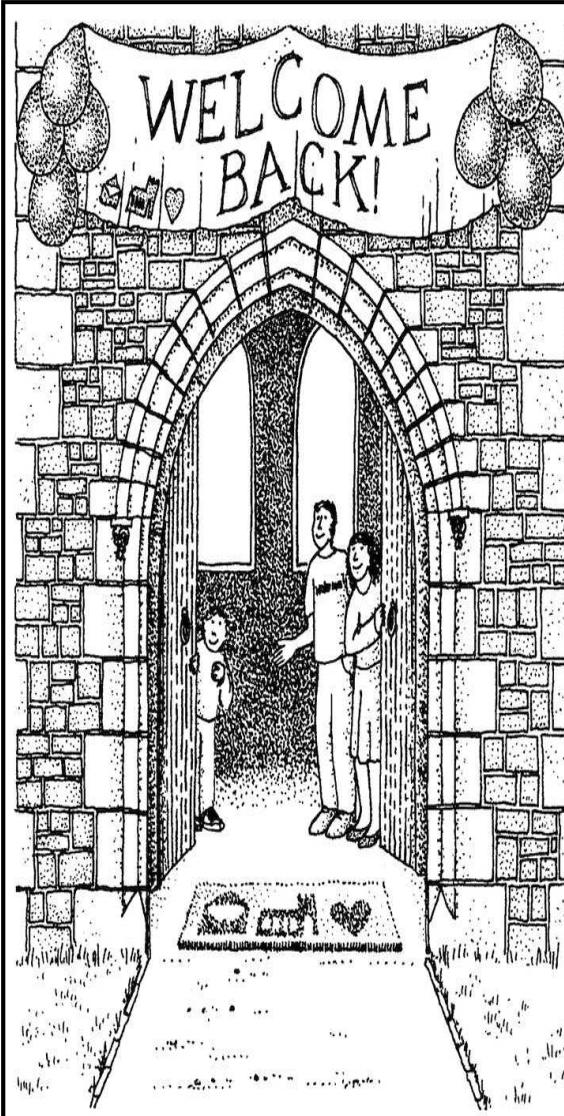




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Deane Parish Church

www.deanechurch.org



September always brings a sense of new beginnings, from children going to school for the first time to students going to college, but also for all of us in the church. We've news (and photos) of what we have been doing and there's info about what we will be doing as a church. Holiday memories take us to Scotland and Italy. Action is needed if you want to attend Christian events in Bolton and if you want to support a 'green' initiative in Hunger Hill and the subject of this month's profile in Margaret Rutter.

Pattern of Sunday Services at Deane

Morning

9.00 a.m. said (no singing) service of Holy Communion
from the Book of Common Prayer

— about 60 minutes

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion OR Morning Service
OR All-Age

— Holy Communion and Morning services are
about 90 minutes during which there are three
groups for children

A full programme card for the autumn is available in church. Children are very welcome at Deane, especially at the 10.30 service. There is an unsupervised crèche area and a toddler space available at the back of church at this service. The service audio is relayed to the crèche area. All-Age services are around 60 minutes.

Refreshments are available after the 10.30 service.

Deane at 6

This is not a 'service', but an informal time of prayer, praise and exploring the Bible. The music is largely contemporary and refreshments are available as part of our time together.

NB Harvest is Sunday 7th October

Prayer Meetings at Deane in Deane Church

Come along and pray for our church and community. Prayer meetings usually last for one hour to one and half hours, but feel free to come late or arrive early if you need to.

4th September; 9th October; 6th November; 7.30p.m.

Following our pattern of seasonal editions of the magazine the Advent/Christmas edition will be published on November 25th. Matter for inclusion to the editor by Monday November 11th.

Greater than Gold

A glory that will never fade...

What was the highlight of the Olympics for you? Was it the torch being carried past your house or the race that had you on the edge of your seat? You might be a bit younger than the rest of us and you saw an event that you would like to have a go at yourself, something caught your imagination. Or maybe you got a little tired of it all and you are just glad to get your TV back.



For some of us the games might have been a reminder that we won't compete in anything like the games, that our physical prowess is no more. But even the athletes aren't exempt from this feeling either, as even the glory of the games will fade, even for those gold medalists.

The winners will become the ones who won in the last olympics, their times will be beaten and they will be forgotten. The gold medals will gather dust and the athletes will struggle to find things to focus their energy on. The short lived fame and glory will fade, and they will be left wondering what is left.

But for those who follow Jesus, life works the other way round. We begin by knowing what it is to suffer and struggle, maybe physically, spiritually or mentally. We know God is good and He has blessed us, but we sometimes struggle to keep it fresh in our minds.

For some of us the days of passion when we first came to faith seem distant, we know God is there but we have gone a bit luke warm. Well the good news is, that there is something even better than the gold of the games. There is something that we have to look forward to which can't be stolen, something that will only get better and better.

There is already something of Jesus' glory in those who trust

him, but wait for it. The glory of God which we hardly ever see in ourselves, but sometimes in other Christians is only a pilot light now. The glory we see is a shadow of what is to come, God is still powerfully at work in us but we miss it most of the time.

If you remember back to our time in 2 Corinthians Jesus said to Paul "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor 12:9 Jesus' power is displayed through our weakness; when we struggle, God's power is seen at work. But there is something even better still—a glory which has no comparison. Just read these words carefully:

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3

The glory of gold medals fades faster than we realise; we have probably forgotten many of those we saw win something, but for those who follow Jesus the best is yet to come. Because as well as the promise of life, we also have the certainty of a new inheritance. Not the muddled belongings of a relative we didn't know all that well. But the Kingdom of God. An inheritance which will never fade, a glory which will never spoil or get tired. Jesus promises us something which is protected by God, and given by Him.

So don't let the end of the summer, the games or anxiety about the future drag you down. Remember, if you know Jesus then you have an inheritance greater than you can imagine. We will share his glory, a glory that is beyond comparison, a glory that will never fade. A gold medal is nothing compared with this glory and if you don't know yet Jesus then come and find out more about him. Because without him we have no way to get there.

Praying for Bolton!

In recent years several people in the Bolton area have felt that it would be good to encourage Christians in Bolton to meet together to pray and show our support for and partnership with both those who have responsibility for running the life of our town, and those within the town who are needy and vulnerable. To do this we have begun to organise twice yearly prayer breakfasts at the Town hall.

In April we were privileged to have the leaders of all the main political parties on our council, and the Chief executive , who all spoke warmly of the links between church and the council in serving our local communities. we were able to pray for them in the great responsibility they carry.

the next prayer breakfast

will take place on

November 2nd at 7.30 am

and will celebrate

the role of Christian in education

as we welcome

Canon Maurice Smith

the Manchester Diocesan Director of education

as the speaker.

Almost all of us have some link with education—either we ourselves or family members are teachers, students, governors or part of churches with church schools.

Come along to listen, pray and enjoy an excellent breakfast!!

Details from susan@edmondsons.org.uk

Timeline of Christianity

The Wesleys and Methodism

In the 18th Century a movement began in the Church of England which we now call Methodism. It came from the heart of the Church of England, and from two brothers, both ordained priests, who considered themselves followers of the Church of England throughout their days.

John and Charles Wesley were the sons of Samuel and Susanna Wesley, and were born in Epworth near Lincoln. They were two of 19 children born to the couple, only ten of whom reached adulthood. Susanna Wesley (1669-1742) is often called 'the mother of Methodism'. Her father and husband were both preachers, and her married life was one of poverty and hardship.

Her husband, a poor manager of money, was in debtors' prison twice, and once left her for a year over a minor dispute. Her letter to him on that occasion shows the strength of her character; 'I am not a man, nor a minister, yet as a mother...I felt I ought to do more than I had yet done. I resolved to begin

with my own children'.

Even though their Rectory burned down twice, on one occasion nearly killing John, who aged five was rescued from a 2nd storey window (a brand from the burning) she became the primary source of the children's education from the age of five onwards, until they entered school around 11. When her husband was away, and irritated by an unsatisfactory locum, she held her own services at home. Others asked to join them, until the congregation was over 200.

At 11, John (1703-1791) was sent to Charterhouse School in London, and then to Oxford University. He was ordained there in 1725, and returned to be his father's curate for two years, returning as a fellow in 1729. His younger brother Charles (1707-1788) was educated at Westminster School and then joined him at Oxford where he studied Classics. He founded a club called the Holy Club, which his brother joined, and fellow students such as George White-

field. Other students branded them as `Methodists` because of the methodical way they acted and ordered their lives. John was soon leading the club.

In 1735 both brothers sailed for Savannah, Georgia in the American colonies at the request of the Governor, who wanted John to be its new minister. On board the ship they met Moravian Christians from Germany, and were deeply influenced by their trust in God, even when the ship was badly damaged in a storm.

The year in America was to produce some hardship and a court case brought by a fellow passenger who believed John was promised to marry her.

They returned to England depressed in 1738. John continued his links with the Moravians in London and enjoyed the open air preaching (I felt my heart strangely warmed`). He allied himself with the Moravian Society in Fetter Lane, London, and went to study at their base in Germany.

On his return he found it difficult to get permission to preach indoors in churches, so encouraged by his friend

Whitefield, he began preaching in the open air.

His first open air sermon was near Bristol in

1739. Initially uncertain, he became convinced of the value of this style of preaching, and recognised that he could reach people who wouldn't enter a normal church. More than once he used his father's tombstone as a pulpit in Epworth, and he travelled the length and breadth of Britain preaching the gospel. Initially this was with his brother, then including his brother's new wife, but after 1753 largely on his own. He came to Bolton on a number of occasions, opening new chapels in the area.

From 1739 onwards, both the Wesleys and their followers were persecuted by the establishment. They objected to many of his preachers not being ordained, and the preachers ignoring parish boundaries and local permissions. Ministers



attacked them in sermons and print, and sometimes their meetings were broken up by local mob violence. John travelled mainly on horseback preaching two or three times a day across England and Wales.

John felt that the established church failed to call sinners to repent, and many of its clergymen were corrupt. It was the expansion of lay preachers which was the key to the growth of Methodism, and later its links to the poor and the temperance movement.

The first Methodist Chapel was established in Bristol in 1739. My own ancestor Thomas Slater, who ran a farm in Derbyshire and knew John Wesley, founded the first Methodist Chapel there on his farm, and preached in the open air in Belper with Wesley. Thomas' desire was to preach in every town or village in Derbyshire, and this he did by going off on horseback after the day's work.

As the number of churches and ministers increased it was decided that rules were necessary and eight ministers plus the Wesley brothers met in London in 1744 for the first

Methodist Conference.

They founded circuits for itinerant ministers, which included the beginnings of American Methodism in New York. The main problem lay in who was allowed to ordain priests and administer sacraments. Charles was worried that the Church of England would not accept John's changes, but in 1784 after the American War of Independence, John was worried that no Bishop had been appointed after the war and no sacraments could be taken.

In the end he appointed Thomas Coke as the Superintendent of Methodists in America, defying the established church.

Although John's experience of married life was unsatisfactory (he married at 48 a widow who left him 15 years later—they had no children), Charles in 1749 married a much younger Sarah (Sally) Gwynne, whose father had been converted to Methodism. Only three of their children survived to adulthood but Charles, Sarah and Samuel were all musical, the boys being organists and composers like their father. Charles himself wrote

almost 8000 hymns, amongst them some of the most famous and popular.

At their deaths both brothers considered themselves Anglicans. As he was dying, Charles wrote to his local minister at St Marylebone Church, 'Whatever the world may say of me, I have lived and I die a member of the Church of England. I pray you to bury me in your churchyard'. John, who died poor surrounded by friends, has as his last words; 'The best of all is, God is with us'.

It is said he left 135,000 members, 541 itinerant preachers 'a good library of books, a well-worn clergyman's gown' and the Methodist Church.

Barbara Winder

1 Shepherd Divine, our wants relieve
In this our evil day,
To all thy tempted followers give
The power to watch and pray.

2 Long as our fiery trials last,
Long as the cross we bear,
O let our souls on thee be cast
In never-ceasing prayer!

3 The Spirit of interceding grace
Give us in faith to claim;
To wrestle till we see thy face,
And know thy hidden name.

John Wesley

Susanna Wesley A Radical in the Rectory

If you enjoy a dramatic biography including a fire, a ghost, a husband in prison and a daughter who elopes; if you are interested in the condition of women through history and the particular pressures of being successively the daughter/wife/mother of various ministers and want to know the role played by a woman in the revival mostly attributed to the work of male preachers, then the biography of Susanna Wesley will be of interest to you.

She had an eventful life, bore nineteen children, experienced mounting debts and a church which not wish to see lay people, much less women, take on spiritual leadership. She is especially known for her formative influence on her son John, who in turn was to challenge her relationship with God. Published by Highland Books and available on Amazon or from the Christian bookshop. (Anne Roberts has a copy you may borrow.)

Soul Survivor

At the end of July The Element made their annual trip to the Soul Survivor festival. This year we went to the "North" event in Stafford rather than going down to Somerset, and we really enjoyed it. Although Soul Survivor North is slightly smaller, our young people were still greatly encouraged to be worshipping alongside about 5000 other Christians their age, learning from God's word through the talks at the main meetings and the different seminars they chose to go to including ones on Sex, Relationships, and Finding Your Calling. We took nine young people from Deane this year, six girls and three boys and were joined by another three girls from St Andrews, along with Julian, one of their youth leaders. We were delighted that Terry and Stephen and Jo were able to join us for a visit to experience a little bit of Soul Survivor for themselves (and help out with the barbeque!).

We are very grateful to all those who supported us on our trip. Your prayers were invaluable as we saw two members of our group give their lives to Jesus and all of them grow in their faith, and the money that people gave us towards the trip meant that we didn't have to go into church reserves or youth club funds to pay for the trip. **Thank you!**



Moving On



On the evening of Sunday 19th August our young people exchanged their hoodies for posh frocks and suits for the Deane Parish Church Youth Awards Ceremony. Stephen and Jo hosted this event at their house to give us the opportunity to give those leaving our youth groups this year a good send off with a meal and the presentation of such prestigious awards as "questioner award" and the "Just-in-time award". Seven of our young people are leaving our youth groups this summer as they go off to university or move on into adult church as they stay in Bolton for work or study.

Please do be praying for Liv as she goes to Liverpool, Andrew who is going to Newcastle, James starting university in Salford, and Gemma going to Edge Hill. Pray that they will settle into university well, make good friends, find good and supportive churches, and continue to grow in their faith. Please pray also for Tom, Danny, James, Katie, and Gemma as they make the transition into adult church life in Deane and pray that as a church we would support them well.

This month's profile:

Margaret Rutter

I was born at Havercroft Maternity home in Bolton, three days before King George VI died. Apparently curtains were drawn, the staff all wore black arm bands and there was solemn music constantly playing on the radio. Fortunately I was oblivious to all that, although I'm told I did cry a lot!

Home was in Westhoughton, living behind my granddad's grocer's shop with my mum, dad and older sister Christine. I loved it because there was a constant stream of visitors (customers) who were really like extended family but it was hard work, especially for my mum. A large garden had been made into a shale tennis court and summer evenings and weekends were spent weeding, rolling and line marking and many happy hours of playing, again with lots of friends who used to come.

I started school aged 3, at White Horse Infants, at first

just for afternoons—part of which involved putting our heads on our desks and pretending we were asleep (good for developing self discipline!) When I was 7, I moved to the local 'Council School' and from there to Rivington & Blackrod Grammar School. Also when I was 7, I started piano lessons continuing all through my school years.

My favourite subjects at school were English and Maths and this continued right through to A Levels, combining these with Music.

After leaving school, I spent 3 years at Music College, graduating from the Royal Northern College of Music in 1973. By then I had decided I wanted to teach but was unsure whether to go into Primary or Secondary so I chose to do my PGCE in Middle Years. My first teaching job was at Queen Street in Farnworth and I decided to stay in Primary,

moving to Beaumont School in 1976, later spending four years at St Mary's and have now been at St George's in Westhoughton for 15 years.

I was married in 1974 and we moved to Horwich (the farthest away I have ever moved!) living in a beautiful rented cottage belonging to the parents of one of our friends. We loved it but decided renting was wasted money and bought the house at Hunger Hill, where I still live,

In 1976. Beccy was born in 1979 and I had the huge luxury of not going back to working in schools until she was 5, although I did have quite a few piano pupils and worked one morning a week at Bolton Technical College, teaching music to NNEB students.

Through my early years, I attended Sunday School, was confirmed when I was 11 and became a Sunday School teacher myself when I was about 15. The lessons I learned were based on solid Biblical teaching and have stayed with me all my life. When Beccy was about 2, we started coming to Deane Church and Beccy attended

Sunday School and then Pathfinders and gradually we became more involved in the life of the Church. Several things have contributed to my spiritual growth over those years - a Mission, home groups, individuals praying with and for me, the 'Scout Hut' services, going to Spring Harvest, Alpha, Christianity and Discipleship Explored and good teaching. I feel we are in very exciting times at Deane and am looking forward to seeing what God has planned for us and being a part of it.



Church Centre!

After many years of prayerfully working towards a new church centre, we are nearly there! The PCC have now purchased 41 Junction Road (also known as 2 Horsfield Street or St Mary's School House) which is 2/3 of the building which was St



Mary's Infants School many years ago.

The property, at the heart of 'Deane Village', is a solid stone building with a lot of character and fine architecture outside and in.

No serious issues were picked up in the structural report and Bolton Council have granted planning consent for conversion to a church centre.

Terry Oakes (a member of our church family and a quantity surveyor by profession, with many years experience in the

building industry) has kindly agreed to project manage the conversion work for us.

Let us praise God for His provision

of this building, for the money to

purchase and convert it, for the planning consent (granted in record time!) and for the amazing ways in which He is going to use our new church centre for the extension of His Kingdom in the years ahead.

Terry Clark

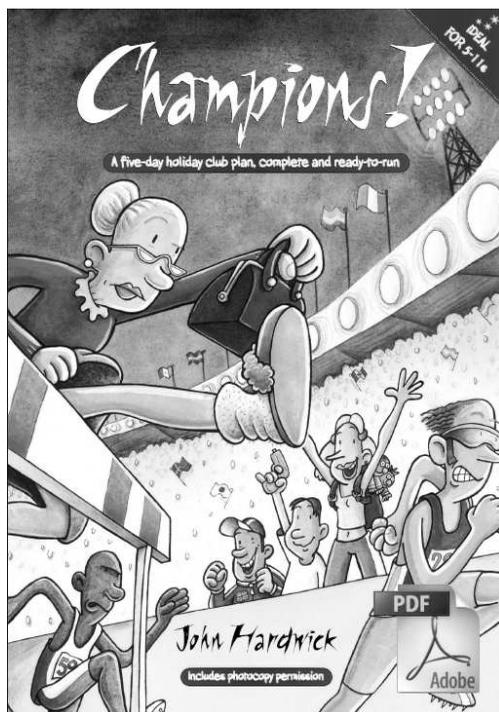


Holiday Club 2012

The decision to go to Soul Survivor at the beginning of the summer holidays meant that we had to move holiday club to the end of the summer. We invited young people through St Marys School, the uniformed organisations, and church as well as advertising it in the Deane Church Shop and delivering publicity in some local streets. We welcomed around 20 children to Champions 2012 each day for loads of fun including songs, memory verses, Champions Challenges (including making a team member into a trophy using tin foil) games, crafts and the unforgettable "Watt Family Drama".

We had a brilliant team consisting mainly of members of our youth groups, as well as a few "more experienced" team members. The whole team worked together fantastically to make sure each child was involved and encouraged in the activities and had a great time.

And we had a wonderful support team of Edna and Joan who kept us supplied with drinks and cakes and were always happy to do extra jobs to keep things running smoothly (like sharpening a bucketful of pencil crayons!). A big thank you to everyone who helped to make Champions 2012 such a success. Please pray for all the children who came along, that they would continue to grow in a relationship with God, especially for those who don't normally go to church.



A Free Church in Scotland

Plocton on the Balmacara Estate in North West Argyll is a beautiful village where we spent some time this year and last. It curves around a bay and there are numerous walks inland and along the coast. One of these takes you to a meeting place where members of the Free Church of Scotland gathered for worship when their practice was outside the law. Steps, almost concealed, lead from the road and you pass through a gateway beneath a stone arch and into a small, steep clough, whose grassy sides have ridges where the congregation sat. The quiet contains the prayer and meditation of centuries. Many wild flowers grow undisturbed and only birdsong enters the silence.

You can understand why this is sometimes the setting for weddings in a dry season. They can otherwise be conducted in the dignified plain building not far away where the Free Church now gathers. We attended a service and were generously welcomed. Psalms played a prominent part and were sung unaccompanied following the lead of Church Elders. The sermon was satisfactorily long after the Scottish manner. It was delivered from a high pulpit and examined the teaching of St Paul. In chapter fourteen of his Epistle to the Romans St Paul tells us to "stop passing judgement on one another" and remember what we can all share, "righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit". As the minister encouraged us to forget personal differences and differences in religious practice, the building we sat in and the people we sat amongst showed how much had changed. Remembering the church in the clough, I thought the Holy Spirit had always been there, listening to the birdsong and growing amongst the flowers.

Charles Winder

On the lighter side!

A halo only needs to fall a few inches to become a noose!



What did one dna molecule say to another? Do these genes make me look fat?

Handicraft Group Autumn Coffee Morning

SATURDAY 27th October 2012

10am-12noon

Guide Hut

Tickets 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).

Thank you all for support in the past, looking forward to seeing you in March.



Terry and Irene Ashley would like to thank most sincerely all the church family for their prayers, love and support during Terry's prolonged

From Lee Higson—I won a competition last year for EDF's Team Green Britain scheme. Myself and nine others have been shortlisted and one of our projects will receive a grant of £10,000. My own project, working with the Hunger Hill Action Group is to further develop the "Back Field" project just behind the Hunger Hill housing estate which is part of our parish, by installing renewable lighting and expanding the existing orchard for the benefit of local residents. There is a vote involved and I'm reliably informed that I'm 153 votes behind 1st place. Would you consider voting for me and my project on the web link below? On Lee, click on vote for me and then fill in a short registration form. There's no spam e-mails or anything like that. I'm trying to get a few local councillors onboard and the Bolton News. If you can encourage friends / family to vote, all the better! My project is currently in 7th place and voting finishes on the 6th October.



St Francis of Assisi

What do you know about St Francis except that he loved animals and preached to the birds? On a recent visit to Assisi I realised that there is much more to the story of Francis than this.

Francis was born in Assisi, a town midway between Florence and Rome, in 1181/2. That made him a younger contemporary of our own Richard the Lionheart, King John and the legendary Robin Hood. Francis' parents were wealthy cloth merchants. Francis, born while his father was away in France on business, was first named by his mother Giovanni (John). But on his return his father 'renamed' him Francesco (Francis) not then an accepted formal name as it simply meant little French boy, but appropriate as his mother was French.

Francis' parents expected him to grow up and make the family business even more prosperous. And for the first twenty years of his life Francis led the life of the rich and idle with plenty of wine, women and song! But in 1202 Francis joined the army of Assisi in its war

against its near neighbour Perugia. In Francis' day each city in Italy ruled itself and the surrounding area. Cities often went to war with one another. He was captured and held prisoner for a year.

When he came home he was a changed man. Modern medicine would probably say he had a breakdown. Francis wandered the countryside searching for a plan for his life. For a time he helped in a leper hospital, something rich merchants just did not do. At one point his father locked him up in the house hoping he would come to his senses, but Francis did not and his mother unbolted the door.

One day he was praying in the church of San Damiano, just outside Assisi, when Francis heard a voice coming from the cross telling him to '*rebuild my church*'. Francis firmly believed that it was God speaking to him. Francis first thoughts were to get the church of San Damiano restored since it, like many churches at the time, was in a poor condition. But this brought him into more conflict with his

father as he used money from the sale of his father's cloth to pay for the repairs! And eventually there was a complete breach between the two. In the square outside the Bishop's palace Francis gave all he was wearing and all he possessed back to his father and declared publicly that he was no longer his son.

From then on Francis lived the life of a hermit. He came to understand that to rebuild the church was not to be taken literally but to mean that the church needed to examine and restore itself from within.

Francis gathered around him a group of like-minded men, though he preferred to be alone with God. Throughout his life he did not want to own property. For a time he lived in a shepherd's hut until the shepherd returned months later and Francis moved out!

Francis' holiness came to the attention of many including Pope Innocent III. In 1219 Francis went to the Holy Land to try to put a stop to the fifth crusade. He had no success but impressed the Sultan of Egypt and received gifts from him, some of which are on display in Assisi

today.

Around Assisi there are many places of retreat where Francis spent days and nights in prayer. His bed was one of stones to ensure he kept awake as much as possible. One place of great interest is Francis' sanctuary near the village of Greccio. On Christmas Eve 1223 Francis invited the villagers to join him for a special service. On arrival, they found that Francis had arranged a stable scene, a couple with a baby, a real life ox and ass etc. And Francis used this as the base of his sermon. It is hard to believe but this was the first ever known use of a Christmas crib scene. And at Greccio and indeed in Assisi all year round Christmas cribs of all shapes and sizes are on sale!

Francis died on the evening of October 3rd 1226. Two years later he was declared a saint, and work started on his basilica which was completed within 20 years. There are many stories connected with St Francis, some perhaps more true than others. There are some who revere him almost as a second Christ. But Francis certainly made a huge impact on the people of his day.

For just such as you

For just such as you,
standing on a precipice,
stepping from pole to pole
or hole to hiding hole
For just such as you
stagnant in this absence of drag-
ons,
crushed by inertia
For just such as you
I have come, because
you are filled with light
I am the light,
and for just such as you,
disinterred and dancing,
I have come



Images of Assisi



A prayer for one going through a storm

(Mk4:35-41)

Lord when the storm rages,
When the wind and the waves seem
as if they will overwhelm us,
Help us to know the stillness of your presence
and your peace.
And even if you seem to be sleeping
through our storm,
May that, in itself, be a reassurance that we are safe.
You are with us. You will not abandon ship.
You will bring us through any storm life throws at us.
We will reach the end of our journey
Safely in your company.
Thank you Lord,
Amen.

Ladies' Guild

Over the summer Ladies' Guild enjoyed a meal at Tavern Fayre and an outing to Llandudno. The sun shone in great glory over Llandudno and Great Orme and the journeys went very smoothly and comfortably. Ice creams were consumed on the prom and afternoon teas were enjoyed in a variety of establishments.

Our winter programme :

September 13th	Aviation Fellowship	Kath Hughes
September 27th	Samuel Crompton	Mrs Hughes
October 11th	Harvest Supper	
October 25th	Beetle Drive	
November 8th	Stephen and Jo Bazely	
November 22nd	Christmas Crafts	Margaret Greeney
November 29th	Christmas meal out	
December 6th	Carols and Readings	

All ladies are welcome—Scout Hut Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. until further notice.

Look out, Llandudno!



Men of Deane

Programme Autumn 2012

Wednesday 5th September 7:30pm

Discussion and social evening at the King's Head. For those who've never been before - discussion subjects (absolutely anything!) are submitted anonymously on a post-it into a black bag then we spend a good 5-10 minutes discussing them. We will meet at the room at the end of the bar and grab our usual table.

Saturday 27th October - 08:30am (TBC depending on speaker availability - will confirm)

Men of Deane Breakfast at the Cafe Vienna (or quite possibly... the new Parish Centre) with guest speaker Phil Tedd, a professional athlete who will be speaking on the opportunities and challenges faced by Christians in sport. Come along for a full English cooked breakfast (£6 if at Cafe Vienna), then enjoy a 20 minute presentation from our speaker. Please e-mail leehigson@hotmail.com if you wish to attend so that I can give firm numbers.

Monday 26th November 7:30pm

Scalextrics evening in the new Parish Centre. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. This is a new venture for Men of Deane but promises to be a light hearted evening of friendly competition. Come and re-live your childhood!

Friday 21st December 7:30pm

Our annual Christmas social - starting off at the King's Head for a get together, and then moving on later back to the Parish Centre for a Chinese takeaway and a couple of games. I'll circulate menu's closer to the time but let me know if you'll be joining in for this one.

Thursday 24th January 7:30pm

Dilemmas in Movies evening - The Parish Centre (TBC - could be the rectory) - complete with large screen and cinema sound!. A compilation of various clips from movies guaranteed to stimulate interest and discussion as topical issues are raised. Refreshments / nibble will be provided at this popular event.

If you have any ideas for future MoD activities, perhaps a visit out somewhere, a guest speaker you know who would be willing to speak at a Men's Breakfast, or something completely different, please do drop me a line.

Lee Higson

leehigson@hotmail.com

AN EVENING WITH STUART TOWNEND

On Friday October 26th at 7.30 pm there will be an "Evening with Stuart Townend" 9'In Christ alone', 'How deep the Father's love'... at the Victoria Hall in Bolton. Stuart will perform, chat and also lead worship using some of his well- known contemporary hymns. Tickets are £8, with £5 concessions. They can be purchased at CLC Bookshop, 129 Deansgate Bolton; St Denys Bookshop, Cathedral Visitor Centre Manchester and by post from Bishops Lodge, Walkden Road, Worsley M28 2WH. (email susan@edmondsons.org.uk or phone 01617908289)

Stuart has released several albums including "The Best of Stuart Townend" and "Creation Sings" CDs and DVDs. His latest album, "The Journey" was released in May 2011.

Stuart is also the keynote speaker at the **Make a Joyful Noise! Diocesan Music day 27 October 9.30 to 4 details: <http://www.manchester.anglican.org/events/2559/make-a-joyful-noise>**

My Dear God, thank you—

for the wife who says it's only hot dogs tonight because she is at home;

for the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato because he is home with me;

for the teenager who is complaining about washing up because it means she is not out on the streets;

for the taxes I pay because it means I am employed;

for the mess to clean after a party because it means I am surrounded by friends and family;

for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because I have a home;

for all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.

i.e ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE!

C o n t a c t s & O f f i c e s

Team Rector	Terry Clark	01204 61819
Curate	Stephen Bazely	01204 849288
DLM	Elizabeth Plant	01204 63730
Readers	David Dewhurst	01204 651347
	Nola Kilsby	01204 665700
Wardens	Lee Higson	01942 795038
	Beccy Rutter	01204 654737
	Ken Tidmarsh	01204 652184
Church Office		01204 659637

District Church Council

Lay Chair	Jane Hampson	01204 848433
Hon Treasurer	Les Kilsby	01204 665700
Hon Secretary	Bryan Shephard	01942 817288

Other Responsibilities

Flowers	Josie Crompton	01204 655964
Gift Aid Sec	Les Kilsby	01204 665700
Handicraft Group	Dorothy Benyon	01204 417794
Ladies' Guild	Josie Crompton	01204 655964
	Pat Sewell	01204 61278
Magazine Editor	Anne Roberts	01204 849468
Music Co-ordinator	Beccy Rutter	01204 654737
Verger	Josie Crompton	01204 655964
Weddings Admin	Anne Roberts	01204 849468
Little Lambs	Melanie Higson	01942 795038

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