

# Deane Parish Church

April\_Easter 2011

*Christ died for all  
so that those who live  
might no longer live  
for themselves  
but for Him who died  
and was raised for them*

2 Corinthians 5:15

	9.00	10.30	6.00
April 17	Holy Communion	Morning Service	Evening Service
Palm Sunday	1 Samuel 8:1—22; John 12:12—29		
April 22 Good Friday	10.30 The cloud, the cry and the curtain		NO evening service
April 24	Holy Communion	All age Holy Communion with Baptism	Evening Service
	My Lord and my God! Isaiah 55:1-3;John 20:24-31		Investing in Others

**Details for May and June not available at time of going to press.**

### **This month's magazine**

There's lots to read this month, so we hope you'll take the time over the holiday to be updated on a variety of matters.

We've brought the timeline of Christianity up to 1500.

We have taken on board Jesus' concern and empathy with those who suffer -

News of earthquakes reminds that people in a number of countries are still suffering as a result of such events a number of years ago.

A visit to the museum of slavery by the Reading Group brought to mind those who still suffer today at the hands of those who use them as slaves for their own purposes.

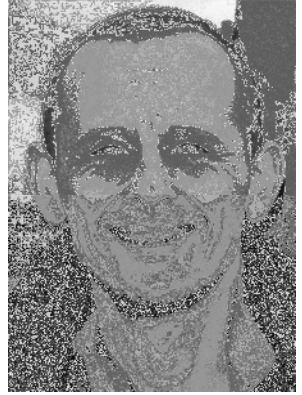
There's other news from our own diocese and the wider world.

On the lighter side we've suggestions for days out and local walk over the holidays.

Terry's annual report has been included in full as has a note from our coming curate and his wife.

# *Space... the final frontier?*

I am writing this on 12th April and today is the 50th anniversary of Yuri Gagarin becoming the first human to journey into outer space. What an amazing achievement that was! Do you remember what Captain Kirk says in the title sequence of episodes of Star Trek? *"...to boldly go where no man has been before."* Gagarin was certainly doing that. 29th April this year is scheduled for the last flight of the NASA



space shuttle *Endeavour*. The shuttle is named after Captain Cook's famous ship and Cook once said (long before Jim Kirk!) that he intended to go *"... farther than any man has been before me, but as far as I think it is possible for a man to go."*

Today we remember a human going out into space. A few months ago we remembered how God came down from Heaven on that first Christmas day. Jesus Christ, fully God yet fully human, actually living among us... breathing the air we breath, eating the food we eat, laughing and crying.... just like us. The man from outside this world... outside this universe... who had come into this world to point us to Heaven.

Tomorrow, 13th April, is the 41st anniversary of astronaut Jim Lovell uttering some other famous (and oft mis-quoted) words: *"Houston, we've had a problem."* On it's way to the Moon, an oxygen tank ruptured on board Apollo 13 and the crew really did have a problem! There was no obvious way of getting back home.

The Bible tells us that all of us humans are a long way from home. Perhaps the place where you live isn't such a bad place. Perhaps life is going well just now. Perhaps life is not so

good. Wherever we currently are, whatever our circumstances, the Bible tells us that our true home is with God and that our big problem is getting back into a right relationship with him.

We may try to get right with God ourselves, for example by living a good life, by going to church, by taking bread and wine at Holy Communion or by being baptised. These things aren't bad things but they don't in themselves get us right with God since the problem is too great. Our sin, our rebellion against God, separates us from our creator - eternally! Our situation is indeed hopeless. But...

The Bible tells us that God loves us so much that he himself came into our crazy, mixed up world and did something about it. On that first Good Friday he died on the Cross, taking onto himself all the rubbish in our lives that separates us from God.

I guess that on 13<sup>th</sup> April 1970, if NASA had had another ship ready, they could have sent up a rescue mission, a lifeboat, to save the crew of Apollo 13. But they didn't have one. Jesus, in a sense, is God's lifeboat. And if you are in the sea facing death and the lifeboat comes along, you could say, "Thanks for the offer but I'll just swim around here for a bit longer and see how it goes." Or you could just hold out your hand and say, "I realise I'm in a desperate situation here, please save me."

To boldly go where no man has gone before!? Well Jesus really did do that on that first Easter weekend! Space is not the final frontier. Death is! Jesus rose from the grave and conquered death so that those who put their trust in him could be right with God once more.

This Easter, may you know the peace and the security which only a restored relationship with God through Jesus

## Introducing Stephen and Jo Bazely

Dear St Mary's

This is just a little note from us both (Stephen and Joanna) to say how much we are looking forward to joining you this Summer. We are moving to Deane from North London where Stephen has been studying for the last three years at Oak Hill College, and Jo has been busy acting on stage and on screen. When we join you it won't be long until our second wedding anniversary! We have been really blessed in the last year, especially with the opportunity to come to Bolton and St Mary's.

We are both looking forward to being a part of a new church family and all the opportunities that provides to make friends and serve alongside you all. We will also be coming home in a sense, as we both have roots in the North. We are also excited about being able to put on our wellies and enjoy the countryside!

Love

Stephen and Jo



### **Sermons Sunday – change of date**

We had originally planned for Sermons Sunday this year to be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

However this is the date when our curate, Stephen Bazely, will be ordained as Deacon at 10:30am at Manchester Cathedral. Therefore this year Sermons Sunday will be held on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

In addition to the Sunday services there will also be a **garden party at the Rectory** in the afternoon of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Make a note in your diary!**

# Team Rector's report

## on Deane Parish Church

### **Vision, community and infrastructure.**

These have been three watchwords for me since I started as rector a year ago, and the congregations at Deane have been hearing about the first two rather a lot during 2010!

When I arrived at Deane Parish Church there was a lot of terrifically good work ongoing but I also discerned the need for a lot more joined-up thinking... of big vision thinking. In May and October we had very useful church council vision days where we explored what we are about and what our priorities need to be as a church. A set of ten core values came out of those days and this is all heading forward to a mission plan for Deane Church.

I inherited a development project the aim of which was to give us a new church centre on the footprint of the Memorial Hall. Nola Kilsby and her team had worked hard and with great dedication and creativity to develop that plan but it soon became clear (as things looked in the spring of 2010) that despite much sacrificial giving and hard work by members of the congregations we did not have anywhere near the financial resources to put the plan into action. So I asked the church council to put that development on hold for the time being, which they did.

We obtained a structural engineer's report on the existing Hall indicating that with appropriate work it would get us through a further three years. So, with a mix of work from contractors and 'all hands on deck' from church members to decorate etc, we got the front part of the Hall up and running again by September- and now with wheelchair-accessible facilities, a proper catering kitchen, a church office, an audio-visual system and comfy chairs!

New ventures since last summer, all running in the Memorial Hall, include:

- (i) A rolling programme of Christian training events.
- (ii) Christianity Explored (40 people have now done the course).
- (iii) Discipleship Explored (the follow-on course: 34 folk on that).

- (iv) Café services and 'Jesus at the movies' events.
- (v) Men of Deane (MOD) meetings each month and men's breakfasts.
- (vi) Olive Branch Café. A weekly cafe on Wednesday mornings for fellowship

and outreach. (30-40 people each Wednesday)

Ongoing groups and ministries have also moved into (or moved back into!) the Hall, including Ladies Guild, The Element and Voltage youth clubs, a home group, the church Handicraft Group and Climbers.

I am most encouraged that the church council decided to create the part-time paid post of Church Administrator and Hall Manager and congratulate Beccy Rutter on being appointed to that post. Deane now has a church office at the Hall and it is open 4 days a week with Beccy and her team of volunteers doing a brilliant job with all kinds of admin work and in answering queries over the telephone or from those dropping in.

The Memorial Hall is fast becoming a real hub of community life, as we seek to be a *community for the community*. And in this mission, the Hall complements the church shop well as another 'church place with church people' open during the week.

Quietly in the background this past year we have been putting into place a largely new administrative system. The weekly notice sheet has been transformed. An ongoing church family contact list has been created - to help build community! We now have a weddings administrator, Anne Roberts. Child protection admin and records have all been brought up to date. A new services book is currently being prepared by the office which will include the various liturgies that we regularly use.

We also now have a finance committee chaired by Jane Hampson with the task of thinking creatively about all matters financial across the whole spectrum of Deane's life and ministries.

We are addressing the issue of welcome at Deane. You don't get a second chance to make a first impression! A simple thing like moving the welcome desk to just inside the main door has transformed for the better the way people are greeted at services.

I have been delighted to see our partnership with the Bolton Music Service develop over the past year, and our lovely church building being used by young people to perform and grow in confidence as musicians.

One of the first things that I did last February was to initiate a weekly staff meeting comprising of the assistant minister, the administrator and myself. We meet for about 90 minutes each Tuesday for Bible study, prayer, review of the previous week and to look ahead. We much look forward to our new curate, Stephen Bazely, joining the staff team in June.

During 2010 I have run preaching workshops where we work at turning a passage of Scripture into the bare bones of a sermon.

Looking into 2011 we are preparing to set up a toddler group on Tuesday mornings. Plans are also afoot to bring together and train up a prayer ministry team and to run the occasional 'prayer for healing' service at Deane.

We look forward to our church weekend away in May and to the teaching from Rev'd Dr Adrian Youings on the theme 'Confidence in God.' It has also been encouraging that so many people have booked in for that weekend.

And congratulations to our youthworker, Karen Greenhalgh. Karen is doing an MA in Youth and Community Work and Applied Theology through the Centre for Youth Ministry and has recently passed her JNC (nationally recognised youthwork) professional qualification.

### **What are the main challenges as we go into 2011?**

I believe that there are four areas of church life that we have to target if Deane is to continue to grow:

1. **Giving.** Even in these difficult financial times, we as a church must prayerfully work at giving more to God's work. Everything that we have is his anyway. We just give back to him! We are stewards. We need to be able to finally clear the deficit, which has been an annual problem at Deane for 5 years now. We also need to enthusiastically work towards paying our parish share to the Diocese. Our new finance committee will play a key role in guiding us with all of this.

**2. Home groups.** A church the size of Deane will only grow (in spiritual maturity and numerically) and people be pastorally covered if folk are plugged into small groups... basics and discipling groups or home groups. Home groups work best when they are weekly meetings for Bible study, fellowship and prayer. Times when people get to know each other and care for each other. I want to see four new home groups up and running by Christmas 2011.

**3. The church building.** We have no wheelchair accessible toilet in church and no proper crèche facilities. The lighting is next to useless in parts of the building. And the paint is flaking off the walls throughout! All these things are easily fixed without changing the character of the building! I am currently taking the lead, with the church council and our new architect, to draw up plans and to get costings for this work. The Diocesan Advisory Committee have already made a site-visit and are most supportive of what we are proposing. Draft plans will be brought to the wider congregation for consultation when we have them.

**4. New leaders.** Over 2010 and into 2011 we have seen the beginnings and growth of a number of new ministries. We see new faces at Deane pretty much each Sunday. God provides for his work! We are going to need a number of additional leaders/pastors/ministers over the next 3 years, across the life of the church. We need to be identifying and training them up NOW... not in 3 years time!

**And into 2012?**

Well apart from lots of people coming to Britain for the Olympics, by 2012 we (God willing) will be ready as a church to GO out into the wider community rather more than we are doing currently. I see 2012 and into 2013 as the time when Deane really moves up a gear in mission. As part of our ministry of compassion and service for the wider community I wonder if God is also calling us to set up a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre at Deane.

**A word or two of thanks...**

Thanking people in annual reports is always risky since you inevitably leave lots of people out! However, I must mention a few people by

name. Firstly my excellent clergy colleague here at Deane Parish Church, The Rev'd Elizabeth Plant, and also our wonderful team of churchwardens: Les Kilsby, Beccy Rutter and Ken Tidmarsh. Ken became churchwarden when Craig Mochrie stepped down last spring and I would put on record here my gratitude to Craig and to his wife Una for their many years of faithful service at Deane. I would also like to thank: Lynda Smith for her many years of devoted service as a Sunday School leader as she is now having a well earned 'rest'; Charles Winder who faithfully kept the Discipleship Committee up and running until it was superseded by other structures towards the end of 2010; those who stepped down from PCC in 2010 and especially Pat Sewell for her many years of faithful service.

**And finally...**

*Unless the LORD builds the house,  
the builders labour in vain.*

*Unless the LORD watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain. Psalm 127:*

All of the activities mentioned above and throughout this annual report are just so much activity unless they are rooted in prayer. With God we have the privilege through prayer of being involved in making eternal differences. We must be praying through the weekly notice sheet each week. We must be praying for the Sunday services. We must be lifting all aspects of the life of Deane Church and the wider parish and diocese to God... and we will be amazed by what we see God doing!

God bless you. Rev'd Terry Clark

Team Rector

**The ladies of the Handicraft Group**

would like to thank all who supported their craft coffee morning, and are pleased to tell you we were able to donate a further £600 to the New Hall Fund,

**Thank you all again for your support**

as without it, the day would not have been such a success.

God Bless you all

# Archbishops in Manchester

Do you remember the Bishop of Manchester's visit to Deane in February 2009? It was part of the Bishop Nigel's pilgrimage which in 2005 he undertook to take to all 350 churches in the diocese. The theme of the pilgrimages was to 'Run the Race' and pass on the baton of faith to the next generation. As a visual aid, Bishop Nigel took with him to each church the Commonwealth Games baton, made for the games in Manchester in 2002, to represent the way we all need to pass on our faith to others.

The Bishop completed the 350 pilgrimages at the end of 2010. By a happy coincidence, the service in the cathedral to mark the completion of his task was timed to take place in the very same week that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York were making a joint visit to Manchester.

The cathedral was packed for the service on the evening of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February. When we arrived at 7pm the queue stretched from the south door to the ferris wheel. As we entered we were all handed a prayer card which contained pictures of some of the pilgrimages, including (we were delighted to discover) a photo taken in Deane Church of the Bishop holding the baton along with four of the people of the parish.

The service began with the processional hymn *Christ triumphant, ever reigning* as the Bishop and Archbishop processed in, Bishop Nigel holding high the baton. In the course of the service the Bishop handed the baton over to the Dean of the Cathedral. From now on the baton will remain in the cathedral. Both Archbishops preached a short sermon on the themes of *Running the race* and *looking towards Jesus*. As 2011 is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James translation of the Bible, both Archbishops and Bishop Nigel signed a new copy of this version of the Bible, which had been presented to the cathedral by Bishop Nigel himself.

At the end of the service, all three doors of the cathedral were open and there was a Bishop or Archbishop on each door! Bishop Nigel was at the south door, the usual way out of the cathedral, the

Archbishop of York at the north door, but Julia Davies and I decided to go out by the west door and thus had a hand shake from the Archbishop of Canterbury!

The main point of the Archbishops' joint visit was to encourage bridge building in the diocese between church and society. There were therefore a good number of community visits, including lectures at the University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University, and talks with civic representatives and other faiths. This was the first time that both Archbishops visited the diocese together.

Elizabeth Plant



### Holy Week according to Mark

<b>Sunday afternoon</b>	Jesus enters Jerusalem, looks around the temple
<b>Sunday evening</b>	Jesus goes back to Bethany
<b>Monday morning</b>	Jesus looks for a fig out of season, Clears the temple
<b>Monday evening</b>	back to Bethany to sleep
<b>Tuesday morning</b>	Fig tree withered, 5 challenges on Jesus, Prophecies destruction of temple
<b>Tuesday evening</b>	Watch and pray talk, watches of the night
<b>Wednesday morning</b>	Plot to kill Jesus
<b>Wednesday evening</b>	Supper at Bethany, anointing by a woman
<b>Thursday morning</b>	Preparing for the last supper
<b>Thursday evening</b>	Last supper, garden, arrest, trial by clerics
<b>Friday morning</b>	Jesus taken to Pilate, condemned, scourged, crucified
<b>Friday evening</b>	Body taken down, Sabbath began
<b>Saturday morning</b>	Sabbath
<b>Saturday evening</b>	Sabbath ends but too late to go the tomb
<b>Sunday morning</b>	They went to the tomb, when the sun had risen and found the tomb empty

Why not take time to follow these events in Mark 11:11 — 16:8?

We have neglected our **Timeline of Christianity** over the last few months. We finish that part of the timeline that takes us up to 1500 this month, including the history of Deane PaRISH Church. **The Avignon Papacy** was the period from 1309 to 1378 during which seven Popes resided in Avignon, in modern-day France. This arose from a conflict between the Papacy and the French crown.

Following the strife between Pope Boniface VIII and Philip IV of France, and the death after only eight months of his successor, a deadlocked conclave finally elected Clement V, a Frenchman, as pope in 1305. Clement declined to move to Rome, remaining in France and in 1309 moved his court to, where it remained for 68 years. This absence from Rome is sometimes referred to as the "Babylonian Captivity of the Papacy". Seven popes reigned at Avignon, all French, and increasingly under the influence of the French crown. In 1377 Gregory XI moved his court to Rome, officially ending the Avignon papacy.

However, in 1378 the breakdown in relations between the cardinals and Gregory's successor, Urban VI, gave rise to the Western Schism. This started a second line of Avignon popes, though these are not now regarded as legitimate. The schism ended in 1417 after only two popes had reigned in opposition to the papacy in Rome. The last Avignon pope, Benedict XIII, had fled to Perpignan in 1403.

**Constantinople** was founded by the Roman emperor Constantine I on the site of an already-existing city, Byzantium, settled in the early days of Greek colonial expansion, probably around 671-662 BC. The site lay astride the land route from Europe to Asia and the seaway from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean, and had in the Golden Horn an excellent and spacious harbour.

### **306-337 AD**

Constantine had altogether more colourful plans. Having restored the unity of the Empire, and, being in course of major governmental reforms as well as of sponsoring the consolidation of the Christian church, he was well aware that Rome was an unsatisfactory capital. Rome was too far from the frontiers, and hence from the armies and

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	30AD 35AD 57AD 60AD 80AD 80AD 110AD 325AD	The Crucifixion Conversion of St Paul Letter to the Romans St Mark's Gospel St Matthew and St Luke Acts of the Apostles St John Nicene Creed adopted		
	380AD	Christianity is official religion of the Roman Empire.	420AD	St Pat
500AD	530AD	Rule of St Benedict	550AD 563AD	Wales Columb
	590-604AD	Reforms of Pope Gregory the Great	590AD	St Colu
	793AD	Viking raids on Christendom begin at Lindisfarne	597AD	St Aug Church
	800AD	Charlemagne first Holy Roman Emperor	664AD 690 ...	Synod Parts o
1000AD	1054AD	The Schism of East and West	1065AD	Consec
	1095-1291AD	The Crusades	1093-1109AD	Anselm
	1274AD	Thomas Aquinas Summa Theologiae,	1390AD	Wycli
	1378-1417AD	A Pope in Rome, a Pope at Avignon.	1408AD	Counc
	1453AD	The Fall of Constantinople		
	1455AD	The Gutenberg Bible	1457AD	Henry

# Timeline of Christianity

the Imperial courts, and it offered an undesirable playground for disaffected politicians. Yet it had been the capital of the Roman Empire for over a thousand years, and it might have seemed unthinkable to suggest that the capital be moved to a different location. Nevertheless, he identified the site of Byzantium as the right place: a place where an emperor could sit, readily defended, with easy access to the Danube or the Euphrates frontiers, his court supplied from the rich gardens and sophisticated workshops of Roman Asia, his treasuries filled by the wealthiest provinces of the Empire. Constantinople was built over six years, and consecrated 11 May 330. The **Fall of Constantinople** was the capture of the capital of the (Christian) Byzantine Empire, which occurred after a siege by the (Muslim) Ottoman Empire, under the command of Sultan Mehmed II, against the defending army commanded by Emperor Constantine XI. The siege lasted from Friday, 6 April 1453 until Tuesday, 29 May 1453 when the city was conquered by the Ottomans.

The Fall of Constantinople marked the end of the Byzantine Empire, an empire which had lasted for over 1,100 years, and was a massive blow for Christendom. After the conquest Mehmed made Constantinople the Ottoman Empire's new capital. Several Greek and non-Greek intellectuals fled the city before, migrating particularly to Italy. It is argued that they helped fuel the Renaissance. Some mark the end of the Middle Ages by the fall of the city and empire.

The Turks have called the city *Istanbul* since they conquered it in 1453. However, many Westerners continued to call it Constantinople. Not until the 20th century did the Turks formally object, and ask that others use the same name they did.



12th century mosaic from the upper gallery of the Hagia Sophia, Constantinople. Emperor John II (1118-1143) is shown on the left, with the Virgin Mary and infant Jesus in the centre, and John's consort Empress Irene on the right.

# Deane Church

## the first five hundred years

It is probable that a Saxon Church was built on the present site as a place of worship for our distant ancestors. The site, as was typical, is prominent and overlooks the valley, the *dene* to use the Saxon word. Through the Clough down to the River Croal runs the stream named Kirkebrok in early documents. The word appears to tell us that a church was there.

Tradition suggests that in 1100, after the Norman Conquest, the Chapel of Saynte Mariden was built. If this is so it replaced the earlier church. The first documentary evidence is in 1227 and, through the thirteenth century, there is a succession of references, documenting the relation of Saynte Mariden to the parish of Eccles, to the Cistercian Abbey of Stanislawe in the Wirral and describing the extent of the lands given to the Church by Sir Thomas Perpount. The lands described are much as they are today - "from the cemetery of the said chapel on the west side directly into the Kirkebrok, following the Kirkebrok to the Mukelbrok" - and the document then describes the extent of the lands to the east.

Saynte Mariden was itself replaced in the fifteenth century and the present church was completed in 1452. There have been alterations to the building since then and, of course, in the pattern of worship; the historian, James Boardman, tells us, "the Blessed Virgin was held in ... veneration in Deane Parish." Two clauses from the will of John Hulton in 1486 confirm that this was so:

"I bequeath and give 20 marks to build a chapel on the north part and side of the said church of Deyne."

"I bequeath 10 marks to maintain the service of the Blessed Mary in the said church."

The tumultuous changes of the sixteenth century were yet to come.

Footnote: Materials for this item were gathered from James Boardman's *Records and Traditions of Deane Church, Village and Parish* (1904), J.H.Dawson's *Deane Church* (1969 edition) and the Deane Church website.

# International Slavery Museum Liverpool

The International Slavery Museum highlights the international importance of slavery, both in a historic and contemporary context. Working in partnership with other museums with a focus on freedom and enslavement, the museum provides opportunities for greater awareness and understanding of the legacy of slavery today.

It is located in **Liverpool's Albert Dock** only yards away from the dry docks where 18th century slave trading ships were repaired and fitted out.

The transatlantic slave trade was the greatest forced migration in history. And yet the story of the mass enslavement of Africans by Europeans is one of resilience and survival against all the odds, and is a testament to the unquenchable nature of the human spirit.

From about 1500 to about 1865, millions of Africans were enslaved and transported across the Atlantic by Europeans and Americans as a labour force to work, especially on plantations. Liverpool ships carried about 1.5 million enslaved Africans across on approximately 5000 voyages, the vast majority going to the Caribbean. Around 300 voyages were made to North America—to the Carolinas, Virginia and Maryland. The ships returned to Europe with goods such as sugar, cotton, coffee and tobacco. Liverpool (and so the whole region) grew rich on the back of trading in enslaved people.

The resistance of enslaved Africans and the abolitionist movement brought the British slave trade to an end in 1807. However, Liverpool's connections with slavery continued through cotton and other trades that were dependent on slave labour for much of the 19th century.

## **Contemporary slavery**

Today, millions of men, women and children around the world are forced to lead lives as slaves. Although this exploitation is often not called slavery, the conditions are the same. People are sold like objects, forced to work for little or no pay and are at the mercy of their 'employers'. Slavery exists today despite the fact that it is

banned in most of the countries where it is practised. It is also prohibited by the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

What is slavery? A slave is forced to work - through mental or physical threat; owned or controlled by an 'employer', usually through mental or physical abuse or threatened abuse; dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property'; physically constrained or has restrictions placed on his/her freedom of movement.

Bonded labour affects at least 20 million people around the world. People become bonded labourers by taking or being tricked into taking a loan for as little as the cost of medicine for a sick child. To repay the debt, many are forced to work long hours, seven days a week, up to 365 days a year.

Trafficking involves the transport and/or trade of people, women, children and men, from one area to another for the purpose of forcing them into slavery conditions. Worst forms of child labour affect an estimated 179 million (UN estimates) children around the world in work that is harmful to their health and welfare.

**(All above is from the website [www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/](http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/))**

Deane Church Reading Group visited the museum in March. It was a profoundly moving experience. The exhibits are informative, informing the conscience as well as the mind. Perhaps the best aspect of the exhibition is that it does not allow us to think of slavery as a thing of the past and so feel relieved that it is all over and on the consciences of past generations but not on ours. There is graphic information about the forms of slavery that operate around the world today and participation in the campaigns which help prevent or stop it is encouraged. Here are some of the websites you can visit to be informed and decide whether you should act.

[www.stopthetraffik.org](http://www.stopthetraffik.org); [www.pressureworks.org](http://www.pressureworks.org)  
[www.antislavery.org](http://www.antislavery.org).

Of course all help given through such organisations as Christian Aid and many others help indirectly to stop people trafficking as trafficking is often a desperate attempt by parents to provide the basics of life.

# Days Out at Easter

I hope that these suggestions may help families during the forthcoming break. I realise that many of you may know some of the places, but they may encourage you to revisit old haunts. I have tried to choose places which can be visited by public transport as well as by car, and are within the Bolton boundaries as well as further afield.

## PLACES NEARBY:

*Rivington* remains a special place to visit, with good free car parking, walking and food. Both the Lower Barn and the Rivington Village Tea Rooms are pleasant places to stop for refreshments and the latter welcomes dogs inside the café provided they are well behaved. For shorter walks there's the Anglesarke nature trail which starts from the car park and takes about an hour on well-surfaced paths, but there are lots of pleasant walks at both low and high levels and some interesting bridges and follies on the slopes of the Pike as well as the remains of the Japanese gardens.

*Tockholes*, two miles or so on the right after Belmont is another favourite as is its café and information centre by the bus turn round (again you can take the dogs inside and there's a one way glass on one wall to watch birds coming to the feeding stations). There are great walks here both down to the reservoirs in the valley below and upwards across moorland to Darwen Tower.

The three reservoirs to the north of Bolton—*Entwistle*, *Jumbles* and *Wayoh* are all worth a visit and differ in character and scenery—Entwistle being by far the most Scottish in character and with the fewest visitors. The two others have pleasant cafes and car parks, and you can either walk around them individually or there's an 8 mile walk that circles all three.

*Moses Gate Country Park* also makes an interesting visit, and has one of the most extensive children's play areas in the region. It has park rangers who often put on special nature activities for children in the holidays, and health walks. There are large ponds with swans and geese—always ready to be fed, so take some bread. When I was there a few months ago they were doing a good deal of work on the

locks of the old canal, and you could clearly see the old basin and the flight of locks down to the river.

Don't forget *Smithills Hall, Hall i'the Wood* and the town centre *museums and art galleries*. Many will have special free events for children and you can collect a free Bolton Spring Brochure from the Town Hall with details of activities.

## FURTHER AFIELD

We are very lucky to be so near interesting places to visit in the North West. If you don't use a car, look for special offers on local trains and buses, including family tickets. I could suggest loads of possible places but here are just a few:-

*Seasides*—why not choose somewhere different from Blackpool?

**Formby** is within an hour's drive and has excellent walks through the sand dunes and a red squirrel reserve. You might also look at the Wirral and the Dee Estuary. I suggest a walk on the Wirral Way at **Thurstaston**, with perhaps a climb on to the common and heathland for wonderful views of North Wales. **Ness Gardens** are nearby and well worth a visit; they are owned by the University of Liverpool, and sell plants.

*City Centres* can be of real interest. The **Science Museum** in Manchester has a number of special activities for children, and the **Art Gallery** is always worth a visit. I would also recommend the **Maritime Museum** in Liverpool at the Albert Dock with interesting exhibits on the Titanic and Slavery and an interactive section in the basement on smuggling, and the **Lady Lever Art Gallery** at Port Sunlight. Both cathedrals in Liverpool are also well worth a visit, and you can join guided tours.

*National Trust members* should remember that most houses are open by Easter, and there are a number of excellent ones in the North West. Of these, **Styal Mill** and Apprentice House have especially interesting activities for children.

That's all my suggestions for now, but if you have enjoyed somewhere locally and want to encourage other church members to visit, why not send us some details?

Barbara Winder

# **News from around the world**

## **(source, Parish Pump)**

### **Fear in Juba, Southern Sudan, as July approaches**

Church leaders in Southern Sudan and Uganda have called for urgent action to end the threat caused by northern Uganda's rebel group, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). The attacks are escalating, threatening a fragile peace in a region that will celebrate independence on 9 July.

The LRA regularly harrasses, wounds, abducts and often kills innocent people along the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Southern Sudan and Central Africa Republic borders.

The Roman Catholic Bishop Eduardo Hiiboro Kussala of Tombura-Yambio diocese in Southern Sudan said recently: "Many of our children are still in the hands of the LRA. We do not know if they are alive or dead. Those who have managed to escape bear the physical and mental scars of suffering and will never be the same again."

### **Soaring food prices**

Over the past few months, countries in the Middle East and North Africa have been rocked by civil unrest. Tunisia, Egypt, Bahrain, Libya, Morocco, Iran, Algeria and Yemen have all been thrown into chaos as people protest against their governments.

Such monumental changes have a knock-on effect on both food and oil prices. Both have soared. In February, when protests in Egypt brought the country's economy to a grinding halt, the cost of basic supplies such as rice, potatoes and lentils doubled. It has caused immense hardship especially to many very impoverished Christians in the region.

### **BUDGET 2011 - churches welcome proposal on gift aid declarations**

The Church of England, as well as other churches, has warmly

welcomed the recent Budget proposal on gift aid. Now charities and community amateur sports clubs will not need to obtain gift aid declarations for small donations of £10 or less up to an annual maximum of £5,000.

The Bishop of Exeter, Chairman of the Churches' Legislation Advisory Service (CLAS), said:

"The Government's announcement that from April 2013 charities will no longer have to provide gift aid declarations for small donations of £10 or less is very good news for churches.

"Being able to make Gift Aid claims on loose collections will be valuable in itself - but perhaps even more valuable is the time that it will save hard-pressed church treasurers. The present system, with Gift Aid envelopes and the associated record-keeping, is incredibly time-consuming and we will be delighted to see an end to it as soon as possible."

## **Ladies' Guild**

12 April	Lifeboats
26 April	Elizabeth Plant
10 May	Betty Bamford
25 May	Preparations for Coffee Morning
<b>28 May</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b>
	(see weekly newsheet for details)
7 June	History of Avon

**The next edition of the Deane Church magazine will be published on June 12th, Pentecost Sunday.**

**Material for inclusion to the editor by  
Monday 30th May, please.**

# WALK ROUND WAYOH

The following walk will take you about 2 hours and is about 4 miles long. At this time of year there should be anemones in the wood and possibly bluebells. Some sections can be muddy after wet weather, but the path around the reservoir itself is usually dry. Once again it is an excellent walk for children or dogs, with a number of places to paddle! You need to park at the Entwistle Embankment Car Park, off the B6391 through Chapeltown. At the far corner of the right hand car park, you will see a stile. Cross over it and descend through woods, overlooking a steep sided clough, passing beneath the railway viaduct which takes trains from Bolton to Blackburn to reach the shoreline of the Wayoh Reservoir, the middle one of the three to the north of Bolton.

Turn left across a wide bridge along the shoreline, with frequent good views and places to sit. At the end of the bridge, follow the path to the right and continue ahead, until you come to a fairly quiet road to cross (watch children and dogs!). Over the road the path continues through a gate, so follow the path to reach the northern edge of the reservoir. Then continue round to the right, passing over footbridges, until you once more reach the road.

Again cross over the road, to reach the path after a gate with the reservoir on your right. After about half a mile the path starts to go up and narrow. At the top of the rise, near Edgworth village, the path goes steeply down with a handrail but only really single file traffic. You descend to the southern embankment of the reservoir. Walk along the metal track across the embankment and then turn right to re-join the shoreline path. After about half a mile, look for a sign on the left, and retrace your steps upwards to the car park. If you wish to extend your walk, it is possible to walk around the top reservoir, Entwistle, from the same car park.

Barbara Winder



# Earthquake updates

The news media tend to move away from earthquake zones after the first few days or weeks and we allow ourselves to forget the awful consequences of these events that the inhabitants live with, in some cases for many years. It's hard to find up to date information but I have tried to do so for some of the biggest in recent years. There may be more recent news which I have been unable to find. No criticism of any regime is intended but we need to feel compassion for the people affected in the long term, pray for them, be thankful for our own relatively safe environment and be reminded that all peoples are one and how we feel and act towards others, especially in their distress, determines the kind of world we live in. Editor

**Pakistan 2005** (reports 2008 and 2009)

'More than four years after a devastating earthquake left Northern Pakistan in ruins, Aleem Maqbool has been back to Muzaffarabad - the city closest to the quake's epicenter. He's found that temporary structures have become permanent fixtures. Schoolchildren are still being taught at open air schools and many people continue to live in tents. The people he has spoken to tell the story of a tragedy from which they are still struggling to recover from and who feel let down by their leaders.'

'On October 8, 2005 history of Pakistan turned a new page when northern part of the country was hit by massive earthquake. Parts of Azad Kashmir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (NWFP) and Punjab were severely affected by the tremors and aftershocks that continued for months.

After 5 years, earthquake affected population of Pakistan is still waiting for rehabilitation.'

**China 2008** (Updated February 2010)

On 12 May 2008, an earthquake measuring 8.0 on the Richter scale devastated eight provinces China. The earthquake was the worst to hit China since 1976 and tremors were felt as far as Bangkok, some 3,330 kilometres away.

The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) continues to lead the earthquake recovery operation with support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and its international partners.

It is constructing more than 1.9 million earthquake-resistant homes, 660 schools and 2,000 medical clinics and hospitals in the worst-affected provinces.

### ***Recovery***

Five million houses need to be built and this makes the reconstruction efforts comparable to rebuilding Sweden or major cities such as London or New Delhi.

While reconstruction continues at full speed, there are families especially those living in the more rural and mountainous areas that are still living in temporary shelters.

As well as shelter, the Federation's recovery support programme includes livelihoods, water and sanitation, healthcare and preparing communities for future disasters. Money raised by the British Red Cross appeal is supporting the livelihoods programme, which involves microfinance and vocational training.

### ***Emergency relief***

In the immediate aftermath of the quake, Red Cross staff and volunteers distributed tents, food, water, clothes and medicine, reaching more than one million survivors. They were also heavily involved in the rescue and treatment of the injured pulled alive from the rubble.

As the focus in China turned to safeguarding the health of survivors, a British Red Cross team that specialises in preventing the outbreak of disease was deployed for two months. The four-member response team built 300 latrines and conducted hygiene promotion training in Jiulong and Banqiao townships.

The Federation also sent several psychosocial support teams to the affected area to provide emotional and practical help for survivors. As well as deploying logistics and sanitation experts to support the emergency response, the British Red Cross immediately made a £25,000 donation from its own Disaster Fund and launched an appeal on 14 May 2008. The appeal raised £4.8 m, enabling us to support

people both in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake and in the long journey to full recovery.

**Haiti 2010** (Information from 'Migration', magazine of the International Organisation for Migration, based in Geneva.

The world turned upside down for Haiti in January 2010 when 225,000 people were killed in an earthquake. The simple concrete homes the poor had built to withstand hurricanes came tumbling down on their heads. Hospitals and clinics were not spared.

(Report autumn 2010)

1.3 million Haitians are living in camp 'cities' in tents and flimsy shelters with few schools, few consistent health services, no social services... A peculiar kind of chaos of good will is in operation, one that could eventually lead to inertia.

In April 2010 I flew into Haiti. The world was still paying attention to Haiti at that time and yet the Haitians I spoke to were guarded about what they saw in the future. It would become clear to me that what most people were feeling was the question of whether things would ever be normal again. I have been back to Haiti two more times since. Tents were destroyed in the rains but they were replaced. A well known head of an organisation working against the spread of HIV/AIDS believes that the greatest danger that the 1.3 million displaced Haitians face since the earthquake is that they will start their condition as normal, as the way it should be. They will see the tent cities as new municipalities in the city; they will start to ac-

cept as normal conditions that no one should accept as normal. They may stop demanding something better and may even start to think that they do not deserve better. (Adapted from an article by Kwane Dawes, poet.) See

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