

THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

## JANUARY

1989

### SUNDAY DIARY

1. SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
THE NAMING OF JESUS

8.0am. Communion

10.30am New Year Family  
Communion

No evening service.

8. FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme: The Baptism of  
Jesus.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm. Family Communion

15. SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme: The First  
Disciples.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

22. NINTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Teacher

8.00am. Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm. United Service in  
the Week of Prayer  
for Christian  
Unity.

29. EIGHTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Healer

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. "Special Request"  
Service.



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### MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge,  
except on January 18th when it is in the Rectory.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25

Parochial Church Council: Monday, January 23 at 7.45pm.

Parish Fellowship: Every Tuesday at 8.00pm. in the Rectory

## 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
<b>Chairmen of Working Groups</b>	
<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)
<b>MEMORIAL HALL</b>	
<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> Lilly 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.

31st December 1988

I want to begin by thanking the many of you who have so kindly sent your Christmas and New Year greetings to Mary and myself. We appreciate these tokens of your love and support and we take this opportunity to wish you a joyful rather than a happy new year. The events of recent days - the earthquake in Armenia, the train crash at Clapton, and the air disaster at Lockerbie - remind us very forcibly that for many families Christmas 1988 and New Year 1989 has been, and will continue to be, a very sad and painful period. Happiness is a relatively superficial emotion whereas joyfulness is more deep seated. In the midst of these horrendous events it is difficult to be happy. However, the New Testament encourages us to be joyful, because Christians can have a deep undying joy in the midst of adversity (see James Ch. 1 v. 2 and Hebrews Ch. 10 v. 34).

Some churches have a text or motto for the year. Though this hasn't been our custom, if it were I would want to choose some words of St. Paul:

"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice to  
God dedicated to His service and pleasing to  
Him. This is the true worship you should offer."  
(Romans Ch. 12 v. 1).

I propose to preach on these words on New Year's Day and then on the Sunday evenings that follow I shall endeavour to show how we can offer in practical ways the different parts of our bodies to God. January 8 - our ears; January 15th - our eyes; January 22nd - our tongues; and on February 5th - our hands (at 10.30 am) and our feet (at 6.30 pm).

The Pastoral Committee have drawn up a Congregational Questionnaire which they are inviting us to complete at all services on Sunday January 8th. The object of the exercise is to give us an accurate profile of our congregation which should assist the other committees in the plans they make. The questions are all simple and factual and only involve you placing a tick in a box. I completed it in 4 minutes. We will provide space in each of the services on that day for you to complete it before you leave church because it is important that we have a very high percentage return. You will not be asked to sign the form so that the information you supply will remain anonymous. It will be fed into a computer and analysed. I hope you will all co-operate with the committee in this exercise.

As in previous years there will be a choice of united services on the Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Bolton Council of Churches have planned an afternoon service in the Town Hall at 3.00 p.m. on January 22nd. It is entitled "Link Up in Unity". The main speaker will be Dr. Brian Haynes, Principal of the Northern Baptist College supported by the Canon Slade Brass Band, the choir of the New Testament Church of God and the "Mustard Seed" - a well known Christian dance group. In the evening we are to act as hosts at a service of Evensong for the churches in our part of Bolton.

On the final Sunday evening of the month (January 29th) we are to have the first of our Special Request services planned by the Worship Committee and based upon the requests which you have submitted. We have not been able to include everyone's request on this occasion and so we will plan another service on April 30th.

And, finally, three more dates for your new diary. I have planned a short series of "Saturday Nights at Eight" on February 4th, March 4th, and April 1st when the principal guests will be respectively - Oliver Forshaw, who will show how a grant from the Church Urban Fund is being used in Wythenshaw, Canon Bill Andrew, the Communications Director of the Bible Society, who will demonstrate how the Society is using modern communication techniques, and Charles Winder, who will share with us some of the experience he gained during his 6 months travelling scholarship in France and Germany. Do plan to join us on these most enjoyable social evenings when we eat and drink together.

Roger B. Jackson

## MISCELLANY

Our two ladies groups begin the New Year with their annual general meetings when new leaders will be taking up office. The Mothers Union meet on Wednesday January 4th. Mrs Annie Crook believes the time has now come for her to hand over the leadership of this group after very many years of faithful service. Whilst thanking her for all that she has done for the branch, we express our sympathy to her that her failing health appears to be preventing her from enjoying life at the present time. The Rector will discuss with members at the meeting his proposals for a joint leadership team to take over from Mrs. Crook. On January 18th, Audrey Crossley will share with members her experiences of her world cruise on a Russian liner last winter.

At the annual general meeting of the Ladies Guild on Tuesday January 10th, Dorothy Wallwork hands over to her deputy of the past year, Irene Ashley. We are grateful to Dorothy for doing an extra year in the "hot seat" in order to ensure a smooth change to the new constitution. On this occasion Carol Tickle will be appointed as the Deputy leader to Irene. We wish them well in their new roles. At their other meeting this month, Mrs. Harris will speak about the work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution on January 24th.

Amongst Christmas Greetings to the Church Family we were delighted to receive news from:

... Younes Massey, our 1987 E.F.A.C. Bursar from N. India. He reveals that he and his wife, Meena, now have two children with the delightful names of Sunny and Bunny! The Rector can't decide whether they are boys or girls.

... John and Hellen Njoroge, our 1988 E.F.A.C. Bursars, from Kenya who are delighted to be spending their third Christmas in the U.K. They will be spending 10 days with us at Easter.

... Tony and Eleanor Woodward, who have good cause to be thankful to God for the encouraging growth which they are witnessing in their church in Stockport.

Writing from Lancaster, where they have now been for a year, John and Virginia Corbyn report seeing steady progress in their work at St. Georges. Those who were occasional attenders are now becoming regular members. The Junior Church has now grown to about 30 children between the ages of 3 and 14 but we do need one more teacher. Virginia was licensed as a Reader in November by the Bishop of Burnley. She divides her time on Sundays between serving as a Reader and as a teacher in the Junior Church.

... Fiona Cherry (nee Ridyard) has expressed her appreciation of the thoughts and prayers offered on her behalf during her prolonged stay in the Middlesex Hospital, London. She is now feeling much better after that ordeal and hopes to start work again soon.

... Terry and Irene Ashley wish to thank the many who have prayed for them, sent cards and expressed their concern during Terry's long spell in hospital. Such support was a source of great comfort to them both at a time when it was most needed.

There will be a central meeting for fellowship, Bible Study and prayer every Tuesday in January at the Rectory at 8.00 p.m. We shall be looking together at 5 of the Psalms we didn't consider during the Pre-Advent United House Meetings in November.

Jan. 3	Psalm 23	- Fear	Jan. 17	Psalm 6	- Tears
Jan. 10	Psalm 137	- Hate	Jan. 24	Psalm 90	- Death
Jan. 31 Psalm 150 - Praise					

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM . . .

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John Paxton, our Industrial Missioner  
"Fair and Just in All things"



How much should an employee earn, given such factors as the cost of living and the higher expectations of people in the late 1980's? This is a moral question, as well as an issue of practical concern.

Greater Manchester Industrial Mission recently hosted a seminar entitled "Low Wages in an Affluent Society". We heard from five people about their jobs, the pay they received, and the conditions under which they are employed. We heard from a Trainee Hairdresser working a 48 hour week for £37. Her Day-release studies at College had to be attended on her day off. Oh yes, she was allowed to receive tips. Last Thursdays, we were told, she was given 10p.

The five stories are examples of a moral issue - the exploitation of employees, the ignoring of existing employment regulations, the taking of excessive profits at the expense of young people, the widening gap between the well off and the low paid. The Biblical tradition, both explicitly and implicitly, sets out the immorality of such practices, based on the understanding that God is just, and therefore expects his human creation to exercise justice, and integrity in all its dealings.

In practical terms this means telling society about the low paid and the conditions under which they work. It means helping the low paid, especially young people, part-time workers and many female employees to see that they are low paid by the standards set down in this country and the EEC. It means ensuring that school leavers are aware of the sort of wages they might receive, the legal requirements of employers and where they can go for advice and support.

Ron Morris, who writes about "Ancient and Modern" . . .

We understand the preference for the King James Bible of those who enjoy the flow, the rhythm, the stateliness of its language. The older style seems to endow the sacred Scriptures with an antiquity and a veneration, much of which seems to be lost in the less embellished phrases of current English usage. The architectural parallel would be to compare the ornate stonework of earlier years with the lines of a modern building: the two Cathedrals, for example, in Liverpool - each has its own exciting aspects, as each also contributes to a continuing heritage. Insofar as both fulfill their purpose, neither should be held to invalidate the other.

Modern hymns and the ancient hymns that have served for centuries both have their place in worship. The elderly, the middle-aged and the younger generations all have their place in the congregation and it is an intolerant attitude that cannot recognise this. When the voice of experience is scorned, or the elderly are given to believe that they have nothing left to offer, or the young feel overlooked and unappreciated - then there is a balance missing which badly needs to be restored.

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We are very sorry to have to record the deaths of :

Marion Povey, one of our members who had been more or less housebound since before the death of her husband, Frank, over two years ago. She died from a prolonged and painful illness after being admitted to Bolton General Hospital.

Kevin Fitzpatrick whose premature death at the early age of 41, leaves his wife June to bring up his two step-children and their own child, Adam, for whose birth we gave thanks as recently as the Family Service on November 27th.

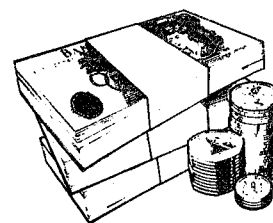
Norman Cunliffe's father who died in the Beechville Old People's home, where he had lived for several years with his wife, who survives him. It was always a pleasure to see them both at our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols.



# Spotlight on

INCOME IN 1988

Thank you to all who have given to God's work through our Church this past year .



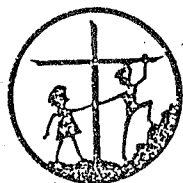
	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
November 6	£379.25	£ 92.08	£471.33
13	546.25	113.34	659.59
20	322.75	86.93	409.68
27	414.10	104.44	518.54
Weekdays	-	74.87	74.87
	<u>£1662.35</u>	<u>£471.66</u>	<u>£2134.01</u>

In the comparable period a year ago, the total given was £1941, so the above figures show a welcome increase of 10% in the level of giving.

Expenses in 1989 At its December meeting, our Church Council authorized the treasurer to pay a monthly cheque of £1590 towards our share of the Diocesan Budget during this coming year. This means that the first £362 of our weekly offerings will be earmarked in this way. What is given over and above £362 will be used for repairing and maintaining the Church, paying the clergy expenses and giving to overseas missions and charities.

The Council also approved the expenditure over the year of about £2,300 on essential repairs to the Church and £5,400 for major work on the organ which is now necessary. Though successive organists have requested consideration be given to adding a "trumpet stop" (a rank of pipes which would enhance the range and variety of the instrument) the Council considered that this was a luxury that we could not afford. However, if there is a member(s) of our Church Family who has a very strong love of the organ and would like to make a gift of the £2,300 that would be required to do this work, then the Council would be happy to receive such a gift and authorize the work to be done at the same time as the other work on the organ. The rector, treasurer or organist would be delighted to hear from any such person.

## NEWS FROM THE ORGANISATIONS . . .



### The Climbers

The following children received attendance awards at the Family Service on November 27th . .

50 attendances : Karen Greenhalgh  
100 attendances : Fiona Cullen.



The Explorers have presented the following awards to those who have reached their attendance targets . .

40 attendances : Stephen Greenhalgh  
80 attendances : Rebecca Rutter  
120 attendances : Claire Foster, Janet Hallam, Timothy Scruton, Craig Wheeldon.



The Pathfinders have recently welcomed Chris Kilsby who has joined the Leadership team, together with Janice Gradwell.