

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER

1989

SUNDAY DIARY

3 SIXTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Neighbour

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

10 SEVENTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Proof of
Faith

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family
Communion

1 EIGHTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Offering of
Life

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family
Communion

6.30pm Special Request
Service

24 NINETEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Life of
Faith

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family
Communion

6.30am Family Communion



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on September 27th when it will be at the
Rectory.

Parochial Church Council: Monday September 11th at 7.45pm

Church Urban Fund Week: September 17 - 24th

Fellowship Groups: Every Tuesday at 8.00pm in the
Church Lounge on September 5,
12, 26 and at the Rectory on Sept. 19

Who's Who		What's On
Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	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)
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Explorers 7 to 11 years <i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i> Eric Downs (653049)
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	Pathfinders 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.</i> David Dewhurst (651347)
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	C.Y.F.A. 14 to 18 years <i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Alan Cheetham (61152)
Wardens	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	LADIES' GROUPS <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)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS <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)
Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	Guides <i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	Rangers <i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (657430)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook	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)
Chairmen of Working Groups		Scouts <i>Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Richard Newall (654663)
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell	
Pastoral	Craig Mochrie	
Worship	Stan Wilson	
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard	
Social	Brenda Dixon	
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe	
OTHER OFFICIALS		
Organist	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)	
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	
MEMORIAL HALL		
Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)	
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)	

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 August, 1989

First and foremost a great big THANK YOU to everyone who has dropped round to see us, or who sent me a card for my ordination, or who has provided something for our larder even before they met us. We certainly feel we have been made most welcome and we look forward not only to getting to know everyone's name but also to getting to know each one of you as friends too.

Thank you too to everyone who has sent us cards to congratulate us on Christopher's birth. At the last count we had received between 50 and 60 cards with more arriving every day. I'm afraid with so many greetings we are very unlikely to get round to acknowledging them all so I should like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you very much'.

It has been suggested that I ought to try to describe my first impressions of the Church at Deane, but I am aware that first impressions by their very nature are provisional and need to be revised as further information becomes available. So please tell me if my assessment of the situation is inaccurate and please forgive me if I cause offence.

One of the most encouraging first impressions has been the superb work that seems to be going on in Climbers, Explorers, Pathfinders and CYFA. The two younger groups each have about 40 members and which is about 10 people in each year group. Put another way - about twice as many people per year as those over 30 and in our main Sunday morning worship! So congratulations to the Climbers and Explorers. The Pathfinders group I need to get to know better, but the meeting I went to during the holiday period was well attended by both sexes and everyone joined in the activities together. The CYFA group has been particularly encouraging for me. We have had some most enjoyable evenings together and its members are both committed and very open in their discussion of Christian things. So if you are between 14 and 18 and want to join us for an evening, or you know someone who might like to come along, have a word with either Alan Cheetham or me, or simply turn up on Sunday at 7.45 pm at the Memorial Hall.

However, I have been very disappointed to find people so half-hearted about Christianity. For example, before I came to Deane I had never heard of Christians taking a holiday from Church when they have a holiday from work. On the contrary most of my Christian friends take the opportunity when away from home to go to a different church. Another example is the pitiful attendance at the central fellowship meeting. This is the only midweek meeting that people are asked to attend and I doubt whether I have seen more than 10 different faces. I was frankly amazed. How can people who believe that God loved them enough to send His one and only Son to die for them be so casual in their response to his love?

So it is partly in response to this that I am keen to provide the opportunity for people to meet in home groups to discuss their faith and to get to know one another better. Alison and I have been members of various home groups for the last nine years and it has been through these groups that we have learned most about practical Christianity, and have found the support and encouragement of close Christian friends. We have therefore discussed with Roger how we might best establish some home groups here in Deane, and we plan to start some groups in the New Year. With this in mind we are going to run a training course throughout the autumn to train twelve home group leaders and if you would like to be one of these leaders please give your name to Roger or me. I believe that this is one of the main ways in which God is building His Church in Britain to-day, but you know the local situation much better than me, and so whether you are for or against the idea of home groups I would be very pleased to discuss the idea with you so that as the Body of Christ here in Deane we can move forward together.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

JOHN PAXTON, our Industrial Missioner who asks "Loyalty - to people or ideas?".

Loyalty is an odd concept. It would appear, going by the words of his prayer recorded in John 17 that Christ was intensely loyal to his disciples. Other leaders at times demand, unjustly, loyalty from those weaker than themselves. Many ordinary people have found the charge of disloyalty thrown in their faces when they dare to disagree with their leader, partner, or boss.

Loyalty gets mixed up with patriotism, but it is good that as more people visit other countries and experience different cultures, the traditional rallying cry "Our country right or wrong" is challenged more and more. A Prime Minister expects loyalty from all the members of the Cabinet, and the road to political glory is littered with the hopes of MPs who stepped out of line. Winston Churchill, with characteristic satire, wrote in 1949 "The loyalties which centre upon number one (the Prime Minister) are enormous. If he trips he must be sustained, If he makes mistakes they must be covered. If he sleeps he must not be wantonly disturbed. If he is no good he must be pole-axed."

Loyalty must operate in both directions. Companies expect loyalty from their employees, particularly when times are hard. Trade Union leaders expect solidarity from their members in the face of a dispute. Unfortunately we are seeing occasions when companies do not show loyalty to their staff, by forcing them to compete against each other for jobs. We sometimes see Trade Union officials give up the fight, leaving members confused and angry.

Both companies and Trade Unions need sometimes to be reminded of the often quoted truth that their greatest assets are their people. Keep faith with them.

LLOYD HODKINSON, the Manager of the Bolton Christian Bookshop

Since it opened in St. Georges Road over 15 years ago, this shop has served the Churches of Bolton and district to an ever increasing degree. It is not a commercial venture however. It is part of the Christian Missionary Society called "Operation Mobilisation". Though I personally receive a wage, the shop can only function if I have the support of voluntary helpers from the local churches. Though experience as a sales assistant isn't essential it could be helpful. If you could give on a regular basis a few hours each week, in the morning, over lunch or in the afternoon, then please call in the shop and talk it over with me. Though the work is voluntary and therefore not paid, we do provide lunch and travelling expenses are re-imbursed.

PAUL DENBY, the Diocesan Director of Ordinands

A Day Conference has been planned for Saturday, September 10th at St. Margaret's Halliwell from 10.00am - 4.00pm. entitled "A Harvest of Gifts". I wish to invite anyone who is interested in Christian service and all aspects of Christian ministry (including ordination) in today's Church. There will be talks, videos, workshops and opportunities to discuss such questions as "What gifts are needed? How do my gifts measure up?". Cost £2.00 which includes the provision of a buffet lunch. If you are interested contact the Rector as soon as possible.

THE RECTOR who extends an invitation to anyone who wishes to join his next "Believing and Belonging" group to meet him in the Church Lounge on Wednesday September 13th at 8.00pm for a preliminary meeting. Especially welcome are people who are thinking in terms of confirmation (the next service will be in April next year); people who are honest enquirers and seekers of the truth; people who have difficulty in believing and people who wish to join the group as a 'refresher'

CAREFORCE is an organisation which enables young people to give a year of their lives in useful service in a needy situation where their faith can be put to the test. It exists primarily to serve Churches and Christian organisations in this country, by placing the volunteers where practical help is most needed. The range of the work is wide, e.g. clerical, maintenance, outreach, youth work. Whilst most of the work is church based, some volunteers work amongst the disabled and homeless. Nearly all the placements are in some of the toughest and most deprived areas of the United Kingdom.

This month Alison Jackson is going as a Careforce Volunteer to Islington, one of London's most deprived boroughs. She will be attached to All Saints Church, Caledonian Road, about 5 minutes walk from St. Pancras Station. Islington is a mixture of rough, high rise council estates and large Victorian terraced houses, which can now fetch up to £400,000. Alison will be living and working in the Council estates! In fact, she will be living at the King Edward VII pub. Though the church membership is very small (average attendance on Sundays is about 30 adults) it is growing, and it is making a most imaginative use of its resources. For example, it has sold its rather antiquated church hall which stood on a valuable site, and has bought the pub where Alison will be living. It is being developed into a non-alcoholic pub and community centre as a basis for outreach, and for providing accommodation for staff upstairs.

In a sense, Alison will be creating her own job. She envisages it involving a certain amount of church administration in which she hopes to be able to train lay members to take over when she leaves. Perhaps more importantly, she sees herself doing pastoral work with the women of the church who make up the majority of the congregation. They include single mothers, widows and women whose husbands are not committed Christians and who often resent their wives having anything to do with the Church.

Careforce have written asking us to regard Alison as a "home missionary" whom we have sent to Islington. To that end they wish to encourage us to commission her, and this we shall do in Family Communion at 10.30am on September 3rd. She will need the support of our prayers too, because part of the toughness of this assignment will be the loneliness that comes from being separated from her friends and peer-group at University..

SPOTLIGHT ON

THE CHURCH URBAN FUND

September 17 - 24 is being observed throughout the country as Church Urban Fund Week. "Light" is the theme of the week, and this will be symbolised by the lighting of candles, both in a central celebratory service to be held in Coventry Cathedral on Friday September 22nd, and at parish churches throughout the country in special services on either September 17th or 24th. Each parish has been supplied with 50 candles, and it is hoped that a million candles will be lit during the week in churches and homes. These candles are small nightlights in red plastic holders, surrounded by white writing - Church Urban Fund. Though they are not for sale, it is suggested that people make a donation of £1 or more for each candle which will be available from September 3rd onwards. They can be lit in the special service which will be held in Family Communion on September 17th at 10.30am.

N.B. As a congregation, we are committed to contributing £2,600 to this fund over the 4 year period 1988-92. We are now in the second year and so far we have sent £751. Because Manchester Diocese has the highest concentration of Victorian Priority Areas outside London, we are already receiving in grants more than we are contributing to the central fund. Six projects within our diocese have been approved, including two in Bolton.

Included in the newsletter this month is a nationally produced newspaper inset giving up to date news about the Church Urban Fund and the kind of projects it is aiding.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
July 2	£383.00	63.08	446.18
9	411.55	65.16	476.71
16	547.55	84.06	631.61
23	424.00	114.81	538.81
30	489.00	73.36	562.36
Weekdays	-	89.13	89.13
	<u>£2255.20</u>	<u>£489.60</u>	<u>£2744.80</u>

This total figure compares with £2453 given in July last year - an increase of 11.9% and therefore ahead of the level of inflation.

THANKSGIVING On Sunday August 13th we welcomed the following parents who brought their children to Church to give thanks to God for their birth, and to pray for His help in bringing them up.

Ian and Jackie Bateson, 16 Winton Grove and their son, Andrew John.
Ken and Denise Benyon, 8 Langside Drive and their daughter Rachel Ann.
Kevan and Pamela Harrison, 4 Whitburn Close and their son Mathew Kevan Bruce.

Michael and Alison Saunders will be giving thanks for the birth of their son, Christopher Walter, on September 10th at St. Andrews.
He will be received into membership of the Church Family in baptism at Deane later in the autumn.

THE Mothers Union's programme for this month involves a visit from Mrs. Barry who will speak about Hong Kong on September 13th. A fortnight later on September 27th they will meet at the Rectory when Mrs. Clough will talk about Dolls.

The Ladies Guild programme includes a Jumble Sale on September 12th, a Mock Auction on September 19th and a visit to St. Ethelbert's Ladies Guild on September 26th.

The Missionary Working Fellowship meet only once this month on Monday September 11th.

Advance Notice: The Social Committee have planned another 'Harvest Ho-Down' on Saturday October 7th from 7.30 - 10.30pm. A most enjoyable social evening was appreciated by the many who came last year. Tickets costing £3. for adults and £1.50 for children and pensioners are now available from members of the committee.

And finally: Order your Wallflowers now from Harry Ridyard or Tom Stokes at bargain prices. They will be ready for delivery and planting next month. Proceeds will be towards the annual Autumn Fayre to be held on Saturday November 11th.