

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

## NOVEMBER

1988

### SUNDAY DIARY

- 6 7TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
Theme: Missionary Sunday

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family  
Communion  
Mark Russell-  
Smith  
6.30pm. Evensong  
Mark Russell-  
Smith

- 13 6TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
Theme: The Promise of  
Redemption

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Remembrance  
Service  
6.30pm. Family Communion

- 20 5TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
Theme: The Remnant of  
Israel

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family  
Communion  
6.30pm. Evensong -  
Robin  
Hazelhurst

- 27 ADVENT SUNDAY  
Theme: The Advent Hope

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family  
Service  
6.30pm. Family  
Communion.

*Winter Sunset in Shropshire by Steven Paul  
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### MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am.- at the Rectory  
on November 2nd, 30th. In the Church Lounge  
on November 9th, 16th, 23rd.

Ecumenical Pre-Advent House Groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays at different times and places (details available in  
Church).

St. Andrew's Autumn Fayre: Saturday, November 12th.

Advent Praise: Manchester Cathedral, Saturday November  
26th at 7.30pm.



## 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.

Mary and I have just returned from our late summer holiday. We went to the Greek island of Kos, off the Turkish coast. (St. Luke refers to Kos in Acts Ch.21 v. 1 when describing the route of St. Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey. However, it is more famous, as we never cease to be reminded, as being the birth place of the "Father of Medicine", Hippocrates, in the 4th Century B.C.) It was a glorious holiday with hot, but not unbearably hot, sunshine every one of our ten days stay on the island, and it being the end of the season, it wasn't too crowded either. We managed to do plenty of walking, swimming and cycling, and in between we relaxed and read. As a result we have returned refreshed. We are most grateful to those who "kept the show going" in our absence by looking after our home, and conducting the mid-week and Sunday services.

From my observations and reading, there were three things that struck me during my holiday. Firstly, there was the appalling, unsightly pollution of the island with tin cans, plastic containers, glass bottles and all kinds of rubbish. Whilst tourists must be to blame for much of it, the islanders must be responsible for some of it. There was so much that I'm sure it could take the whole of the "off season" to clear it. The Bible teaches us that God has given to mankind the responsibility of being stewards of His creation. Our task is to husband, rather than to exploit, the earth's resources. It is, therefore, a blasphemy against the Creator God to spoil His creation by polluting it. I was very encouraged to see that at all the recent party political conferences these environmental issues were finding a place on their agendas.

Secondly, I was left with an uncomfortable feeling of injustice when I saw the massive building programme that is taking place in Kos, and indeed elsewhere around the Mediterranean. Holiday resorts resembling concrete jungles with modern hotels, swimming pools and apartment blocks are appearing like mushrooms overnight for the benefit of tourists from N. Europe. At the same time, I was being encouraged in the Tear Fund Prayer Diary to pray for the millions who live in the sprawling shanty towns throughout the world, and for the thousands who have nowhere to sleep but on the pavements. It can't be right that where I can stay on holiday is a luxury beyond imagination for the urban poor of the world. This situation is a blasphemy against the Just God.

Thirdly, I was challenged by my reading to see that Evangelism is given a much higher priority in the life of our church. We are so much better at talking about raising money to maintain the fabric of our buildings than we are at engaging in the work of evangelism. Though some of us believe in evangelism, the sad fact is that we have little enthusiasm for it, and even less confidence to share our faith with others and pointing them to Jesus Christ. I am particularly conscious of my own weakness and failings in this respect and I am wondering whether it is not high time for us to be seeking the help of those with evangelistic gifts to come to us to assist us in a period of missions. To ignore the call to evangelise is a blasphemy against the Loving God who gave His only Son to die for us so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This is good news which we must not keep to ourselves; it must be shared with others.

On my return home there was a mountain of mail to be dealt with. The first letter I opened was a sad one. It was from someone who felt it necessary to hide their identity behind the pseudonym "Regular Worshipper". He/She was complaining about an omission in this monthly newsletter. I will gladly explain to the person the difference between a parish magazine which has a wider circulation to parishioners and a church newsletter which has a limited readership of church members. This monthly publication is most emphatically not a parish magazine. If it was, I wouldn't have written about my holiday impressions, for I think these are more appropriate for sharing with the membership of the church family than being given a wider circulation. I hope "Regular Worshipper" will feel able to talk to me in confidence.

Roger B. Jackson

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM . . .

John Paxton, our Industrial Missioner, who writes about "Sabbath Rest"

The word "Sabbath", I suspect makes many people think that this article is about Sunday Trading, or at least a complaint about how Sunday is being abused. Rather, on this occasion, I want to explore the value of the concept of the sabbath.

Last month, the clergy of the Manchester Diocese spent a few days at Swanwick for their quinquennial conference. The main speaker was Professor Jurgen Moltmann from Tubingen University in West Germany. His lectures included his current thinking about the Christian attitude to environmental questions. Within this context he reminded his audience of the Old Testament teaching about the sabbath, and in particular, how the land used for agriculture should be allowed to lie fallow every seven years. This would allow it to recover, and help the people of Israel remember that the earth belongs to God.

Professor Moltmann developed this theme by suggesting the sabbath concept as a partial solution to high unemployment. He would like us to investigate the feasibility of every employed person taking one year's paid leave every seven years, and then making up the difference by working after the present retirement age.

No doubt many people, both employers and employees, will throw up their hands in horror. I am sure you can think of all the problems, but the advantages of such a scheme are worth reflecting upon. As long as proper training were provided, the sharing of work responsibilities would help the reduction in unemployment. The contribution that "resting" employees could make to their families' communities, or to voluntary agencies, would be considerable. Every employee would benefit from regular refreshment and recreation.

Like all prophets, Moltmann says controversial things, It does not mean they should be ignored!

Stephen and Stella Brook, our Link Missionaries in Portugal. They produce a very good newsletter at regular intervals which many of the congregation receive via Dorothy Cox, who will be happy to supply additional copies to those who want them. Here are a few extracts from their latest letter.

"We are very happy in our new house. It has great potential and when finished it will make an ideal family home and centre for our church work. At present we don't have many neighbours, but new houses are being built all around us on what will eventually become a large housing estate about 3 miles from the centre of the city of Setubal, where our church is situated.

There is a keen Christian couple from our church who live nearby. They are called Joao and Deolinda, and they have been a great help in getting us settled and finding our way about.

Within the Church of the Holy Spirit in Setubal there are tensions, partly because of leading men with strong ideas about what the church should be doing and how. We pray that there may be an increasingly common sense of purpose. The potential for growth is good. - there seem to be a good number of folk on the fringe waiting to be drawn in. Certainly they seem to be expecting great things to happen now that their new pastor and family have arrived - rather daunting!

The children are enjoying having a garden to play in. Because few other families have moved in, they are having to play by themselves - in Portuguese, of course. Rachel has been registered at the local primary school, but at the time of writing, we are still looking for a suitable pre-primary for Joanna and Andrew.

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## WHAT'S ON IN NOVEMBER . . . .

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In conjunction with other local churches, there will be a series of five weekly Home Meetings this month. With the aid of a booklet in the Scripture Union's Lifebuilder series, we shall be looking at five of the Psalms. The value of these home meetings is considerably enhanced when there is a good cross section of representation from different churches. Let's make sure that our church is not under-represented. Further details of venues and times are available in church.

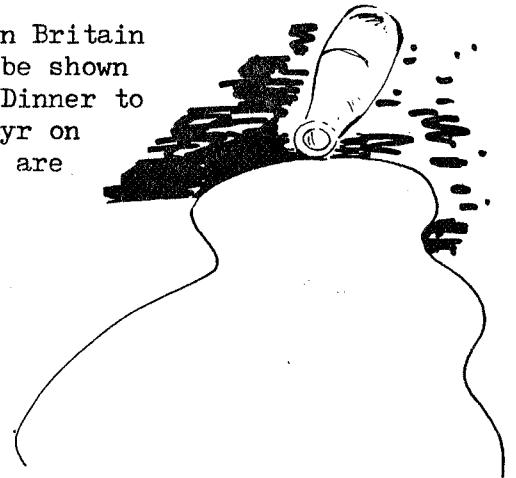
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Our former curate, Mark Russell-Smith, who together with his Norwegian wife, Anna, is our Link Missionary in Kenya, returns to Deane on Sunday, November 6th. Mark and Anna will be speaking at the main services and also at the CYFA group after the evening service.

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# No Use Crying

. . . is the title of a new video about families in Britain who are being helped by Scripture Union. It will be shown for the first time locally at the Scripture Union Dinner to be held at the Parish Centre of St. George the Martyr on Friday, November 11th at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Tickets are available from the Rector at £3.75



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Recently our Church Council voted to give a Global sum of £4,796 to support the work of Missions and Charities. It is the job of the Mission Support Group (under Joyce Sutcliffe's leadership) to determine how this money should be distributed. Membership of this Group is open to anyone and everyone who is interested in the work of any mission or charity, and who wishes to support its work in prayer and giving. If you come into this category, you will be welcome to take part in the meeting on Monday, November 14th at 8.00pm at the Rectory.

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The South American Missionary Society (S.A.M.S.) are asking their supporters to observe the week November 14-20 as a Week of Prayer. The Parish Prayer Diary will help you to do this.



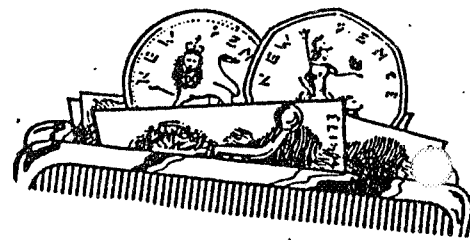
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Following last year's successful "Advent Praise" in Manchester Cathedral, there will be another similar occasion on Saturday evening, November 26th at 7.30pm. The main speaker will be Canon Michael Harper.

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## CHRISTIAN GIVING

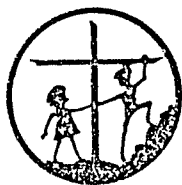
Thank you to those who have contributed to God's work through their weekly gifts . . . . .



	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
September 4	£ 316.00	£ 60.84	£ 376.84
11	454.03	59.42	513.45
18	351.96	77.57	429.53
25	423.66	111.38	535.04
Weekdays	-	72.59	72.59
	<u>£1545.65</u>	<u>£381.80</u>	<u>£1927.45</u>

The figure is marginally below last year's total of £;960 in the corresponding period.

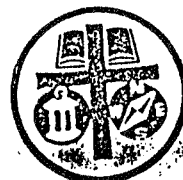
## NEWS FROM THE ORGANISATIONS



The Climbers are pleased to hear of the progress of one of their teachers, Sandra Scruton, after her operation in the summer, and they are looking forward to her return. The following received attendance awards at the Family Service in September -

For 25 attendances : Joanne Baxendale, Anna Davenport, Stuart Wagner  
For 75 attendances : Anne Wadsworth  
for 125 attendances: Martin Wagner

The Explorers wish to thank the following teachers who have retired recently - Carol Carson, Sheila Ray and Caroline Wilson, though they are glad to know that Caroline will be "tickling the ivories" once a month with Dorothy Cox and Margaret Rutter. They also welcome Isobel Marron as a new teacher.



The Pathfinders are still looking for a lady leader to replace Dorothy Cox, but they are pleased to welcome Jane Hampson who will assist with music and drama on their Friday evening sessions.

The small CYFA group is sad that not one of last year's senior Pathfinders has joined them, but they are pleased to welcome Alan Cheetham as a new leader.



The Mother's Union are to have a visit from a representative of the North West Water Authority at their meeting on November 9th. On November 23 Sheila Acton will introduce members to ideas for Christmas arrangements



The Ladies Guild have raised over £500 for the Bolton Hospice as a result of their sponsored silence on September 20th. What conclusions are we meant to draw from this magnificent effort? Is it perhaps an indication of how much their families and friends are prepared to pay for a little hush? At their meetings this month, the following programme has been arranged -

- November 1 Members' Evening. Open to all ladies in the Parish - a Fashion Show by "Second Image", at 7.30pm. Admission 50p. incl. refreshments - well worth a visit!
- 15 An introduction to the WRVS
- 29 Christmas Arrangements by Gwen Southern