

# **Deane Church**

## **Bible Study w/b Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

1. In time of crisis, what do you do?

### **Read 1 Samuel 8:1-22**

Samuel was a judge / leader of Israel and someone who trusted God. The judges were not kings. There is a constitutional crisis in Israel... or is there?

2. When the elders of Israel say to Samuel (v5) “now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have”... what are they getting wrong? (NB At least 3 things, possibly more!)

3. What should they have done?

4. How and why may we struggle to do the right thing by God in time of crisis?

5. So why does God allow them to have a king (v21)?

6. Imagine this. Numbers of paid clergy staff have been cut back. Your vicar is now shared with another church and is thinly spread. 10% of the people at church seem to be doing 90% of the work... or it just seems that way sometimes! Come September we may not be able to field clergy to staff all of the services at both churches. Are we facing a crisis or is this a wonderful opportunity? What do we do? How should we proceed?