

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

## AUGUST

1988

### SUNDAY DIARY

#### 7. PENTECOST 11

Theme: The Serving  
Community.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family  
Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

#### 14. PENTECOST 12

Theme: The Witnessing  
Community

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Morning Prayer

6.30pm. Family  
Communion

#### 21. PENTECOST 13

Theme: The Suffering  
Community

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family  
Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

#### 28. PENTECOST 14

Theme: The Family

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family  
Service

6.30pm. Family  
Communion



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### MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church  
Lounge except August 10th where it will be  
in Church.

Fellowship Group every Tuesday at 8.00pm. at the Rectory.

Coffee Morning: Saturday, August 20th 10.00-12.00noon.

## Who's Who

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

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

<b>Lay Chairman</b>	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Major Crook

## Chairmen of Working Groups

<b>Mission &amp; Unity</b>	Pat Sewell
<b>Pastoral</b>	Craig Mochrie
<b>Worship</b>	Roger Jackson
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabric</b>	Harry Ridyard
<b>Social</b>	Stan Wilson

## OTHER OFFICIALS

<b>Organist</b>	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)

## MEMORIAL HALL

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

## What's On

<b>Crèche</b>	under 3 years
<b>Scramblers</b>	3 to 5 years
<b>Climbers</b>	5 to 7 years
<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i>	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
<b>Explorers</b>	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653049)	
<b>Pathfinders</b>	11 to 14 years
<i>Worship in Church on Sundays</i>	
<i>Club Night in the Memorial Hall on Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.</i>	
David Dewhurst (651347)	
<b>C.Y.F.A.</b>	14 to 18 years
<i>Meet on Sundays at 8.15 p.m.</i>	

## LADIES' GROUPS

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

## UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
<b>Brownies 1</b>	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
<b>2</b>	<i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Lily Jarret (63511)
<b>Guides</b>	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
<b>Rangers</b>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (62175)
<b>Cubs A</b>	<i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
<b>B</b>	<i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (61100) Pat Boydell (61450)
<b>Scouts</b>	<i>Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> 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 RECTOR'S LETTER

30th July, 1988.

Recently I spent a most enjoyable Friday evening with our Pathfinders at their club night. The members had been encouraged to ask me any question they wished. The object of the exercise was to give the young people an opportunity of getting to know me and something about me that they would not have easily discovered when I am functioning in my more public, 'up front' role.

One of the questions I was asked was this - what things have encouraged you most since you have been our Rector, and what things have discouraged you? After a moments hesitation I answered to the effect that I find it especially encouraging as I look at our congregations on a Sunday and see faces who were not there a few months or years ago. In some cases you are people who have moved into the district in recent times and have transferred your membership from one church to another. This is encouraging, but sadly it doesn't always happen. Sometimes when people move into a new district they are very slow to get round to linking up with their local church. The faces I am especially encouraged to see are those of you who have started coming to church because you had a sense of need. It may have been the need to say thank you to God after recovering from a serious illness; it may have been a realisation that perhaps the Christian Faith has support to offer in the immediate aftermath of a bereavement; it may have been something in your daughter's wedding service which made you aware of an emptiness in your own marriage. In a number of cases this initial sense of need, in whatever form it took, has led to commitment to Christ and faith in Him. These may not be spectacular conversion experiences - that doesn't matter - but I do find it most encouraging to know that there are those of you who are now members of Deane Church who were not some years ago.

And the discouragements? Undoubtedly my failure to teach members the importance of meeting together for Christian fellowship. I am saddened when, year after year, members of the Believing and Belonging groups nod their heads in agreement with what I say about Christian fellowship, and often quite gratuitously say how much they have enjoyed and appreciated the fellowship of their group, but once the programme is over they never graduate into membership of a central fellowship or a house group. The material we are using at the central fellowship on Tuesday evenings at the present time is some of the best that I have ever used. During August we are looking at some of those social issues such as possessions, poverty, wealth, and their uneven distribution and what should be our Christian response to these situations.

The other discouragement is the difficulty we are experiencing at present in getting members to assist with our Explorer, Pathfinder and CYFA groups. I wrote about our needs in last month's newsletter because I believe that we all need to be made aware of the situation. Regrettably, I have only received one very tentative enquiry from a parent who already has heavy commitments with his job and voluntary service through the church. If there continues to be no response to this need for helpers, then I will have to suggest to the Pastoral Committee that these areas of our church life will have to close.

I don't want to have to do this but what other solution is there to our problem of finding church members who are willing to assist in this important area of ministry to young people?

Roger B. Jackson.

## MISCELLANY

For the Ladies Guild August is a busy month. It begins with an all day outing to Windermere on Saturday, 6th August. On the following Tuesday, 9th August, they hold a Mock Auction. Their annual Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, 20th August, from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. On August 23rd Mrs. Shepperd will reveal how she spent a summer.

The Mothers Union deserve an apology that in last month's newsletter their badge was placed upside down! Nevertheless, we received only one complaint. Does that mean that no one else noticed it? It reminds the editor of the occasion when a member took a young boy to task whom she found wearing the M.U. badge. The lad was equally irate in telling the elderly lady that she ought to know that M.U. stood for Manchester United and for them alone! As he supported United he was proud to wear the M.U. badge. The programme for this month begins with a Deanery Quiet Evening at St. Elizabeth's, Horwich, on Monday, 8th August, at 7.45 p.m. The speaker at the branch meeting on Wednesday, 10th August, at 2.15 is Molly Hudson, M.B.E. A fortnight later, on Wednesday, 24th August, there will be an Open Evening from 7-9 p.m. where the work of the Mothers Union will be displayed. Light refreshments will be provided.

After many years without a minister, Deane United Reformed Church (still affectionately known as "Deane Congy") is to welcome as its new minister the Rev'd. Denise Megson. Denise is the wife of a minister and she was "inducted" last month in the Chapel of St. Ann's Hospice, Little Hulton. Denise plans to divide her time between her work as a member of the chaplaincy team at the Hospice and as the Minister of the Deane congregation. There will be a "Welcome Service" for Mrs. Megson on Tuesday, 9th August, at 7.30 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend can obtain a ticket from the Rector.

Another church to have a new minister this month is our neighbouring parish of St. Bartholomew, Westhoughton. After an interregnum lasting over a year, the Rev'd. Simon Tatton-Brown will be instituted and inducted as Team Rector on Friday, August 12th. For the past six years he has been chaplain to the Bishop of Manchester.

August is a month when thousands of children and young people attend Christian holidays at camps and houseparties. These prove to be invaluable occasions for giving older young people experience of Christian service, and they are also times when many young people come to faith in Christ. We need to pray for those holidays to which several of our younger members are going this month.

### "A BABY"

Each new-born infant poses the question of the possibilities that exist in life. It hangs above the cradle like a rainbow. There are magic and mystery in that frail bundle of flesh. He has genius in his tiny head. He can grow and he can learn. The beauty of the world is in his face; he sleeps with the innocence of snow; he rages with the authority of Jove; and his brave little flower of a fist will grow to drive the tractor, steer the ship, pilot the aircraft, heal the sick, sway the multitudes, and perhaps even point the way to a happy new world.

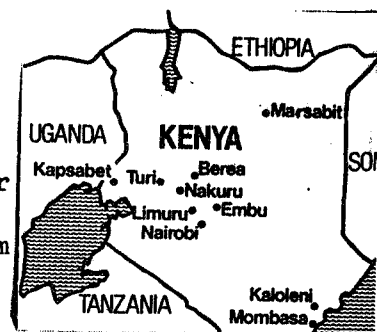
Ron Morris.

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## NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

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Mark and Anne Russell-Smith from P.O.Box 18, Kapsabet, Kenya before they left for a 6 month period of leave. During their time in the U.K. they will be paying weekend visits to their "Link Parishes". They will be at St. Andrew, Over Hulton from October 15-16 and at Deane 3 weeks later from November 5-6.



They ask us to pray for Graham Osgood, a Vicar from Gee Cross, Hyde, who for 3 months is taking Mark's place on the teaching staff of St. Paul's School of Divinity at Kapsabet, where Mark is the Principal. Other members of the staff will have additional responsibilities during Mark's absence, for teaching, planning, administration and the supervision of students, both those in residence and the external ones. These responsibilities are made greater by the fact that the Bishop has asked the school to take extra students half way through the year.

In a previous letter they asked us to pray that the financial needs of the school would be met by generous giving from the local churches. This has been forthcoming and their financial worries, at least in the short term, are over. A substantial sum has also been given to enable work to begin on the new buildings which are required as the Bible School grows.

(N.B. Whilst in the U.K. Mark and Anne will be based in York at 73, The Crossway, Muncastergate, York, Tel. 0904 425468).



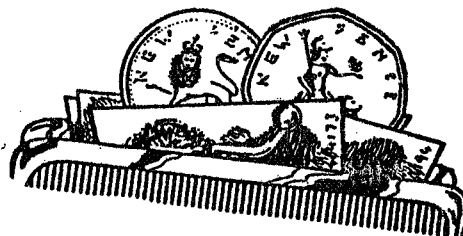
We were saddened to receive the news from Tear Fund that our adopted child, Jeanine Joseph, in Haiti, has had to leave the Sponsorship Scheme through which we have given her financial support for several years now. Sadly Jeanine is pregnant and has had to leave the school to take care of her baby when it arrives. Tear Fund assure us that she will continue to receive the support, care and protection from other Christian workers at her local Church, even though our sponsorship has come to an end.

In Jeanine's place we have been asked to sponsor and 'adopt' YONE LAM. Yone is a 10 year old girl from Thailand. She is the youngest member of a poor family. Her parents, who are subsistence farmers, find it difficult to support their family and during term time, Yone lives at the Naga Christian Childrens' Home with one of her sisters. She started her schooling very late and she is now in the Kindergarten class. Her favourite subject is Burmese. She also attends Sunday School regularly and can now sing and recite verses from the Bible.

The money we send (£156.00 per year per child) in Yone's case helps to pay for her maintenance and education at this residential home. Without this support she would be unable to attend school.

## CHRISTIAN GIVING

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



	<u>Christian Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
June 5	£442.27	65.18	£507.45
12	442.62	108.17	550.79
19	465.40	294.36	759.76
26	319.56	53.56	373.12
Weekdays	-	116.21	116.21
	<u>£1669.85</u>	<u>£637.48</u>	<u>£2307.33</u>

Though this represents an increase of 6.1% over the corresponding month last year, the average weekly income of £585 is still below our target of £605.

On Sermons Day, June 19, additional donations amounting to £132.99 were also received making a grand total of £892.75.

## FAMILY NEWS



We rejoice with those who rejoice . . . .

. . . as we congratulate Cyril and Joyce Hayes who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday July 24th.

. . . as we congratulate George Moone on gaining his B.Sc. degree in Electrical Engineering at Leicester Polytechnic.

. . . with Bob and Dorothy Benyon in the success of their son, David, in obtaining a first class honours degree in Chemistry at Nottingham University.

And we weep with those who weep . . .

. . . as we express our sympathy to Alice Warburton and Jean Nelson on the death of their brother and father, Arthur Catterall of Wigan Road, and also to the relatives and friends of Irene Greenhalgh who died very suddenly whilst on holiday at Blackpool.

Attendance Awards were given to the following children at the Family Service on July 24th.

<u>Climbers</u> for 25 attendances	:	Joanne and Jonathan Cheetham, Jamie Parker, Wendy Whittaker
50 attendances	:	Victoria Entwistle, Ian Holden.
100 attendances	:	Craig Foster
150 attendances	:	Lindsay Entwistle.
<u>Explorers</u> for 40 attendances	:	Mark Bradshaw, Rebecca Smith, Sarah Valentine.
80 attendances	:	Alison Dean, Claire Latchford, Ian Roberts.
120 attendances	:	Margaret Cupitt, Heather Nuttall
160 attendances	:	Nicola Carson, Christopher Marsden, Paul Yates.