any costs; the sick elder daughter; the difficult son who feels unappreciated and the younger donor daughter. At the beginning of the novel, the donor daughter has just refused to donate any more tissues to her sister and taken the family to court, sparking a crisis. The book is excellent at showing the strain on any family with a sick child, and contains an exceedingly surprising ending, which I personally didn't predict.

The second book is `Plain Truth` and is based on the Amish community of Christians in America, and a crisis in one section when an 18 year old Amish unmarried girl has a baby that dies under suspicious circumstances, and she is charged with its murder. In order for her to be granted bail, her lawyer, an outsider from the big city has to live for several months with her family. As the lawyer, Ellie, learns about their ways of life, very different from modern day America or Britain, so does the reader. Ellie also comes to re-evaluate her own life and relationships.

Picoult has researched the community, their laws and beliefs in great detail, and with sensitivity and respect. Whether any of us could live so plainly and without so many of our modern luxuries is probably doubtful, but there is much to be admired in the detailed account of their everyday walk with God.

Barbara Winder

A Walk from Airton round

Malham Cove

Airton near Malham is unusual in having a Quaker Meeting House, a Methodist Church no longer active and no parish church. It was once known as a Quaker village and there is still a small gathering in the seventeenth-century meeting house every fortnight.

From there you can walk down to the River Aire and follow a footpath, which leads to Malham through woodland, over bridges and through pasture. At the Information Centre, where you can park if driving straight to Malham, there are maps and instructions which will guide you



to the Cove. One waymarked route leads to the site where a group is always assembled in the hope of seeing peregrine falcons. Another joins the Pennine Way, leading to the waterfalls of Janet's Foss and to Gordale Scar. Further ascent by Gordale Scar is only for the very active. Walking back from the Scar you can follow a signpost and yellow waymarks to the Cove. The only difficulty is at the point where the walker must cross the limestone paving at the top of the Cove and there is no distinct path. Advancing to the western side you will find steps which take you down and down. At the bottom you can appreciate the proportions of this huge amphitheatre formed in the ice age.

Malham Tarn further north may be reached by road or challenging footpath from Gordale Scar. Impressive in setting, it is now a nature reserve and Malham Tarn House has become a centre for field studies, much frequented in the summer. All this is within easy reach of Bolton. Alternatively there are many places to stay in the area. The walk back to Airton is just as agreeable as the walk out and there is a local bus service as well.

The Mayonnaise Jar

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day is not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and two cups of coffee.

A professor stood in front of his philosophy class with some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a very large, empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full.

They agreed it was, and the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls.

He then asked the students again if the jar was full and they agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

'Now,' said the professor, as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - family, children, health, friends, and favourite passions, things that, if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else —the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

So... Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Take time to get medical checkups. Take someone out to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the decorating.

'Take care of the golf balls first -- the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.' One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. 'I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show that non matter how full life may seem, there's always time for a cup of coffee with a friend!



Colwyn Bay 2011

Beechwood Court has again been booked for a church weekend, Friday 11th to Sunday 13th May.

Plan to come.

Booking forms available in church.



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to Olivia Brown, Rachel Cousen, Gemma Small, Laura Small and Helen Smith, who were confirmed by Bishop Chris Edmondson, the Bishop of Bolton, at a service at St Andrew's, Over Hulton on 17th October.

Handicraft Group Autumn Coffee Morning

The Handicraft Group will be holding their

Autumn coffee morning

on **SATURDAY 30th OCTOBER** from 10 a.m. to 12noon.

Tickets will available from the beginning of October at the usual price of **50p (including refreshments)** from any of the members, or just come along on the day (Children free).

Proceeds will as usual be going towards the

NEW CHURCH HALL.

Thank you all for your past support!

We look forward to seeing you in October.

Over to YOU!

At our magazine team meeting this month we were thinking of ideas to help members of the congregation to contribute to the magazine. It's good when folk do submit things and we appreciate it very much. Could you talk about your job and how you see it in light of your Christian faith? How about the voluntary you do? Have you recently gone through a time of change in your life and found that that raised faith questions? How are you working it out? Has a sermon/reading/bible notes/book helped you and if so could you share that with us? Could you describe a favourite local (or reachable) walk or place of interest?

We wondered if a question and answer section would be helpful and if so what kind of questions and answers would make for interesting reading. There would be a concentration on faith matters of course. Whether or not we did this would depend on your giving us those questions and the kind of questions you submit would help us to decide whether to go ahead with this idea.

Thank you in anticipation.

Margaret Howard, Elizabeth Plant, Barbara Winder, Charles Winder,
Anne Roberts

Men of Deane

The Men of Deane is a new venture started in the Summer of 2010 for men of all ages (not necessarily church attenders). So far, we've held an archery event, croquet, a pub social and a breakfast. It provides an ideal environment to get to know other members of the congregation in an informal atmosphere and will hopefully continue to grow in numbers. Other events are planned.

All men are more than welcome to attend.

Please contact Lee Higson (leehigson@hotmail.com / 0771 200 3290) or Rev. Terry Clark (clark@clark.cc / 01204 61819) for details.

Ladies' Guild

October 26th

Social Evening

November 9th

Christmas Crafts

Margaret Greeney

November 23rd

Christmas Meal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Believe it or not, the Church Shop will be two years old on 1st December and what a tremendous success it has been!

Once again it is almost time to think about filling the shop with festive items, so if you would like to donate any of last year's **unwanted Christmas presents**, please let the shop or one of the helpers have them.

Thank you—and remember our shop is what we make it.

Bob

CHRISTMAS SING

'Come and Sing' concert

Saturday 18th December 2010

We are again holding a 'Come and Sing' concert this Christmas, in partnership with Sing for Pleasure and BMS Singers. For the concert we bring together a choir which is open for anybody to join. It doesn't matter if you can't read music or have never sung with a choir before. If you're enthusiastic and want to try, that's all you need. Dates for rehearsals may be found on a flyer in church.

Even if you don't feel joining the choir is for you, put the date in your diary and think about whom you might invite along.

If you're interested
in joining us, please
ring Beccy Rutter
on 01204 654737.



Deane Parish Church
St. Mary the Virgin

I have just discovered an interesting website!

<http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/indexp.html> Follow the links—
Bolton-le-Moors-Deane to discover baptisms (1604—1750),,
marriages 1604—1890) and burials (1604—1684) for St Mary's
from days in the distant past. You or others may find this
helpful in researching family history.

Ed

Smile Lines

I thought the smile lines on the Parish Pump website were pretty good this month. You may wish to differ but here are some of them.

Grave certainties

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost, and finally arrived an hour late. The funeral party, director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch. I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted the deceased in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently I'm still lost....

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student stated that he had prayed for the assistance of God. The professor carefully studied the answer page and then said, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

Dry

My minister friend put hot-air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks, took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but someone had scribbled on the dryer: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

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Pathfinders 7-9		
CYFA (10-13)	Karen Greenhalgh	01204 654737

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Please tell Anne Roberts of any error or omissions.