

Deane Parish Church

September_Harvest 2011

You will have noticed that the magazine appears less frequently these days. This seems to reflect the amount of material it is appropriate to include. We have a number of other ways of imparting information, so keep an eye open in church for these. The next edition will cover Advent and Christmas and the deadline for that will be November 1st and publication will be on the 20th.

This month we have a lot of news about what took place in the summer both here and away.

Current events are covered and Edna Barlow is the subject of the profile.

If you're curious about the 'special' evening services there's info about those.

Harvest comes soon after the publication of this magazine and we've updates on the work of Urban Outreach and Tearfund which we support at this time.

On September 11th 2001 Father Michael Judge, a Franciscan priest, was administering the last rites to an emergency worker in the midst of the devastation in New York when he himself was killed when one of the twin towers collapsed. This was a prayer of his: **Lord, take me where you want me to go; let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want me to say, and keep me out of your way.**

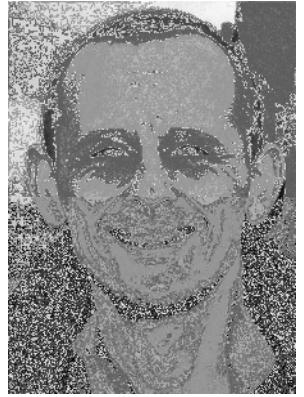
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18 Sep	Holy Communion	Morning Service with Baptism	Evening Service Memorial Hall
25 Sep	Holy Communion	Morning Service	Prayer for Healing Church
02 Oct	Holy Communion	All-Age Harvest Service with Baptism	Café Service Memorial Hall
09 Oct	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Service Memorial Hall
16 Oct	Holy Communion	Morning Service	Evening Service Memorial Hall
23 Oct	Holy Communion	All-Age Service	Evening Service Memorial Hall
30 Oct	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving—Church
06 Nov	Holy Communion	All-Age Service	Evening Service Memorial Hall
13 Nov	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Evening Service Memorial Hall
20 Nov	Holy Communion	Morning Service	Evening Service Memorial Hall
27 Oct	Holy Communion	Morning Service	Evening Service Memorial Hall

Morning Services will be looking at Paul's second letter to the Corinthians and evening services at the letter of James and from 20th November at John's first letter.

NB November 6th is Shoebox Sunday. Watch the weekly newsheet for details but start collecting pressies now!



Bolton Winter Watch

Harvest will be here soon!



Dear Friends,

Where does the time go! It's that time of year again when we start to look at our food stock and it is with this in mind that I am contacting you. First of all to say thank you for all the help you have given to Winter Watch in the past through your harvest donations and secondly to see if you would consider supporting the project again this year.

Just to bring you up to date with the project and the Restore Centre where Winter Watch resides. We have completed the renovations on all the floors of the building and it is now being used more for other projects during the week for our guests. On Tuesdays we have a Drop-In where people can receive help with accommodation etc and an art group on Thursdays.

Winter Watch was a great success again this year and the guests appreciated everything we did for them.

In the last weeks of March we decided it would be good to have a guest survey exercise done.

These are just some of the comments made:

I feel safe here.

The food is good, I am never hungry when I leave, good to find new friends.

It helps me get out; I live alone, so I like coming here to meet people.

The podiatry it's free and it makes a difference.

It makes a big difference to my life, I can get food, it stops me from being lonely and I feel safe.

The people are kind and are dedicated.

It's convenient - I can get a hot meal and drink. If I wasn't here I would be on the streets.

I get a healthy meal, it gives me some structure in my life, a reason to go out.

One family one year on



'One family' was the Tearfund material we used last harvest. It featured Mol and Tol Tuch and their four children who lived in a rural community in Cambodia. And, one year on, we're pleased to report that because so many of you stood as one family with them, they - and thousands of vulnerable families like them - are taking another step towards a happier future.

Life before

In the film we watched in the main Harvest service Mol and Tol told us that their life had been changed through the work of Tearfund's partner and their local church. Tearfund Partner, the Wholistic Development Organisation (WDO), began working with a local pastor named Vinn Chheoun - and mobilising his church. Together WDO and the church taught Mol and Tol about agriculture; provided fish for their pond and seedlings for their fields; funded a community rice bank to help in the dry season - and brought the knowledge and hope of God. And what's happened in Mol and Tol's community is now going national. WDO estimates that within five years they will have mobilised churches across the whole of Cambodia.

Life in 2010

When Tearfund visited, to make the harvest material, Mol and Tol's seemed like a story that was on track for a happy ending. We left them at the end of our third day, with the sun setting through the palm trees, lowering their nets into their pond to catch fish for supper. The next time we visited - two days later - Mol, Tol and their children seemed distraught. The pond, which had been so full, was now empty. Mol's commitment to water his crops - carrying 600 buckets a day - had drained the pond. The film we watched left Mol and Tol on this cliff-hanger. And one year on, we are able to see how, by being one family with Mol and Tol and financially supporting the harvest appeal, we have been part of improving things.

Life now

Here's how Tearfund's partner and the local church have been sup-

porting Mol and Tol:

- The pond** -WDO funded the extension of Mol and Tol's pond. It now measures 10m by 15m, is 4m deep, holding significantly more water.
- The training** -WDO had advised Mol and Tol which crops to grow, based on how much water and land they had. Mol and Tol bought additional crops. This is why the pond ran dry. WDO has worked with the family to help them understand the need to calculate what they can grow based on their new pond size.
- The harvest** - Currently, Mol is growing watermelon, peanut, cassava, potato, rice, and beans. This represents a vast improvement on their previous yields.

Education

Thanks to the bike provided by WDO for the children to go to school on, the children 'are doing well and they go to school every day', reports Mol.

The family still play an active part in their local church. 'We all go to church every Sunday,' explains Mol. However, life has not been easy for them. 'My wife has chronic diseases - a bladder problem, uterus and large-intestine infection - which make her feel dizzy and pass out at times,' explains Mol. This puts extra strain on the family income - something their local church is aware of and will continue to work through with them.

Hopefully seeing the difference your money has made to vulnerable people like the Tuchs will encourage you to financially support this year's harvest campaign called *We are church* which focuses on Tearfund's work in Uganda.

(based on an article in the summer edition of TearTimes)

This year is a bit special!

We have four special dates—1/1/11; 11/1/11; 1/11/11.

Add the two final digits of the year of your birth to the age you are now and the sum will always be 111 (unless you are not yet ten, in which case it will be 11).

In October there will be five Saturdays, five Mondays and five Sundays. This happens only once in 823 years!

Songs of Praise turns 50



The very first ever BBC Songs Of Praise was recorded 50 years ago this month, and broadcast on 1 October 1961.

The first programme was recorded on 25 September at the Welsh Baptist Tabernacle Chapel in Cardiff city centre (Tabernacl, Capel y Bedyddwyr). This past summer all surviving members of the original congregation were invited to return for the recording of the anniversary edition, which was conducted by Tim Rhys-Evans, musical director of *Only Men Aloud*.

Songs of Praise has long been the most popular and beloved of all BBC worship programmes. During its 50 years it has visited more than 1,800 churches, cathedrals and chapels, singing over 12,500 hymns. Guest presenters over the years have included Sir Cliff Richard, Alan Titchmarsh and Toyah Willcox. At its peak, 12m viewers watched the programme, with audiences still 2.5m. Songs of Praise has featured in episodes of comedies *Vicar of Dibley* and *The Brittas Empire*.

Cardiff's Millennium Stadium was the location for Songs of Praise's largest ever episode. The special edition saw 60,000 worshippers, a 6,000 piece choir, an orchestra of 100 harps, the band of the Welsh Guards and an anthem specially written by Lord Andrew Lloyd Webber marking the first Sunday of the new millennium.

Songs of Praise 50TH Birthday Celebration

will be recorded on Sunday 25th September, at Alexandra Palace, London. Gospel diva Beverley Knight and country music legend LeAnn Rimes join superstar tenor Andrea Bocelli and voice of an angel Katherine Jenkins for a spectacular concert and singalong, hosted by Aled Jones. Hymns will include *Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer* and *Jerusalem*, all in the iconic setting of Alexandra Palace in London, where television broadcasting first began.

The East Africa Crisis Appeal

Leading UK humanitarian agencies have launched a joint appeal to help more than 10 million people in the grip of East Africa's worst drought in over half a century.

Caught up in the crisis are thousands of families trekking for days across parched scrubland from Somalia to Kenya - including barefoot children with no food or water. These people have seen their lives fall apart - crops, livestock and now their homes have been taken by the drought.

Large areas of Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia are affected and the DEC appeal will also include South Sudan - the world's newest country.

More than 1,300 people a day, the majority of them children, are arriving in the Dadaab refugee camp in eastern Kenya near the border with Somalia. The Dadaab camp was already the world's largest refugee camp with a population of 350,000 - larger than the city of Leicester.

Agencies are working through local partners to access remote and difficult to reach areas across East Africa. Despite the enormous challenges, DEC agencies and their partners have already been helping hundreds of thousands of people - but their work is being severely hampered by a lack of funding.

The UK has taken a lead among the world's governments with a pledge of £38m to the World Food Programme of the UN, which will provide the food aid that many of the DEC's members will be distributing. The UN's own appeal is only 40% funded.

The DEC does not set fundraising targets for its appeals and its member agencies are continuing to pursue funding from a range of potential sources to bridge the shortfall in East Africa. Donations can be made at www.dec.org.uk by phone 0370 60 60.



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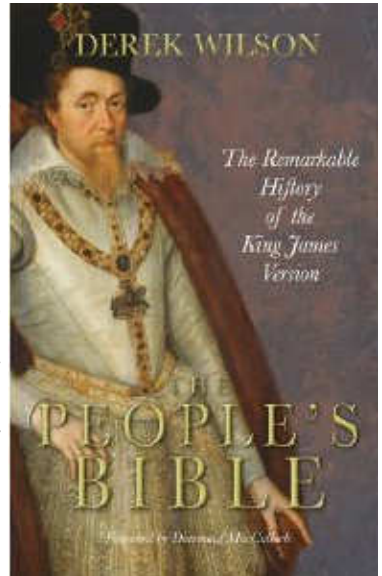
Timeline of Christianity

The People's Bible

by Derek Wilson

An article by Rachel Boulding in a magazine referred to the events which this year celebrate the publication of the King James Bible in 1611. There have been excellent radio programmes and published commentaries. This recently published book, "The People's Bible", traces the history of translation into English beginning with the fourteenth century Lollard Bible, circulating in manuscript fragments and realising John Wycliffe's ambition that "all Christians ought to know holy writ". Whilst progress was made in Holland and Germany, William Tyndale, constantly under threat of persecution, worked on another English translation, which, unfinished, was revised and completed by Miles Coverdale and published as the Great Bible under Henry VIII, whose regime for some years supported translation. All such activity was suppressed under Mary Tudor but a further English version was planned and completed in Switzerland, the Geneva Bible, much influenced by John Calvin, especially in its explanatory notes.

By the time James ascended the English throne there was a long history. He was unhappy with the Geneva Bible, especially its notes, which had been used by his Scottish critics to demonstrate the limits of kingly power. With the English bishops and some leading puritan theologians he planned a modern version which would be more sympathetic to his view of the monarchy. About fifty scholars were assembled, divided into teams, who would translate, revise, criticise and review, each team inspecting the work of all the other teams. These were men of prodigious learning. The celebrated Lancelot



Andrewes, for example, Dean of Westminster and later Bishop of Winchester, was fluent in fifteen ancient and modern languages. The process began in 1604 and remarkably the King James Version was published in 1611. By then the King had lost interest and the translation only slowly achieved its status in English religious life. For most of the seventeenth century the Geneva Bible was favoured by parishes and people. Following the Civil War and a long period of bitter religious controversy Cromwell judged that the King James Version, with which he was very familiar, promised agreement and stability. It took its place as the most widely used Bible in English.

This was far from the end of the story. As scholarship advanced the Bible had many critics. In the eighteenth century a revision was produced at Oxford University containing 24,000 corrections. An accurate text for shared understanding is of immense importance. Inaccuracies in some versions are well known –“Thou shalt commit adultery,” “The unrighteous shall inherit the earth”. Others are less obvious but progress continues. Apart from anything else words change in meaning and what we take from an earlier version is not always what its authors intended.

The author of “The People's Bible” finally surveys modern translations. Our own New International Version was produced with the same detailed care and constant review as the King James Version and has now superseded it as the best-selling Bible in English. Over centuries readers have sought new knowledge and understanding and seek it now. In this excellent short book, full of information but lucid in arrangement and expression, Derek Wilson underlines the importance of the Bible in our lives.

Ladies' Guild Programme

September 27th Terry Clark

October 11th Harvest Supper

October 25th Cancer Bio Detection Dogs

November 8th Lee Higson—A Mariner's Tale

Mission Rescue Holiday Club 2011

From the 25th - 29th July the Memorial Hall was transformed into a spy base for this year's holiday club. Every morning between 10am and 12noon about 25 young people of primary school age met together, along with leaders, to explore the book of Exodus. We thought about the way that God had been at work in the life of his 'Special Agent' Moses as He rescued his people from slavery in Egypt, and how that helps us to think about how Jesus rescues us.



We did lots of things together; there were some Special Agents who helped us to understand God's word, and then an opportunity for us to think about that together in small groups. There was a drama, lots of songs, games and craft. We even had lots of sunshine!

At the end of the week we had a special service in church on Sunday morning so that we could share what we had been learning with others.



We had a great time, and learnt lots about God. A big thank you to all who helped before, during and after the week, and for praying for us during the week.

Helpful quotes

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - it has no point.

Because of God's grace, failure is never final.

Don't give up on yourself. Even Moses was once a basket case.

We never do anything so secretly but that it is in the presence of two witness: God and our own conscience.

It is only with gratitude towards God that life becomes rich. Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Christ promises to save his people from their sins, not in their sins.

C H Spurgeon

Hope is the foundation of patience. John Calvin

I believe every Christian man has a choice between being humble and being humbled. C H Spurgeon

Introduction to Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

In Paul's second letter to the Corinthians he again refers to himself as an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God and reassures the people of Corinth that they will not have another painful visit and what he has to say is not to cause pain but to reassure them of the love he has for them. Paul felt the situation in Corinth was still complicated and felt attacked. Some challenged his authority as an apostle and he compares the level of difficulty to other cities he has visited who had embraced it, like the Galatians. He is criticized for the way he speaks and writes and finds it just to defend himself with some of his important teachings. He states the importance of forgiving others, and God's new agreement that comes from the Spirit of the living God (2 Cor. 3:3), and the importance of being a person of Christ and giving generously to God's people in Jerusalem, and ends with his own experience of how God changed his life. (from Wikipedia) Hear more at our morning services.

Soul Survivor 2011

On the August 9th 2011, 13 youths from the Element/Church spent 5 tiring days in the middle of a field in Somerset at the yearly Christian festival Soul Survivor along with 11,000 other teenagers wanting to get to know God and commit to His kingdom.



Our days were action packed with seminars, two main meetings a day, many activities and many places to worship. Soul Survivor had a range of seminars which included "Hearing God", "Heaven and Hell" and "Jesus loves science" which all helped our understanding and relationship with God grow. The main meetings were full of passion and love towards God in worship.

It was very moving to see so many young teenagers make a commitment to God and also to hear testimonies of people getting healed and feeling The Holy Spirit at work in them. It was great to know as a teenager that you're not alone in believing in God and at Soul Survivor you didn't have to worry about what people thought about you because we're all brothers and sisters in the eyes of God.

After the main meetings there were many venues where you go to chill and get the chance to meet fellow Christians and also take a look at Christian charities and organisations. The Toolshed was a place to buy things or get to know about the different organisations partnered with Soul Survivor. The Lift and Blueprint were both places you could express yourself by showing off your skating skills or having a rave with your friends. There were also cafés and a food court where you could eat and socialise with friends. Even though we had action packed days we still had time to have many yummy meals with our group and also play games such as ninja slaps and catch which helped us to bond as a group and get to know people we didn't necessarily know too well. In the five days that we were there, not

only did our friendships with people become stronger, more importantly our relationship with God had been reignited and strengthened. It made a huge difference in our confidence and has made us stronger as a whole. Now, with our new-found confidence we hope we may be able to spread the word and plant seeds for the younger generation.

Gemma Donlan and
Serena Ball



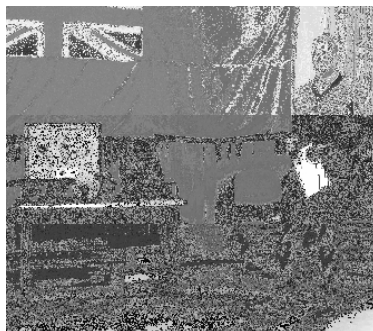
Men of Deane

Tuesday 27th September 7:30pm :- King's Head discussion night

Come along and enjoy informal discussion and socialising with the group. Discussion topics are anonymously submitted into "the black pouch" by anyone present and 5-10 minutes is spent on each topic drawn at random. Covering anything from Afghanistan to having the monarch as the head of the church. We meet in the small room at the end of the bar. Feel free to contribute or just sit back, listen and enjoy.

Any queries, suggestions or ideas, please do contact me on 01942 795038 / 07712 003290 or leehigson@hotmail.com

Lee Higson



Notes on some of our evening services in the autumn

Prayer for Healing Service

Sunday 25th September, 6:00pm in church

On Sunday 25th September at 6:00pm in church we will be holding another Prayer for Healing Service. You might wonder what that is, or you might be a bit nervous or sceptical about what will go on.

Well, very simply it is an opportunity for us to focus on praying for individual people and their individual needs. The service will be set in the context of biblical teaching, ie we will spend some time looking at what the bible says about healing. Then there will be an opportunity to pray with members of the Prayer Ministry Team.

Members of the Prayer Ministry Team have done some training on praying for people, including studying what the bible says about prayer and healing and thinking about some very practical issues about praying for people. Please be assured that everything that you talk about with the people that pray with you remains **CONFIDENTIAL** to those people.

Healing is not just about physical healing, so if there is something that is worrying you but it is not a physical issue, then please don't feel like you can't come along to this service. This service is absolutely for you.

Café Service

Sunday 2nd October, 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall

On Sunday 2nd October there will be a café service at 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall. At café services we look at topical issues and explore them while we have refreshments. They are very relaxed and informal services. So far in our café service series we have looked at the issue of evolution and also the issue of why people suffer. There are always opportunities to ask questions. They are great services to invite friends along too, especially those who don't normally come to church. Watch out for more information about the topic for this service.

'Jesus at the Movies'

Sunday 13th November, 6:00pm in the Memorial Hall

'Watching movies without putting our minds into neutral'.

It can be great to go along to the cinema and watch films with friends. It can provide an escape from reality....a time to switch your brain off for a while. But when we watch films with our minds switched on there are often lots of subtle messages which hit us right between the eyes. At 'Jesus at the Movies' events we look at different movie clips, some old, some new, and think about what they are really saying to us about life and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Again, another good event to bring friends along to, especially film fanatics. There will be popcorn!

Handicraft Group Coffee Morning

The Handicraft Group will be holding their

Autumn coffee morning on

SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER

10 a.m. - 12 noon in the Church Hall.

Tickets will available from the end of September 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 and

looking forward to seeing you in
October

This month's profile

Edna Barlow

Edna Barlow was born into a loving supportive family and her parents were great role models for their children for when they became parents themselves. Edna's parents were keen for their children to try anything and their motto was "just have a go." It was a Christian home life but not prescriptive hence Edna's teenage years were spent attending a Methodist Church just because the service was short and they had a good youth club!

Edna was married in 1959 having met her husband John on the Isle of Man where they were drawn in a tennis match together. It was a holiday romance, which lasted 39 years. Their first home together was in Harwood where their two sons were born. At that time they attended Christ Church Harwood. It was an important part of Edna's life because her neighbours were great friends and were a truly Christian couple and they had a profound influence on her life, which has persisted although sadly they have both now died.

In 1969 the house in Harwood became too small and the family moved to the Ladybridge estate, which had the advantage of good schools and commuter links. Edna's husband did a great deal of travelling at that time.

Edna's main hobby has always been playing golf, however, at the present time that is giving way to reading. She has always been a great reader and has enjoyed the C J Sansom series of books, the Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follet, which has recently been televised, and books written by Rosamund Pilcher. Edna says that reading is a great way of relaxing.

Edna possesses two paintings, which are very precious to her because they evoke memories of holidays, of friends, of children growing up and of her husband.

Edna has enjoyed one special holiday when her son gave her a "round the world" air ticket and she chose to go to South Africa. She

describes it as a "holiday of a lifetime". She was able to go to the top of Table Mountain and was so impressed with the scenery on the Garden Route, the people, the wild life - at one stage she was only two feet away from a mamba snake - and the food. Edna claims, however, that her favourite food is fruit and new potatoes with butter and mint.

Edna admires Bob Geldolf for his great ability in making the population as a whole realise that they needed to be aware of the sufferings of people in different parts of the world. He made it clear



that we all have responsibility to help these people and we must not just leave it to governments to offer money and support.

Edna believes that God is with us all and that He will meet our needs and will point the way for our next steps. Her hopes and dreams are that Deane Church will become one big loving supportive family and that it will continue to increase until the church is not big enough to hold everyone.

The Twin Towers

David Winter, former Head of Religious Broadcasting for the BBC, looks back 10 years...

It's hard to believe that it is ten years this month since the event took place subsequently known, in that strange American numerology, as '9/11'.

I can remember the day very well. I was picking up a grandchild from school and hadn't been watching television nor (unusually) listening to the car radio. When I arrived at the school the mums at the gates seemed unusually agitated and anxious. I heard one say, 'It's the most appalling thing I've ever seen'. I asked if there had been an accident, and they all looked at me as if I was a visitor from another planet. They gave me a graphic account of what had

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The Way I See It—After the Riots

'The sound of violence shall be heard no longer in your land, or ruin and destruction within your borders.' So promised the prophet Isaiah 2,500 years ago. At least his words prove that violence, ruin and destruction have always been part of human experience.

Nowadays we usually encounter them only through the television screen, but in August we were sharply reminded, in the street riots in many English cities, that they are still part of modern life in what we like to think of as a civilised and liberal democracy. The sight of youths smashing shop windows, torching cars and attacking the police with stones and bottles was bad enough.

Even worse, though, was the footage of many of them, accompanied often by adults, men and women, openly looting shops and department stores. 'Free stuff!' was the message on Facebook, though of course it isn't 'free'. Someone has paid for it, but not the people who were doing the looting.

For a week or so the thin veneer of civilisation which disguises the potential evil of the human heart was stripped away. Normal standards of behaviour seemed to have been suspended and there were public calls for the Government to send in the Army, use water cannon, tear gas and rubber bullets - anything, to restore law and order to our streets. Happily, they weren't necessary. The restraint and wisdom of Asian community leaders in Birmingham - Muslim and Sikh standing side by side - after the killing of three young men from their community, sent out the message that violence is not defeated by violence.

Streets were cleaned up, but it will take a long while to heal the fear in many hearts, or repair the damage to homes, shops and businesses. What can we do? We can pray, of course - pray that Isaiah's vision may be fulfilled. But prayer must be accompanied by action. We have stood by too long while an under-educated, unemployed and largely unemployable under-class has grown up in our big cities.

There have been warning signs - the Brixton riots thirty years ago, Broadwater Farm 25 years ago, gun crimes in Birmingham, knife

attacks and gang warfare in London during recent years. Envy mingled with resentment is a dangerous cocktail. Church and community leaders can do much, but they need the support of the whole of society, because a price will have to be paid and in the end we shall all have to help to foot the bill.

David Winter

(Twin Towers continued)

happened in New York, but it wasn't till I got home and watched the TV pictures for myself that I grasped the true horror of the event.

Almost the first thing I watched was some earlier television footage shot from behind a crowd in a Manhattan street. They, and the camera, were fixed on a wrecked building, flames roaring up into the sky. At that point only one tower had been hit, but as the crowd and the camera watched, another plane appeared in the sky, heading straight for the second tower. For a moment the crowd was silent. We heard the plane's engines, and then the deafening crash as it hit the building, followed by a massive fireball. Again, silence, punctuated by a single exclamation from someone in the crowd, their voice picked up by the camera-mic. It just uttered one word: 'Jesus!'

It was probably technically blasphemy, but at that moment it struck me as inspired. In the face of such evil, such appalling devastation, what other name could one sensibly invoke than that of the Saviour of the world? This is what Jesus died for: the bleeding, stupid, violent, heart-broken world of a lost humanity.

As they crashed their planes on this mission of mass murder I have no doubt the pilots screamed 'Allah is Great!'. Well, may Allah the all-merciful have mercy on them. And if he does, Christians will believe that it will be through the sacrifice of that lone figure on a cross long ago, the one Muslims know as the Beloved Prophet, and we as the Son of God.

A Lady and an Apple Tree

April this year was warm, bright and still. Blossom was abundant and beautiful and our own crab apple tree had the best of its many years. We planted it thirty years ago and on that day we had a visitor. She was walking up the road when we saw her, a neighbour from our previous address, whom we had not known particularly well and who had moved to the south of the country. We invited her in to meet us and our children. Helena was Polish and what we remember most about our conversation are her recollections of the Second World War. The disintegration of the world around her, a period in a labour camp, the tense wait on a German farm, where she was working, as the Red Army advanced from the east and the Americans from the west. She felt fortunate that the Americans were there first and, after many months, she and her young husband arrived in England where a new life in Bolton began.

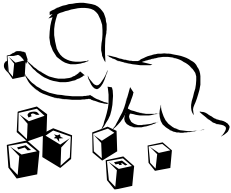
We were spellbound by her story and I can still see her with her small audience in our front room. I showed her our new crab apple tree and every Christmas following we sent her a photograph of the growing tree in blossom. We never met again but her cards brought her back to us. Two years ago Helena died and so she missed this year's flowering. Her daughter's letter said the annual photographs had brought pleasure to her. Each springtime, when the tree is in full bloom, we remember her and her story of the past.

Charles Winder



Stephen after his ordination at Manchester Cathedral with the Bishop of Manchester (left) and the Bishop of Bolton (right)

Don't forget



Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group

Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m
Memorial Hall during school term



The Olive Branch Café

Memorial Hall
Wednesdays

10 a.m. to 12 noon



80 not out

It was most kind of so many of the Church family at Deane to send me their greetings and prayerful good wishes recently on the occasion of my eightieth birthday. Thank you one and all.

It was my intention to keep the event as low-key as possible for I personally see little difference between 79 and 80 apart from being aware that the ageing process is gathering momentum, both physically and mentally. It has been difficult to conceal the date since there was a period when no less than 5 members of the congregation shared the same date!

Mary and I enjoyed a small family gathering with Adrian and Alison and some of the grandchildren.

from Roger Jackson

S t M a r y's D i r e c t o r y

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Curate	Stephen Bazely	01204 849228
OLM	Elizabeth Plant	01204 63730
Readers	David Dewhurst	01204 651347
	Nola Kilsby	01204 665700
Wardens	Les Kilsby	01204 665700
	Beccy Rutter	01204 654737
	Ken Tidmarsh	01204 652184
Administrator	Beccy Rutter	01204 654737

District Church Council

Lay Chair	Jane Hampson	01204 848433
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Handicraft Group	Dorothy Benyon	01204 417794
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Music Group	Beccy Rutter	01204 654737
Verger	Josie Crompton	01204 655964
Weddings Admin	Anne Roberts	01204 849468

Sunday Schools

Climbers (3-7)	Sally Cooper	0777 644 1440
Explorers (7-11)	Paula Small	01204 650981
Pathfinders 7-9	Elizabeth Tidmarsh	01204 652184
CYFA (10-13)	Karen Greenhalgh	01204 654737

Youth Groups

Voltage/Element	Karen Greenhalgh	01204 654737
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Uniformed Organisations

Rainbows	Paula Small	01204 650981
Brownies	Anne Calderbank	01204 398206
Guides	Carole Baxendale	01204 419167