

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

December

1988

SUNDAY DIARY

4. SECOND IN ADVENT

Theme: The Bible.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family

Communion

6.30pm. Evensong.

11. THIRD IN ADVENT

Theme: The Forerunner

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Morning Prayer

6.30pm. Family

Communion

18. FOURTH IN ADVENT

Theme: The Annunciation

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. Communion and

Fellowship Meal

in Memorial Hall

24/25 CHRISTMAS EVE/ CHRISTMAS DAY.

7.00pm. Carol Singing
Round the
Christmas Tree.

7.30pm. Festival of
Lessons and Carols
by Candlelight

11.30pm. Midnight
Communion

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Communion

MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the
Church Lounge.

Parish Dinner-Dance Friday December 2nd at 7.30pm.
at Deane Golf Club.

Parochial Church Council: Thursday December 8th
at 7.15pm.

St.Mary's C.E.Primary School Carol Service:

Thursday December 15th at 7.00pm in Church

Fellowship: Meeting for Praise and Prayer at the
Rectory Tuesday December 6th at 8.00pm.

Who's Who

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

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

<i>Lay Chairman</i>	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	Major Crook
<i>Chairmen of Working Groups</i>	
<i>Mission & Unity</i>	Pat Sewell
<i>Pastoral</i>	Craig Mochrie
<i>Worship</i>	Roger Jackson
<i>Buildings & Fabric</i>	Harry Ridyard
<i>Social</i>	Stan Wilson

OTHER OFFICIALS

<i>Organist</i>	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)
<i>Flowers</i>	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)
<i>MEMORIAL HALL</i>	
<i>Bookings</i>	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
<i>Caretakers</i>	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

What's On

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

LADIES' GROUPS

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

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
<i>Brownies 1</i>	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010)</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511)</i>
<i>Guides</i>	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)</i>
<i>Rangers</i>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (62175)</i>
<i>Cubs A</i>	<i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277)</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (61100) Pat Boydell (61450)</i>
<i>Scouts</i>	<i>Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)</i>

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.

26th November 1988

In recent days there has been a growing amount of publicity for the Church Urban Fund. I wish to give you a little background information and then tell you how we are beginning to respond to the challenge.

Even before the horrific riots at Broadwater Farm in N. London and Handsworth in Birmingham in 1985, the C. of E. had been examining its conscience on whether it had been responding adequately to the problems of the inner cities. The report "Faith in the City" was the response of a special Commission appointed to look into these matters. Though there are a set of recommendations addressed to the government, there are also specific recommendations directed to the Church. Clearly the Church must be seen to be putting its own house in order if it is to be listened to by H.M. Government.

One of the major recommendations is that the Church should seek to raise a capital sum of £18 m. as soon as possible, and then use the interest from this Church Urban Fund to make grants to small inner city projects for the next 20 years or so. Emphasis will be placed upon the initiative of local groups of churches identifying needs and how they may be met. If the local bishop approves of their suggestions then they will be submitted to a national committee. Throughout the country about 150 projects have been submitted and, already, 100 have received approval. Three in the Manchester Diocese - at Benchill (near the airport), in Salford and at Rochdale - have already been approved and have got off the ground. And two in the Bolton area, based at Emmanuel, Cannon Street, and at St. Andrews on the Johnson Fold Estate, have been submitted. The Church Urban Fund will only provide partial funding for projects in the hope that their grants will act as a catalyst to attract more money from local industry and commerce, which generally are more sympathetic to local schemes which can be actually seen to be doing things.

How is the capital fund of £18 m. to be raised, and raised quickly? It is to be shared out between the 43 dioceses and then between the parishes on the principle of the richer dioceses and parishes being asked to contribute more. Our parish is being asked to contribute £5,000 which can be spread over 4 years, if necessary, but the quicker it is given the less of a millstone will it appear to be.

Our Mission Support Group have earmarked £350 out of this year's "Global Sum" given to Missions and Charities as a starter. They believe that individuals should be given the opportunity to respond as well and follow this initiative without pressure being brought to bear upon them. One suggestion is that the annual Christmas or Lent Appeal may be used in part for this purpose, but this would need the approval of our Church Council at their meeting on December 8th. If you have ideas then please make them known to a member of the Council before this date.

As we come to the end of another year I wish to thank those who assist in any way with the production of this monthly newsletter - to Janice Gradwell, Una Mochrie, and Pat Sewell - the typists; to Christine Dean who does the photocopying, to Sandra Scruton who does the duplicating, and to Una Mochrie who staples the newsletter. We are most grateful to them for getting it out regularly on time.

And, finally, Mary joins me, together with Robin and Esther Hazlehurst, in sending you our best wishes for Christmas. If you are at home over the holiday period we look forward to celebrating our Lord's birth with you at one or more of our special services, which are listed on the front cover.

Roger B. Jackson.

Ron Morris who asks 'How Real is our Christmas Giving?'

Sadly in our Christmas giving we often do not look beyond our immediate circle of family and friends, and so our gifts simply add luxury to luxury. In the Sermon on the Mount our Lord brings a very pertinent challenge to us with this question 'What are you doing more than others?' (Matthew Ch. 5 v. 46, 47).

I wonder how many people will leave Jesus out of His own birthday party this Christmas? If we leave the needy of the world out then we are in effect leaving Jesus out. It is in our giving to them that we can put Christ back into Christmas. It was Mother Theresa of Calcutta who said:

"The unwanted are hungry not for food but love;
They are thirsty not for water, but for peace.
They are naked not for clothes, but for dignity.
They are homeless not for shelter, but for understanding."

The Editor adds: Our annual Christmas Appeal, to which £405 was given last year provides an excellent opportunity to do what Ron Morris is suggesting.

Sheila Crook who has submitted these hints from the Australian Baptist Magazine on "How to get rid of your clergyman" -

Look at him when he's preaching and talk about it to him afterwards - and he'll preach himself to death.
Pat him on the back and praise his good points - and he'll work himself to death.
Pay him a living wage - and as he's been economical for so long - he'll eat himself to death.
Re-dedicate your life to Christ and ask him for a job to do - and he'll die of heart failure.

David Rhodes of the Bible Reading Fellowship who writes about Sounds Fantastic!

'It was simply the most beautiful sound I had ever heard.

We'd gone to a carol concert and there was quite a bit of shuffling and whispering until a very small Brownie stood up to play a solo on the flute

Suddenly the atmosphere was transformed as the clear notes echoed through the church. I was stunned by the sheer beauty of the music - and it made me regret that I couldn't play an instrument. Written down, music looks like a lot of tadpoles on telephone wires. But played by a real musician the beauty the composer created suddenly comes alive.

Oddly enough, listening to the sound of that flute brought back the surprise and excitement I felt when I finally learned to read the Bible.

One day I began to use the Bible as part of my prayers. It stopped being ancient history and it became more than just a guide to living a good life. By accident I'd let God in on the act. And suddenly I found he was there opening my heart and mind in a way that stunned me - just as that Brownie did when she played her flute.

Some parts of the Bible are easy to grasp, like the catchy little tune she played. Some parts are powerful and angry as we hear men arguing and struggling with God - these sections hit you with the deafening force of a rock band. Other parts are quite complicated like a symphony. And here many of us need a wise and gentle friend to guide us.

Each day thousands of people find simple Bible reading notes give them just that guiding hand. Alone we get stuck but, in fellowship with other Christians, God brings the words of the Bible suddenly alive! Often as I read the Bible in the quiet of my prayers I think of that Brownie. I may never learn to play the flute, or even the recorder, but through the Bible God brings a harmony and purpose into my life that has the power and joy of great music.'

DECEMBER 4TH IS BIBLE SUNDAY. LET THIS BE THE DAY GOD STARTS TO BRING HIS POWER AND JOY INTO YOUR LIFE. YOU CAN ORDER BIBLE READING NOTES FOR NEXT YEAR AT CHURCH.



Parish Pantomime Outing, Thursday, February, 2nd
Originally, this started as a treat for the boys and girls in Explorers instead of a Christmas Party. Over recent years it has grown in size to become a very popular event in the parish social calendar. One hundred seats have been booked for the outing to the Palace Theatre, Manchester for their "Babes in the Wood" production. The Explorers have already been given first choice. The remaining tickets (theatre seat and place on the coach) are now available

on a first come, first served basis, by signing the list on the inside church notice board.

We offer our Sympathy to the following members of our Church Family who have recently been bereaved

- to Dorothy Cox on the sudden death of her father,
- Major Crook on the loss of his brother, Jim.
- Mark Russell-Smith, our former curate and Link Missionary in Kenya, whose father was killed in a road accident in Kenya the day after Mark's recent visit to us.

We are most grateful to former members Hilary and Andrea Taylor for donating two lovely large type editions of the Alternative Service Book for the clergy stalls in church in memory of their husband and father, J. Stuart Taylor who died very suddenly in September. The family moved to Maidstone, Kent, a year ago.

When the current rotas were drawn up two years ago, 60 different people were involved in the voluntary cleaning of the Church and Church Lounge. Since then 18 have dropped out of the cleaning teams for one reason or another. When the workload is shared by a reasonable number of people, the task is not a chore but can actually be enjoyable. This is what we wish to maintain. Church cleaning involves approximately 1 hour every 5 weeks and it can be done in the morning, afternoon or evening. The church lounge cleaning duty comes round once every 6 weeks and it can be done in the morning or afternoon and it also takes about 1 hour. At present over half of the volunteers are over 60 years old.



Surely there must be people, especially in the younger age groups, who are able to replace those who have had to drop out? Names please to Mary Jackson, Tel. 61819.

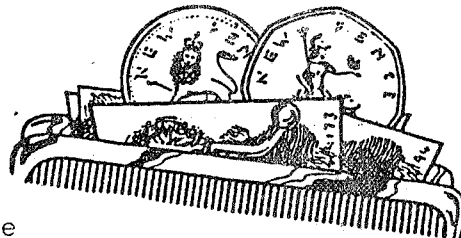


... in your new 1989 Parish Diary (there are still a few left at 50p. each) for the Parish Weekend at Conway, N. Wales, from Friday May 12th to Sunday May 14th. Last May 40 of us enjoyed a superb weekend together. The fellowship, the weather and the food were something to write home about. So why not be part of the next houseparty? Don't be put off by the fact that you may not have transport. We are confident that, as last year, there will be spare places available in cars. Fuller details are available on the Church Notice Board, together with a "Signing-on" list.

Don Sewell who has recently returned home from Manchester Royal Infirmary after heart surgery asks that through the newsletter, thanks be expressed to the many friends, too numerous to mention, for the support he and Pat received through prayer, cards and kind thoughts. He is now improving every day.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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



	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
October 2	£421.03	£82.13	£503.16
9	464.44	131.88	596.32
16	270.71	59.72	330.43
22	432.07	98.43	530.50
30	351.40	102.46	453.86
Weekdays	-	73.95	73.95
	<u>£1939.65</u>	<u>£548.57</u>	<u>£2488.22</u>

Once again, this figure is lower by 2% than last year's figure of £2546, given in the corresponding period. As we begin to use the new set of Christian Giving Envelopes many of us will need to follow our treasurer's call to review what we give each week.

It is encouraging, however, to be able to report the response to the appeals for emergency relief in Sudan and Bangladesh, and for the long term relief project in Kenya which was the focus of our Tear Fund Harvest Appeal. A total of just less than £1000 was given as follows :-

Sudan Flood Disaster to Christian Aid and Tear Fund	£165
Bangladesh Flood Disaster to C.M.S. and Christian Aid	420
Kenya Harvest Appeal to Tear Fund	408
	<u>£993</u>

The Harvest appeal included contributions of £20 from St.Mary's C.E.Primary School, £27 from the First Year Assembly at Deane School and £10 from the CYFA group.

At its meeting in November, the Mission Support Group allocated the following amounts to missions and charities on your behalf -

Overseas Missions and Agencies - Church Missionary Society £660; EFAC Bursary Scheme £550; Bible Churchman's Missionary Society £525; South American Missionary Society £525; Tear Fund Adoption Programme £312; Churches' Ministry among the Jews £260; Intercontinental Church Society £100.

Home Missions and Specialist Societies - Church Pastoral Aid Society £575; Bible Societies £260; Childrens' Society £260; Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship £125; Scripture Union £125; Bolton Samaritans £75; Bolton and Leigh Deaf Society £75; Church Army £60; Missions to Seamen £60.

Miscellaneous Appeals - Church Urban Fund £350; St.Lawrence, Sunderland Building Fund £30; Craig Smith Trust £25; Aid to the Persecuted £200.

And finally, Congratulations to the organising committee of this year's Autumn Fayre, which raised a record sum of almost £1850. We thank those who ran the stalls and those who supported them on the day. It is worth recording that almost 50% of this total was raised by efforts over the year organised by the Ladies Guild and Mothers Union, together with the profits from the sale of refreshments at the monthly first aid courses and the contents of the collecting bottles. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way to this splendid total.

