

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JULY

1989

SUNDAY DIARY

2. SEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The more excellent way

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

9. EIGHTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Fruit of the Spirit

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

16. NINTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Whole Armour of God

8.00am Communion

10.00am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

23. TENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme :

The Mind of Christ

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion

30. ELEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Serving Community

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.

Parochial Church Council: Thursday July 20th at 7.45pm.

Car Rally and Treasure Hunt: Saturday July 29th 6.30pm.
for 7.00pm.

Who's Who

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| 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

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

Chairmen of Working Groups

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| Mission & Unity | Pat Sewell |
| Pastoral | Craig Mochrie |
| Worship | Roger Jackson |
| Buildings & Fabric | Harry Ridyard |
| Social | Stan Wilson |

OTHER OFFICIALS

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| Organist | Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257) |
| Flowers | Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819) |

MEMORIAL HALL

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| Bookings | Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548) |
| Carpetlayers | David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503) |

What's On

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| 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 7.45 p.m.</i> | |

LADIES' GROUPS

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| <i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i> | |
| Ladies' Guild | <i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Irene Ashley (64337) |
| Mothers' Union | <i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270) |

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

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| <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 (657430) |
| Cubs A | <i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277) |
| B | <i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (64362) 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 June, 1989.

WELCOME

I was asked by a member of our Pastoral Committee recently 'How many people do you expect will be added to Deane Church as a result of the Mission '89?' I had to admit that at that stage I hadn't a clue! Nevertheless I have the faith to believe that some people will be helped, that there will be some who respond to God's invitation through the evangelist to repent and believe. Generally speaking, the degree to which a church supports an evangelistic venture like Mission '89 is usually a measure of the number of people who can be expected to be referred to that church. If, for instance, a congregation is apathetic or even sceptical, towards a mission and therefore gives little support to it through attending, praying and giving, I wouldn't expect there to be a great deal of response.

A good midwife will want to be assured that any child whom she delivers will have a good home to which to go. If she has serious doubts as to whether the parent(s) can cope, and whether there will be a warm welcome, a loving discipline, together with security and care, then she will probably want to suggest that the child is 'taken into care' and placed in a foster home where those essential ingredients will be provided. The New Testament describes new Christians as 'Babes in Christ'. What sort of welcome will people who may be commended to Deane Church receive from us? Will they find us sympathetic and understanding, helpful and supportive, affectionate and caring? These are all attractive qualities which I pray new converts will experience in our midst. If on the other hand all they seem to experience is a cold resentment and criticism then we would only have ourselves to blame if they lapse or move off elsewhere. Let us give them a Christian welcome.

It was when he was an undergraduate studying chemistry at Durham University that our new curate, Michael Saunders, became a Christian. It was because he was welcomed and helped by members of the University Christian Union that his faith in God developed and matured. It was because he was on the receiving end of further help by a local church in Reading that he not only met his future Christian wife Alison, but also responded to God's call to serve Him in the ordained ministry of our Church. A clergyman's first posting is a crucially important one. He comes to us primarily not as an extra pair of hands to help a hard pressed Rector, he comes to learn some of the basic lessons of Christian ministry. It is a privilege that Deane should be regarded as a 'training parish'. Whether it is this will once again depend upon you and me and the kind of welcome, help and encouragement that we can give him at the start of his ministry. In due course it will be to our mutual benefit if he and Alison can get off to a good start. So, let us give them a Christian Welcome and give them a taste of Christian hospitality.

Unfortunately, Michael's ordination, in Manchester Cathedral on Sunday July 2nd, falls in the Bolton Holiday period. I do hope that those of us who are not away on holiday will make a special effort to be present at Evensong at Deane that Sunday evening to welcome Michael and Alison.

In the evening service on July 23rd we shall be welcoming into communicant membership of our Church a small group of Pathfinders in connection with the experimental project of admitting young people to communion before confirmation which we have been operating now for 5 years. I have recently been invited by the Diocese of Rochester to give them a detailed report of our experience with this experiment. Once again I hope that some of us who don't normally attend the evening service will make the effort on this occasion to be present to give these Pathfinders a Christian Welcome.

Roger B. Jackson.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

John Paxton, our Industrial Missioner, who presents us with an Update on Sunday Trading.

The surprise defeat of the Shopping Hours Bill in the House of Commons in 1986 seems a long time ago. Is the issue dead, or is it coming back in a new guise?

Certainly the issue has not gone away, particularly for some major retail companies who are campaigning for change. What is not clear however, is the current thinking of the Government about requests to bring a bill to Parliament.

A group of retailers have formed a pressure organisation, the Shopping Hours Reform Council (SHRC), to co-ordinate the efforts of the relatively few, but powerful, companies who wish to see total deregulation of shopping. They are however, presenting what they call a 'compromise' -

1. Only small shops under 3,000 sq. ft. shopping floor space would be allowed to open at any time.
2. Bigger shops would only be allowed to open on Sundays from noon to 6.00 pm.
3. Legal protection of Sundays for existing staff.
4. A voluntary code of conduct to abide by the proposed regulations.

The Keep Sunday Special Campaign (KSSC) rejects the SHRC proposals because a limit of 3,000 sq. ft. would allow most High Street shops to open; six hours trading is not much less than a full day; and some of the large retail chains do not have a brilliant record of abiding by the law, let alone voluntary codes.

KSSC has put forward the REST proposals, on the basis that all Sunday trading would be prohibited except for shops selling goods concerned with

Recreation
Emergencies
Social Gatherings
Travelling Public

Shops we could expect to see open on Sundays are - Petrol Stations, small general food shops, chemists, garden centres, travel kiosks, confectioners, newsagents.

Ron Morris, who poses a question - Unseen Light?

As Christians we believe that Jesus is the Light of the World. To know Him and believe in Him is like coming from darkness into light. An awful lot of people don't believe in Him. You will probably know several yourself. Some have never truly heard about Him, and others have heard but have not felt able or willing to accept His claim on them. Imagine someone asking you 'What is a Christian?' and you are all they have to go on for example! That's a tough one. An atheist is someone who does not believe in God, and an agnostic is someone who feels they don't know enough to make up their mind about it. According to the International Association of Atheists and Agnostics the number of 'conscious atheists' in the world is now about 197 million and reckoned to be growing by 8½ million per year. In Micah Ch.6 v 8 we are exhorted 'The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this - to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God'.

The Parents of the following children brought them to Church on Sunday 28th May to give thanks for their birth:-

James Mansell Aspinall, 55 Wigan Road.
Carla Jane Goulden, 36 Doyle Road.
Michael Thomas Marsh, 522 Wigan Road.



The Missions to Seamen

The Missions to Seamen is the Anglican Church's ministry to Seafarers throughout the world. Through our Christian giving programme we are linked to the ministry (last year we donated £60) and thereby expressed our concern for the special needs of seamen.

The Missions to Seamen maintains a presence in well over 300 ports through its full-time and honorary chaplains, lay workers and volunteers. They offer the hand of friendship to seafarers regardless of their role or creed. In many of these ports there are hostels where sailors can feel safe and accepted. Here they can renew links with their families through the telephone and postal services which are available. They can also meet local Christian people and enjoy the hospitality which they offer.

A significant number of seafarers are today unjustly treated in terms of low and even unpaid wages, poor living conditions and unseaworthy vessels. When the problems are shared with the Missions to Seamen, an understanding of Christian justice often leads the Mission to help, either directly, or by linking the victim with whichever body is most likely to secure the justice which God demands for the poor and oppressed.

The logo of the Missions to Seamen is a "Flying Angel" and a flag with a flying angel can usually be seen in ports throughout the world indicating the whereabouts of the Missions' Hostels.

The Second Sunday in July (this year July 9th) is usually observed as Sea Sunday. Because it normally falls in the Bolton Holiday period it tends to get overlooked locally, but our parish prayer diary will encourage us to support the Missions' work in prayer throughout this month.



CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Elsie Pierpoint wishes to thank all those who contributed to the £200 which she has raised by her sponsored walk on June 4th. The money has been given to research into bone and joint diseases. A very good effort from one who has had two successful hip replacements.

It was good to see Annie Crook in church again on Sermons Weekend, albeit in a wheel chair. We sympathise with her in her increasing immobility. We were also glad to see back from hospitalisation in Kent, Jim Dootson. We wish Ruth Smith a speedy recovery from her operation to set free a trapped nerve in her arm which has prevented her from playing the organ as Jim Needham's deputy for several weeks.

The following members of the Climbers have recently gained awards for their attendance on Sundays:

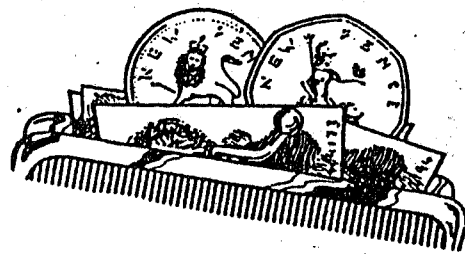
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| 25 attendances: | Andrew Oakes, Gary Parker. |
| 50 attendances: | Wendy Whittaker. |
| 125 attendances: | Yvonne Biney. |
| 150 attendances: | Matthew Kilsby. |

Awards have also been received by these members of Explorers:

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| 40 attendances: | Lee Wheeldon, Paul Whittaker. |
| 120 attendances: | Claire Latchford. |

We have just received a letter from Yone Lam, the little girl from Thailand whom we sponsor through Tear Fund, "it is cold here now. I hope it is also cold with you (!). Please do pray for us to be able to attend school properly here. I am very thankful to you all for sponsoring me for my schooling".

CHRISTIAN GIVING



Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through their regular giving

| | <u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u> | <u>Loose Offering</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
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| May 7 | £451.20 | £60.76 | £511.96 |
| 14 | 484.03 | 82.36 | 566.39 |
| 21 | 464.13 | 68.35 | 532.48 |
| 28 | 374.03 | 94.26 | 468.29 |
| Weekdays | - | 187.17 | 187.17 |
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| | £1773.39 | £492.90 | £2266.29 |
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This represents a 15% increase in the level of giving as compared with the identical period last year when the amount given was £1965.

The Missionary Working Fellowship wish to thank those who have made donations totalling £12 towards the cost of sending abroad the blankets and garments they have made and which were displayed in church last month. This month they plan to meet on Monday afternoons July 17th and 31st.

The Mothers' Union have their fortnightly branch meeting on Wednesday July 5th and then extend a general invitation to all who wish to join them for a Strawberry Tea and Bring and Buy Sale on July 19th.

The Ladies Guild meet twice this month on Tuesday July 11th when Mrs. Greenhalgh will speak about "herbs" and on July 25th when Pam Thomas will draw member's attention to the needs of the Mentally Handicapped.

Jam Pan July!

Ladies & Gents.

Please continue to make the good stuff for the Fayre.