

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST

1989

SUNDAY DIARY

6. TWELFTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Witnessing Community

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

13. THIRTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Suffering Community

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

20. FOURTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

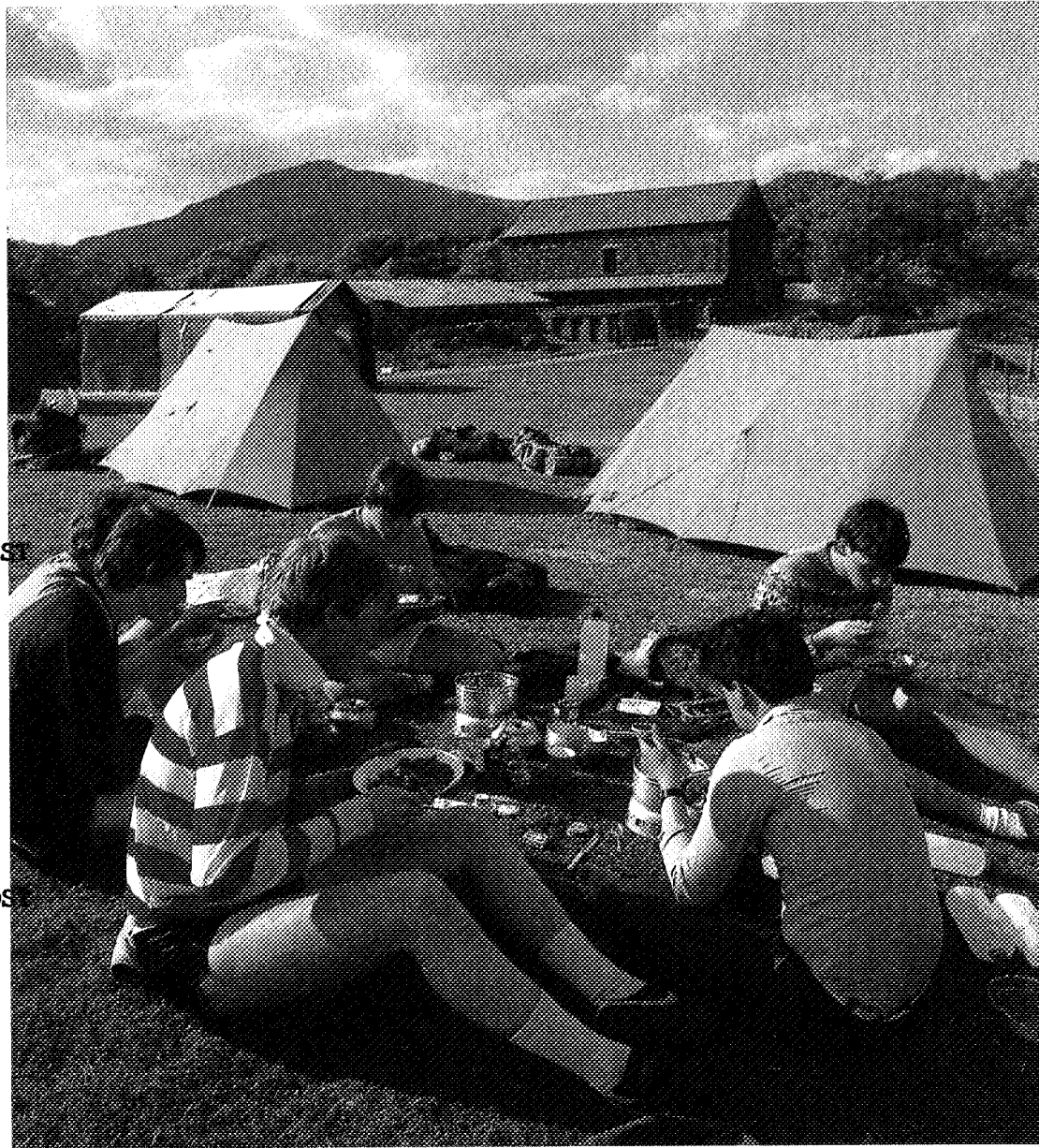
Theme:

The Family

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong



27. FIFTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

Those in Authority

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion

MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except on August 16th when it will be in Church.

Fellowship: Every Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge on August 1st, 15th, 29th, and at the Rectory on August 8th, 22nd.

Coffee Mornings: Every Friday in the Church Lounge from 10.00am to 12 noon.

On Saturday August 19th from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Camping at Turner Hall, Lake District, by David W. Jones
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Who's Who		What's On	
Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Crèche	under 3 years
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Scramblers	3 to 5 years
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	Climbers	5 to 7 years
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i> Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
Wardens	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	Explorers	7 to 11 years
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i> Eric Downs (653049)	
Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	Pathfinders	11 to 14 years
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	<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)	
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook	C.Y.F.A.	14 to 18 years
Chairmen of Working Groups		<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Alan Cheetham (61152)	
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell	LADIES' GROUPS	
Pastoral	Craig Mochrie	<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>	
Worship	Stan Wilson	Ladies' Guild	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Irene Ashley (64337)
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard	Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)
Social	Brenda Dixon	UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS	
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe	<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
OTHER OFFICIALS		Brownies 1	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
Organist	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)	2	<i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Lily Jarret (63511)
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Guides	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
MEMORIAL HALL		Rangers	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (657430)
Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)	Cubs A	<i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)	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.

29th July, 1989.

Since the results of the congregational census were published at the annual Church meeting our Pastoral Committee has been seeking to analyse the figures and preferences. They have asked me to share some of those with you.

Firstly, we are a parish Church whose congregation is drawn mainly from within the parish boundaries or in a close proximity to them. We are not an eclectic congregation attracted from all over Bolton because of what is on offer here. This means that within the congregation there is a wide variety of traditions and backgrounds, likes and dislikes.

Secondly, I have likened our Church membership to a bath with the taps on and the plug out so that the level remains static but the composition is always changing. This is confirmed by the fact that one third of the membership have been with us for less than 5 years, one third between 5 and 15 years and one third over 15 years.

Thirdly, there is an imbalance of sexes so that women outnumber men by two to one. Though this gives no grounds for complacency it is nevertheless a better ratio than many congregations nowadays. With one exception there is a fairly good cross-section of ages. The missing generation is the 18-30 age group. This is explained in part by the fact that the young people we retain until the age of 18 then leave for University and College and rarely return. However, there are many within this age range living in our parish and though we are in contact with them through our marriage preparation courses, they are not in the membership of our Church in any meaningful sense.

Fourthly When in the questionnaire we were asked why we started coming to Deane Church only 2 were attracted by publicity whereas 68 people said it was the personal invitation of a friend or relative. There is clearly a very important lesson to be learnt from this about the most effective form of outreach.

Fifthly, when it comes to the services and music which we prefer it is a mix of the traditional and the modern which is easily the most popular. Obviously there are strong preferences for the traditional from older members, and for the modern from the younger ones, but it is the variety and mixture which the majority of people seem to prefer best of all. This is something which we all need to come to terms with especially when we press hard for more of one or other of the extremes. The solution lies in neither extreme, nor in the middle ground, but in a combination of both extremes.

Quite a number of you have enquired about our former curate, Tony Woodward, who is now Rector of a parish in Stockport. He has been on sick leave since the end of March, first with depression and subsequently with a suspected heart attack. Though Tony is now much better physically, he is still very far from well mentally.

During the past 18 months they have witnessed a most encouraging growth in the Church. However, this is usually accompanied by 'growing pains'. There are those in the congregation who feel the hurt caused by the changes which have taken place as the Church has grown. Then there are others who struggle with the frustration at the slowness of the change that has taken place. We have had exactly the same situation in Deane at different times during my term as Rector. But in Tony's case he has been severely injured in the 'crossfire' between the two sides. He admits that he fell into the trap of taking all the criticism personally and assuming a complete responsibility which should in fact have been shared.

Tony and Eleanor are most grateful to those of you who have written to them and are praying for them during this difficult period. Mary and I are in contact with them and we encourage you to pray with us that he may experience a complete recovery.

Roger B. Jackson.



The South American Missionary Society

THE SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY was formed in 1844 through the work of pioneer missionary Captain Allen Gardner. Its original task was to reach the indigenous Indian peoples of South America with the Christian Gospel. Teams of pioneers worked in Southern Chile, Northern Argentina and Paraguay. Church planting, Bible translation and social welfare were the main activities.

In 1958 a challenge from the bishops at the Lambeth Conference presented South America as the 'Neglected Continent'. They called upon the Anglican Church to take fresh initiatives and seize the evangelistic opportunities while there is still time.

The number of SAMS personnel was expanded over the next decades to meet the challenge of the cities. A Roman Catholic conference had declared South America as 'more pagan and paganising' and it is against this background that work began in eighteen cities in Chile, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru. In addition development programmes were set up in Argentina and Paraguay to meet the increasing needs of the Indians.

To-day over a hundred missionaries from branches of SAMS in Australia, New Zealand, the USA, Great Britain and Ireland work in partnership with the Anglican Church in South America.

Two of them are our Link Missionaries, Bob and Margaret Lunt who have been working for a number of years amongst the Mataco Indians in N. Argentina. Bob is a linguist engaged in translating the Scriptures into the Mataco language. Margaret is a medical doctor though at present her main work is as a homemaker for her husband and two daughters. A recent family photograph is on the Church Notice Board. In the local Church she is very much involved in the work amongst children - teaching them and preparing teaching materials for the teachers. Through our Christian Giving Programme we donated £631 to SAMS last year, but equally important is the support we give through our regular prayers. Our Parish Prayer Diary should help you to do this. Have a look too at the posters displayed in Church.

Our SAMS Secretary is Olive Plant, who is visiting Peru on holiday this month and hopes to meet some of the SAMS missionaries there.

Regular up to date detailed information about SAMS is published in their excellent magazine called 'SHARE'. About 20 church members receive this and Olive is always willing to distribute more copies. There is no separate charge.



If you can see this famous picture and read these words then give thanks to God for your sight. At the same time spare a thought for those who can't because of blindness or failing sight. The Royal National Institute for the Blind (R.N.I.B.) have a national house-to-house collection from August 7th-19th. Last year there was a reasonable response from our congregation for volunteers to assist in this collection and £728 was raised. Pauline Ridyard (Tel 651157) would be interested to hear from you if you can help this year.

HELP NEEDED IN CHURCH

Because of advancing years and declining health several members of the church cleaning teams have resigned recently. Mary Jackson is looking for offers of help. Surely there must be a number of people who could give an hour or so of their time every 5 weeks to join one of our cleaning teams.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM On July 16th we welcomed into our membership NATALIE LOUISE, the daughter of Janet and Michael Whittle of 33 Kylemore Avenue.



ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been gained by Karen Greenhalgh for 75 attendances at Climbers, and to the following members for Explorers :-

Emma Bate and Erica Smith	for 40 attendances
Steven Greenhalgh	for 80 attendances
Alison Dean	for 120 attendances.

ADMISSION TO COMMUNION Three members of our Pathfinders were welcomed into communicant membership of our Church on July 23rd. They are Keith Holden, Joanne Wilson and Paul Yates.



CONGRATULATIONS to Alison Jackson on gaining her degree in Geography at Leicester University. Before going to Sheffield University next year to do a post graduate course in Town and Country Planning, she is doing a year's voluntary service with "CAREFORCE" in a very tough area of Islington close to Kings Cross Station.

We were also glad to hear that Don and Sheila Morgan's son, David, has passed his degree in Mechanical Engineering at Lancashire Polytechnic.

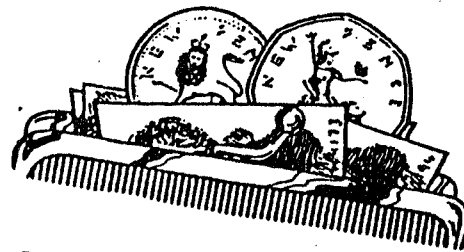
Three members of our congregation are getting married on August 19th. We offer our best wishes to Liane Gibbs who plays in the Church music group, on the occasion of her marriage to John Critchley of Over Hulton. Following close on the heels of his sister, Patricia's wedding, David Howarth is marrying Patricia Winter.



We are delighted to have news from Kenya that our former Curate, Mark Russell-Smith and his wife, Anne, are looking forward to the birth of their first child this month. Anne has already come to this country for the birth in order that the child will comply with British nationality laws. Mark is coming over at the end of August, hoping to arrive before the baby does. Michael and Alison Saunders first child is due to arrive in the middle of August, so it looks as though the race is on between past and present curates!

We are very sorry to hear that two of our members, Annie Crook and Kenneth Ingham are both in the same ward at Bolton General Hospital. We are thinking of them and their partners, Major and Joyce.

CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
June 4	£459.14	£51.22	£510.36
11	558.45	63.42	621.87
18	515.10	275.82	790.92
25	333.84	46.22	380.06
Weekdays	-	183.10	183.10
	<u>£1866.53</u>	<u>£619.78</u>	<u>£2486.31</u>

This represents an increase of 7.7% in the level of giving, when compared with the corresponding period last year, the amount given was £2307.

On Sermons Weekend June 17 - 18 additional donations of £90.39 were received, making a grand total of £881.31.

The Ladies Guild have visits from Leslie Scarff of the Bolton Institute for the Deaf on Tuesday August 8th and from Dorothy Fawell, an expert on pre-school nursery education on August 22nd; in addition they have planned a half-day's outing to the Albert Dock complex at Liverpool on Saturday August 5th.



The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesdays August 2nd, 16th and 30th. The speakers on the last two occasions will be Mrs. Unsworth and the Revd. Michael Saunders.

The Missionary Working Fellowship have just one meeting this month - on Monday August 21st.

August Agriculturalists.

How about starting some indoor plants for the Autumn Fayre!