

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER

1988

SUNDAY DIARY

2. PENTECOST 19

Theme: The Life of
Faith

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

9. PENTECOST 20

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Service

12.00 noon. Tear
Fund Lunch

6.30pm. Family
Communion

16. LAST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: Citizens of
Heaven.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Communion

(Robin Hazlehurst)

6.30pm. Evensong
(Ian Walter)

23. 9TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Creation

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Service
(John Faxton)

6.30pm. Family
Communion
(Ian Butterworth)

30. 8TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Fall

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Communion

6.30pm. Evensong.



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MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge,
except on October 5th when it will be at the Rectory.

Parish Fellowship every Tuesday at 8.00pm.

At the Rectory on October 4, 11.

At Eric & Mildred Down's, 1 Marnland Grove on October 18th

At Les & Chris Kilsby's, 1386 Junction Rd. West on October 25th

Parochial Church Council on Wednesday October 26th at 7.45pm.

Autumn Fayre on Saturday October 22nd at 2.45pm.

Harvest Ho-Down on Saturday October 8th.

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	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook
Chairmen of Working Groups	
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell
Pastoral	Craig Mochrie
Worship	Roger Jackson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Stan Wilson

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)
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
<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i>	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
Explorers	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653049)	
Pathfinders	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)	
C.Y.F.A.	14 to 18 years
<i>Meet on Sundays at 8.15 p.m.</i>	

LADIES' GROUPS

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

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

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

24th September, 1988.

Once every 5 years our Bishop encourages the clergy of the Manchester diocese to go with him to the Swanwick Conference Centre in Derbyshire for a consultation over a period of 3 days. Actually the Bishop finds it necessary to do more than "encourage" - he issues a "3 line whip", because, to be truthful, these have not been uplifting occasions in the past! Given the choice many of us, myself included, would have preferred to remain in our parishes. However, I am very pleased to report that, on this occasion, most of us returned of the opinion that, this time, it was different and well worth while. Wherein lay the difference, and what were the highlights?

Humanly speaking, a great deal of planning had gone into this conference over a period of years. Note had been taken of past mistakes and this was reflected in the time-table which was more relaxed. For me there were 2 significant differences:

1. The Worship was central rather than peripheral

At previous conferences I got the impression that the daily diet of Communion, Morning and Evening Prayer were on the menu because they had to be. As a consequence they were squeezed into the timetable in order to make way for the more important key-note addresses. This time the worship was altogether more relaxed without being prolonged. There were helpful periods of silence for reflection and prayer, and there was a good choice of music. In addition, there was a balanced diet of ministry of Word and Sacrament with excellent short talks at Evensong and Bible Studies at Communion to feed the heart and mind. The Congregational participation was excellent. There was no temptation to sing half-heartedly for fear that others would think you were a "chump" - we sang wholeheartedly because everyone else was doing the same. We proved that it's not only the Methodists who can sing!

2. The main speakers were practical as well as academic

They spoke out of a hard experience of life, and not from the seclusion of the ivory towers of academic life. Each of them was a scholar, but they had been exposed to the realities of life. For instance, David Bleakley, who gave the opening lecture, is a man who has lived through the traumas of the Irish problem. He worked for 7 years in the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast before studying at Oxford and Belfast. He has been a Northern Ireland M.P., a member of several public commissions, and, at the present time, he is a member of the Press Council as well as being President of the Church Missionary Society. George Carey, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, was born in ear-shot of Bow Bells in the East End of London. He left school at 15 to work for the electricity board. When he resumed his studies later, he collected a string of degrees and became Principal of a theological college before being appointed a bishop last year. Professor Jurgen Moltmann is a German theologian of international repute. He told us that the first time he came to the Swanwick Conference Centre, it was as a prisoner of war in 1947. Together with 3 other Germans he was given a special dispensation to attend an international conference organised by the Student Christian Movement. Here was a man who lives at the sharp end of problems to do with the environment and nuclear arms, and he was trying to relate the Christian Faith to these matters. I didn't find his lectures all that easy but that's not surprising, for he admitted that "if you ask a German professor to give a lecture, that is precisely what you will get!"

I have returned from the Swanwick Conference with an even stronger conviction that we need to make worship the most important and central of all our activities in the life of our church. In addition, I have recognized afresh the importance of "earthing" our faith, by relating what we believe to the great issues of our day. The Swanwick Conference will not have been a waste of my time if you can share these convictions with me.

Roger B. Jackson

Family News

The following children received awards for attendance at the Family Service on 28th August:

<u>CLIMBERS</u>	25 attendances:	Samantha Franklin, Craig and Rebecca Hesketh.
	75 attendances:	Mark Oakes
	100 attendances:	Richard Smalley, Elizabeth Valentine
	150 attendances:	Erica Smith
	200 attendances:	Lee Wheeldon
<u>EXPLORERS:</u>	80 attendances:	Linda Biney, James Newall, Craig Wheeldon.
	160 attendances:	Rebecca Barnes

We express our sympathy to Eileen Tomlinson on the death of her mother, Florence Tomlinson. For many years Mrs. Tomlinson was the Magazine Secretary and an active member of the Mothers Union. In recent years, however, failing health has rendered her more or less housebound.

We were also very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Dorothy Cox's father. We extend our sympathy to Dorothy and her mother and are pleased to hear how supportive their church has been in Preston.

We offer our congratulations to Kevan Burke and Mary Carter on the occasion of their forthcoming marriage on October 8th.

Next year's Parish Summer Holiday has been booked at the Methodist Guild Home, Sidmouth, Devon, from Saturday, 1st July, to Saturday, 8th July. Suitable for all ages. There are family rooms, doubles, twin and single rooms, also limited en-suite facilities available.

Approx. Cost . £140 Adult Full Board

If you are interested in joining approximately 30 others, then give Stuart Braddock (63260) or Roger Taylor (651035) a ring, for further details.

The Ladies Guild have their annual Harvest Supper on 4th October and their visiting speaker on 18th October is Miss Dorothy Fawell whose subject is "Life's Rich Tapestry".

The Mothers Union have had two important diocesan events this year. In May the annual diocesan rally was held in Manchester's Free Trade Hall, and more recently, on 18th September, the Centenary Festival Evensong was held in Manchester Cathedral. The service was preceded by a procession from Albert Square to the Cathedral. In the procession there were about 150 banners, including our own, and they were accompanied by two bands. As the local papers would say "traffic in the city was severely disrupted".

And finally, Ron Morris tells a tale about the . . . "UNAUTHORISED VERSION" ...

"A Sunday School teacher had been telling her class about the armour of God - the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation - There is something else we must carry", she added, thinking of the sword of the Spirit.

When no one answered, she said "Well, it is very sharp".

On hearing this, one little girl's face brightened as she asked - "Is it the axe of the Apostles?".

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT . . .



At its most recent meeting on September 12th, the Council received reports from several of its officers and committees, and where necessary took appropriate action.

In his absence, the Treasurer had submitted a written report in which he gave the encouraging news that income and expenditure in the first 8 months of the year had more or less kept in line with his budget forecast. However, though he had set aside a figure for contingencies, the problem with the church heating system was likely to produce a bill of around £4,000 to rectify and improve the system. To pay for this, other items of expenditure would have to be held back. Notwithstanding, the Council, as an act of faith, accepted the recommendation that we should give a "global sum" of £4,796 to missions and charities. This is in addition to what is given through appeals and individual donations earmarked for specific causes. The Mission Support Group, under Joyce Sutcliffe's chairmanship, will decide how this sum is to be allocated later this month. (Suggestions to Joyce please on Tel.696049).

The Mission and Unity Committee (Pat Sewell, Philip Gore, Alan Cheetham, Norman Hayes, Maureen Edwards, Doreen Owen, Margaret Reed and Helen Sharples) are looking closely at a scheme of outreach, entitled "Down the Street", which has been found to be most effective and helpful in other churches. It was also reported that in November there would be a series of 5 weekly Ecumenical House Groups, when we will be looking at a selection of the Psalms. Several churches who have not participated before have expressed an interest. Details are now available in church and application forms should be returned by October 23rd.

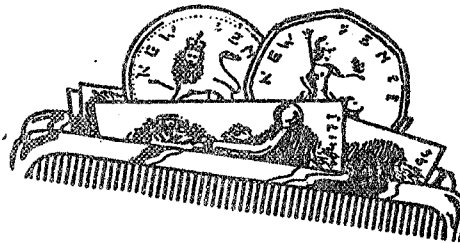
The Social Committee (Stan Wilson, Sheila Acton, Andrew Davenport, David Dewhurst, Brenda Dixon and Myra Higson) reported on the success of the Evening Concert at Sermons weekend and the Car Treasure Hunt organised in the summer. They gave details of the Harvest Ho-Down (tickets at £3.00 and £1.50 available from committee members) on Saturday October 8th, and the Christmas Dinner Dance at Deane Golf Club on Friday 2nd December.

The Worship Committee (Roger Jackson, Dorothy Cox, Harold Lever, Major Crook Jnr., Ray Howarth and Jim Needham) produced a suggested programme of Christmas arrangements bearing in mind that this year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. This was approved. It was decided not to have an evening service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Consideration was also given to a suggestion that during the winter months the evening service be held in the afternoon. However, it was felt that the arguments in favour were not strong enough to warrant a change.

The Buildings and Fabric Committee (Harry Ridyard, Major Crook, Malcolm Hearsey, Ron Morris, Terry Oakes, Ian Gardiner and Hugh Horrocks) reported on the heavy expenditure that would be due shortly on external maintenance of the church building, and on certain parts of the organ which are coming to the end of their life span. They indicated that as a result of all the decoration and improvements to the Memorial Hall, its accumulated balance of funds had all been spent now. After consultation with the congregation, the Council agreed to the committee's proposal that one of the designs for a permanent moveable font to be submitted for consideration by the Diocesan Advisory Committee with a view to obtaining a faculty (a legal document permitting changes in ecclesiastical buildings).

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Thank you to those who have contributed to God's work through their weekly offerings . .



	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
August 7	£396.32	64.17	460.49
14	456.38	99.19	555.57
21	430.86	100.67	531.53
28	459.93	150.58	610.51
Weekdays	-	94.67	94.67
	<u>£1743.49</u>	<u>£509.28</u>	<u>£2252.77</u>

This represents a 16.6% increase over last year's figure of £1932 in the corresponding period.

The house-to-house collection in August on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind was, for the second year running, £200 up on the previous year. Pauline Ridyard wishes to thank both collectors and donors for the magnificent total of £728.19.



When a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, gave the Rector a cheque for £200 as a contribution to the Church Missionary Society to repair the damage which their mission hospitals will have suffered through the horrendous flooding in Bangladesh, it seemed right to give the rest of us the opportunity to contribute through a retiring collection on Sundays September 11th and 18th if we so wished. It would seem that many did wish and consequently a total of £420.00 has been donated to the Bangladesh Flood Appeal. This has been divided two ways - £310.00 being allocated to C.M.S. and £110.00 to Christian Aid through the Disasters Emergency Committee.

A further way in which you can enable the Christian Relief Agencies to give long term as distinct from emergency help, to the poorer countries of the world, is by deciding to DROP IN FOR A SHOP IN at the Christian TrAIDshop in Knowsley Street. They have a new range of craft goods and foods produced and imported direct from these countries where the relief agencies are working. Your purchases help to provide employment and human dignity to those who need justice rather than charity to rescue them from poverty. The shop is staffed by volunteer helpers, and if you can offer 3½ hours a week or a fortnight during the week, please ring Bolton 43371 to offer your services. Alternatively, if you can offer 3½ hours a month on a Saturday, then ring 061 764 4171