

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE

1988 SUNDAY DIARY

5. PENTECOST 2.
Theme: The Church's
Unity and Fellowship

8.00am. Communion
10.30am Family
Communion
6.30pm Evensong

12. PENTECOST 3.
Theme: The Church's
Confidence in Christ.

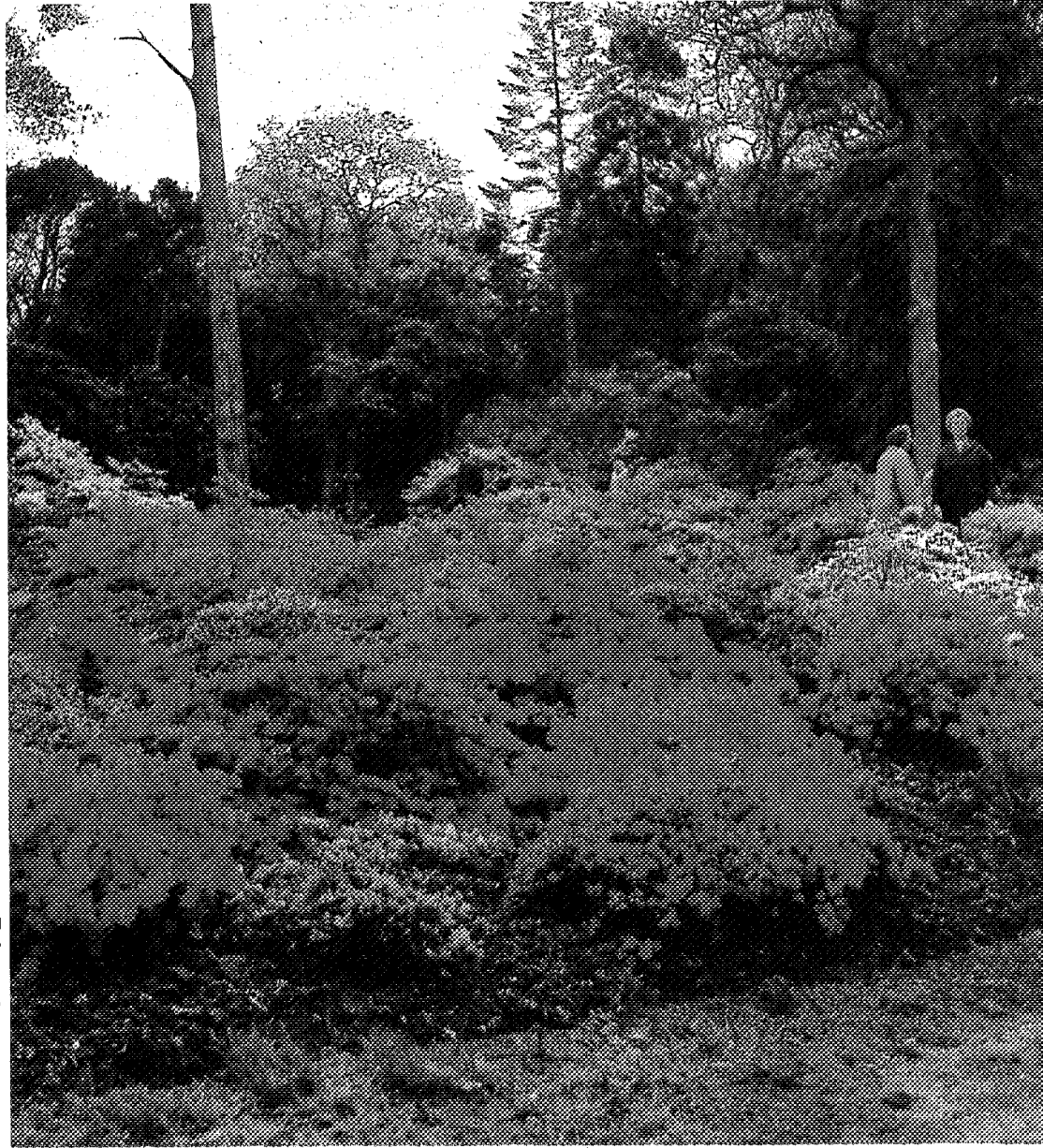
8.00am. Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm. Family
Communion and
Admission
Service.

19. PENTECOST 4.
"SERMONS SUNDAY"

8.00am. Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Margaret Cundiff
2.30pm Family Service
Margaret Cundiff
4.30pm Procession of
Witness
6.30pm Evensong
Pamela Harvey

26. PENTECOST 5.
Theme: The Church's
Mission to all men.

8.00am. Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
2.30pm. Hospital Ward
Service
6.30pm. Family
Communion.



*Azaleas, Exbury Gardens, Hampshire, by Edward Cowin
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MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am, in the Church Lounge,
except on June 15th when it is in Church.

Parochial Church Council: Monday June 6th at 7.45pm.

Fellowship: There will be a meeting every Tuesday evening
in the Rectory at 8.00am.

Church Open Day: Saturday, 18th June.

12.30-5.30 pm. Guided Tours of the Church
7.30pm. Concert by Bolton Chamber Choir.

Who's Who

Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)
Curate	- 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
Reader	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231)
Wardens	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)
Hon. Secretary	Eric Downs 1 Marnland Grove (653049)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook
Chairmen of Working Groups	
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell
Pastoral	Eric Downs
Worship	Roger Jackson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Stan Wilson

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)

MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

What's On

Crèche	under 3 years
Scramblers	3 to 5 years
Climbers	5 to 7 years
Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
Explorers	7 to 11 years
Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall	
Eric Downs (653049)	
Pathfinders	11 to 14 years
Worship in Church on Sundays	
Club Night in the Memorial Hall on Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.	
Dorothy Cox (62889)	
David Dewhurst (651347)	

LADIES' GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall	
Ladies' Guild	Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Dorothy Wallwork (652505)
Mothers' Union	Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Annie Crook (62463)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies	Pack 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010)
	Pack 2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511)
Guides	Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)
Cubs	Pack A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277)
	Pack B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (61100) Pat Boydell (61450)
Scouts	Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)

The Parish Office at the Rectory, 234 Wigan Road (61819) is open on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. to deal with initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage.

THE VICAR REPORTS . . .

What on earth could induce well over 2,000 people to spend four days on an East Coast holiday camp before the season has even started?

ANSWER: 'NEAC 3' i.e. the third National Evangelical Anglican Celebration (although the first two, held in the late '60s and '70s were called congresses).

THE PURPOSE? To draw together as many different strands and levels of the evangelical movement within the Anglican church as possible, and to be able to share and learn together from the Word of God. Different strands, because the desire to be obedient to God has opened up new experiences for some, and developed new concerns for others. Different levels, because the thousands included bishops, clergy and laypeople (but with only about four dog-collars to be seen and hardly a glimpse of episcopal purple to give the game away).

THE CONTENT? The underlying theme for the long weekend was 'This is your God'; a theme which was developed by the principal speakers at each evening's celebration (of which, more in a moment) at the conclusion of a day spent in various 'Workshops' designed to foster various skills or to share particular insights. There were about seventy different Workshop options available, ranging from 'Handling moral dilemmas' to 'Christian certainty in a religiously plural world'; from 'Gifts and ministries within the local congregation' to 'The challenge of ageing' (These weren't the ones I went to). The Workshops accounted for about five hours of each day, being preceded by various worship options from 7.15 am. (Holy Communion in a marquee, Morning Prayer in the Pool Room, Meditation in the Staff Social Room, or Experimental Worship in the Star Cruiser Club!) There were also meetings in smaller groups for prayer and discussion.

THE THEME OF 'This is your God' was developed during the four days with different emphases. Firstly - 'the just God', to stress how God is absolutely just, but our acquiescence in human injustice can hinder others from knowing the kingdom of God.

Then 'the caring God' who weds us despite our sin and woos us despite our faithlessness, who combines justice and care in a way that should put us to shame.

'The One God' - in which a senior Indian Christian warned of the reality of idol-worship in our own midst; where so many things of human creation can oppose the true image of God.

A powerful address by the Bishop of Coventry centred on 'the saving God', who saves us through his own self-giving love and then calls us to costly, long-term loving; a 'power-through-weakness' kind of evangelism so that others could find a crucified God.

Add to all this a substantial address by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and on the Sunday morning a Communion Service attended by about 3,000 (following a 7.00 'Sunrise service' on the beach with about a thousand joining in). Another face of the Church of England!

ONE IMPRESSION: a road ran the complete length of the holiday centre. Several times a day this gave the impression of being a haunt for disorientated ants as hundreds of us at a time would be moving from chalets to Workshops or on to something else in a different direction. But in the minutes before the major event of the day all movement would be in the single direction towards the 'big top'. Diversity and unity as hallmarks of the church.

Three quotes distilled from various parts of the proceedings:

'apathy is accepting the unacceptable'

'when justice is surgically slashed, all that is left is just ice' (a comment on the hard, cold approach that sometimes is called justice).

'We need more groaning, and fewer grinning, Christians' (the need for Jesus' kind of outrage and compassion).

Fellowship Groups will start again on Tuesday evenings at the Rectory beginning on June 7th at 8.00 p.m. These are informal gatherings for meeting each other, for worship and praying together and for following a series of studies which were prepared initially for the 'NEAC 3' event on which Robin Hazlehurst has reported overleaf. They also cover some of the major themes of the forthcoming 'Lambeth '88' - a conference attended by bishops from all over the world. This month the programmes are entitled:

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| June 7 | Ministry is for Everyone | - ministers are not a race apart! |
| 14 | Team up for Leadership | - only a team could restrain me! |
| 21 | The Woman's Place | - she could only be a flower girl! |
| 28 | The Vicar Wouldn't Like It. | - worship crisis as Rector falls ill! |

The Ladies Guild has just one meeting this month, on June 14th when Rita Rosemarine will talk about 'Jewish Family Life'.

The Mothers' Union have their branch meetings at 2.15 on June 8th and 22nd. On the latter occasion Mrs. G. Sumner of Horwich will speak about "Acupuncture". The speaker at this year's Deanery Festival to be held at St. Thomas, Chequerbent at 7.45 p.m. on June 8th is the wife of our Diocesan Bishop - Anne Booth-Clibborn.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

Adrian Jackson, having worked over the past 2½ years in the remote desert areas of Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates is now living in Muscat, Oman, near the Persian Gulf. Here there is a sizeable English speaking community with a well attended church to which he can go on Sundays and fellowship groups during the week. There are good facilities for sport and social life - all of which were absent when living in "Portacabin" type of accommodation in the desert. He can now hop across the Indian Ocean for holidays in Singapore and Malaysia!

Bob and Margaret Lunt having completed their 6 months furlough in the U.K. are back in the primitive Cháco area of N. Argentina where they serve as our Link Missionaries with the South American Missionary Society. The move from Durham City to the Cháco was a massive cultural shock even though they have gone through it before.

During their absence Bob's co-translator of the New Testament, a native called Isidro had completed 3 books and now they are together about half way through the book of Revelation. The Church is being troubled at the present time by a militantly evangelistic group who seek to lure members away from the Anglican Church by superficially attractive worship which is emotional but not instructive. There do need to be changes in Anglican worship because it is very old fashioned otherwise there will be more defections.

Their area has been hit by severe flooding which has forced many to move their homes yet again. They have been distributing clothing and food supplied in bulk first by the diocese and more recently the Government is flying in assistance.

Alison and Elizabeth didn't get a summer holiday last year, but they are now getting an unplanned one for the teachers have been on strike for at least 3 weeks.

Stephen and Stella Brook writing from Portugal are still waiting to move to SETUBAL where he will be the minister to the Lusitancan (Anglican) church in this industrial city about 30 miles from Lisbon. There are many social problems stemming from unemployment, poverty and bad housing. The Church is small and elderly, but there is a spiritual hunger because of the disillusionment with politics. Though it has been frustrating having to wait so long there have been advantages too with opportunities to gain additional experience and serve God in their temporary residence.

The shortage of clergy grows more acute as three of them are chronically sick and either wholly or partly laid aside. This means that Stephen is now fully occupied conducting services on Sundays.

Their Bishop Fernando continues to encourage them to look to the Lord for a solution to the problems of lack of growth and leadership in the Church. Please pray that they and their children will have good health, a sense of security and make good progress in their education, language development and spiritual

With the approach of the holiday season at the end of this month, this extract from the Christian Fellowship of the travel agents, Thomas Cook, seemed appropriate.

HEAVEN A Lighthearted Guide for Travellers (Anon Travel Agents)		
ACCOMMODATION:	Arrangements for first-class accommodations have been made in advance.	John: 14:2
PASSPORTS:	Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling Authority.	Rev: 21:27
DEPARTURE TIMES:	The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travellers are advised to be prepared to leave at short notice.	Acts: 1:7
TICKETS:	Your ticket is a written pledge that guarantees your journey. It should be claimed and its promises kept firmly in mind.	John: 5:24
CUSTOMS:	Only one declaration is required while going through customs.	1 Cor: 15:1, 3, 4
IMMIGRATION:	All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country.	Heb: 11:16
LUGGAGE:	No luggage whatsoever can be taken.	Tim: 6:7
AIR PASSAGE:	Travellers going directly by air are advised to watch daily for indications of imminent departure.	1 Thess. 4:17
VACCINATION & INOCULATION:	Injections are not needed as diseases are unknown at the destination.	Rev: 21:4

DEANE SERMONS 1988 Following last year's experiment of having an "Open Day" on the Saturday afternoon of Sermons Weekend, the church will be open for guided tours at regular intervals from 12.30 - 5.30pm. In the evening the Bolton Chamber Choir will give a concert in Church followed by light refreshments also in Church. Tickets are available at £200p. and £1.00p. for children and O.A.P's. The preachers on the following day will be all women!!



The Revd. Margaret Cundiff, author and broadcaster will speak at the Family Communion Service at 10.30am. and the Family Service at 2.30pm. The Revd. Pamela Harvey will pay a return visit to speak at the Evening Service at 6.30pm.

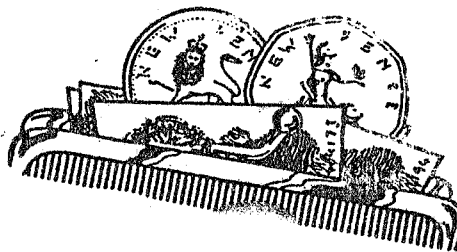
Special musical items will be provided by our own choir in the morning and evening services, by the children of St. Mary's C.E. Primary School in the afternoon and by the children of Haslam Park Country Primary School in the evening. For the first time our Procession of Witness will be led by the Campaigners Youth Band of Leyland Parish Church.

The following members of Climbers have been giving awards for :

25 attendances : Karen Greenhalgh, Laura Parker
 50 attendances : Michelle Bradshaw
 100 attendances : Matthew Kilsby.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Thank you to those who have contributed to the work of God through the weekly offerings



	<u>Christian Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
April 3	£418.48	£192.77	£611.25
10	356.95	176.12	533.07
17	359.00	64.98	423.98
24	469.95	80.89	550.84
Weekdays	-	125.87	125.87
	<u>£1604.38</u>	<u>£640.63</u>	<u>£2245.01</u>

Though this year's figure is fractionally higher than last year's total of £2233, the disturbing feature is that the average weekly income of £561 is well short of our target of £605 which we need to meet our commitments in full. The treasurer reports that only 30 of the 225 who are members of our Christian Giving Envelope Scheme have so far responded to the situation outlined in the financial fact sheet published in March. As most of us who are tax payers don't actually experience the benefit of the tax concessions announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer until this month, it is to be hoped that many more will take the opportunity to review their giving.



CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of our congregation:

To Carolyn Greenwood on her marriage to Martin Holland on May 28th. They will be living in Glasgow.

To Eric Morgan and Jennifer Willcox to be married on June 25th. Though they will be moving to Daisy Hill they plan to continue their membership with us.



Whatever our political allegiance, we offer Alan Rushton our congratulations on his election as a councillor for the Deane-cum-Heaton Ward, taking the place vacated by Doris Berry on her well-earned retirement. We are glad that her long period of political service in the borough has been recognised by her being made an honorary alderman.

We are sad, though not surprised, that Eileen Watson should be leaving us after 3 years as headteacher of our St.Mary's C.E.Primary School. We congratulate her upon her appointment to the Pikes Lane County Primary School. This is a particularly challenging job, because it involves amalgamating 3 separate schools on 'split' sites.

We welcome back Judith Bromley. After training as a solicitor she is working with a Bolton practice and has offered to form and lead a Ranger unit for girls who have passed through Brownies and Guides. They meet on alternate Wednesdays from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Further details from Judith on Tel.62175