

## THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

### OCTOBER

1989

#### SUNDAY DIARY

##### 1. 20TH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: ENDURANCE

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm. Evensong.

##### 8. 21ST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: HARVEST  
THANKSGIVING

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Service

12 noon. Tear Fund Lunch

6.30pm. Family Communion

##### 15. 22ND AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: THE TWO WAYS

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

##### 22. LAST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: CITIZENS OF  
HEAVEN.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Service

6.30pm. Family Communion

##### 29. 9TH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: THE CREATION

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. Youth Service.



*Autumn stroll in a Basingstoke Park, by K. Marshall  
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#### MIDWEEK DIARY

COMMUNION: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge  
except on October 25th when it is at the Rectory.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL: Tuesday October 3rd at 7.45pm. at  
St. Andrews

HARVEST HO-DOWN: Saturday October 7th at 7.30pm. Memorial Hall.

FELLOWSHIP: Central Meetings fortnightly on Tuesdays  
October 10th and 24th at 8.00pm. in the Church Lounge

Who's Who		What's On
<b>Rector</b>	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<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. Pauline Ridyard (651157)</i>
<b>Vicar</b>	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	<b>Explorers</b> 7 to 11 years <i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall Eric Downs (653049)</i>
<b>Curate</b>	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<b>Pathfinders</b> 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>
<b>Readers</b>	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<b>C.Y.F.A.</b> 14 to 18 years <i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m. Alan Cheetham (61152)</i>
<b>Wardens</b>	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	<b>LADIES' GROUPS</b> <i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i> <b>Ladies' Guild</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Irene Ashley (64337) <b>Mothers' Union</b> Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>		<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b> <i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i> <b>Brownies</b> 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010) 2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511) <b>Guides</b> Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106) <b>Rangers</b> Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430) <b>Cubs</b> A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277) B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450) <b>Scouts</b> Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)
<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>	Stan Wilson	
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabric</b>	Harry Ridyard	
<b>Social</b>	Brenda Dixon	
<b>Overseas Mission</b>	Joyce Sutcliffe	
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b>		
<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)	

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.

October is the month when we celebrate harvest, but as we prepare to celebrate we must not forget the wider context in which such celebrations take place. Though we shall be singing our favourite harvest hymns we need to be listening to those whose voices have been silenced because they live (or should we say 'exist'?) in communities where they are oppressed or impoverished. Moreover, it really is hypocritical and scandalous to be singing sentimental Victorian hymns if the harvest we celebrate is at the cost of exhausting, polluting or damaging the balance of the earth and its atmosphere. Real Christian celebration is neither nostalgic nor sentimental. It is clear eyed about responsibilities towards God's creation and our fellow human beings as well as being truly thankful for God's provisions. To assist us in this we shall once again be supporting the Tear Fund Harvest Appeal. Whilst some of us will continue to bring a traditional harvest gift I'm sure an increasing number of us will prefer to make a donation using the small envelope which is included with the 'Tear Topics' inset this month. May I also commend to you the Tear Fund Lunch following the Family Service on October 8th. In addition to a light meal of soup and fruit we shall have the opportunity of seeing Tear Fund's latest video entitled 'Getting to Work'. Tickets are now on sale at the nominal price of 30p for adults and 20 p for children.

And now a word about the the new musical setting for the Communion Service. It is not intended to replace the existing setting, but to be an alternative to it. It has soon become obvious that the congregation is not going to pick this up as easily as we did the present one over 14 years ago. I can assure you that we do not wish the congregation to be reduced to dummies to be seen and not heard. To help you to learn your parts as soon as is reasonably possible we will seek to do this in small sections each month, adding something new to what we learnt the previous month. Though I'm no musician, I can nevertheless appreciate that our worship will be enhanced once we have grasped it. So let's persevere by sticking at it!

Though many of us were able to attend Annie Crook's funeral on September 13th many of us were not, and so I take this opportunity of placing on record some of the things I said on that occasion. It had been her expressed wish that this sad occasion should not be a mournful one, and her own choice of music and hymns saw to that! After thanking God for her significant contribution to looking after Major and bringing up the two young children of his first wife, we noted her contribution to the Church Family in two different areas. Firstly, her years of service in the Sunday Schools where generations of Deane children learnt their first lessons about God. Secondly, in her leadership of the Mothers' Union from which she only stepped down as recently as last December.

It had been most distressing to witness the deterioration of her physical body during the last couple of years or so, for in the space of a relatively short time she had become a very weak and frail old lady. However, what was most encouraging was to see how her spiritual being was renewed day by day. Right to the end she did not lose either her mental faculties or her spiritual appetite. I personally found it most challenging to see the importance she attached to her daily time of quiet with God. Undoubtedly this intimate relationship with her Lord was the source of her strength which enabled her to exercise such a long life of service to others. Equally challenging was the value she placed on Sunday. It had always been her favourite day and one of the hardest things about her final months of weakness was her inability to meet in Church with us. However, to identify with us she always read the appointed lessons for the day from her Alternative Service Book.

As we thank God for the memories we have of her we express our love and sympathy to Major and the family. May it be their consolation to know that the Church of Christ does not lose its members by death - they transfer their membership from 'the Church Militant on Earth' to 'the Church Triumphant in Heaven'. That's why we can speak of Annie not as 'the departed', but as one of those who have 'arrived'.

Roger B. Jackson.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

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David Dewhurst, one of our Pathfinder leaders who reports on his first Pathfinder Venture holiday.

On the 18th August, eight of our Pathfinders, Claire Acton and myself attended an eight day holiday venture in Heversham, Cumbria, together with fifty other Pathfinders and twentyfive leaders throughout the country. For some of us it was our first venture but within a few hours we had made new friends and settled in quite well.

The Venture was well organised by a vicar from Farnworth and he was supported by other leaders - many of whom were attending their fifth one.

Many events included a disco, bonfire, swimming gala, It's a Knockout, treasure hunt and hunt the leader as well as trips to Lancaster, Morecambe, Blackpool and Windermere. Every evening there was a talk by one of the leaders as well as drama, prayers, readings, choruses which led to having a better knowledge and understanding about Jesus and eventually the Pathfinders having the opportunity (without being pressurised) to have a 'one to one' chat with a leader of their choice to discuss questions or problems they may have about the Christian Faith before making a commitment themselves. As a result many of the Pathfinders made a commitment, including many from Deane which I found personally encouraging. At the end of each evening before 'lights out' we had a 'quiet time' together when the Pathfinders in each dormitory discussed the evening meeting with their dorm leaders and having an opportunity to ask questions.

Although I found it a little tiring and hard work it was worthwhile and rewarding in every sense and extremely challenging and at the end of the venture it was every leaders hope and prayer that no matter how much or how little the Pathfinders discovered about Jesus, they may continue to grow in their faith and as a Church we need to Pray for them and to encourage them because our young people have so much to offer and are an inspiration to us all, if only we give them a chance by listening to their views and ideas they have, by allowing them to become more involved in our worship etc.

As many people, including myself agree with the fact that our young people are the Church of TO-DAY and not the Church of tomorrow.

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Alice Hough who submits this prayer for harvest time which she has found helpful since she first found it in a copy of the 'This England' magazine

A Prayer for Sharing

Help us to share for the letters of 'Share' are in 'Harvest'

Forgive us if we have too much for the letters of 'Have' are in 'Harvest'.

Help us to save and not to waste for the letters of 'Save' are in 'Harvest'.

Help those who starve for the letters of 'Starve' are in 'Harvest'.

Please God, let us who have so much learn to share your 'Harvest' with those who are starving.

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Mary Jackson, who wishes to draw the attention of ladies to an 'Away Day for Women' to be held at St. Lukes, Chorley Old Road on Tuesday October 17th 9.30 am to 2.30 pm. 'The aim of the day is to give women the opportunity to come together in order to learn together, share together and encourage one another in living for God in to-day's world and to be better equipped to build up the Church to God's Glory'. It will be led by Shirley Broadhurst who is the manager of a bookshop and a well known speaker. Creche facilities will be available. Please book through Mary by October 6th.

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Ron Morris, who passes on this testimony of Mary Slessor, a missionary to Nigeria who died in 1915.

'My life is one long, daily, hourly record of answered prayer. For physical health, for guidance given marvellously, for errors and dangers averted, for emnity to the Gospel subdued, for food provided at the exact hour needed, for everything that goes to make up life and my poor service, I can testify with a full and often wonder-stricken awe, that I know God answers prayer.'

Thou art coming to a King;

Large petitions with thee bring;

For his grace and power are such

None can ever ask too much.



NEWS OF . . . . .

Craig Smith In our Christian Giving Programme last year, we made a donation of £25 to the Craig Smith Trust. Norman Hayes gives us a report on Craig's condition and progress -

Cerebral Palsy A condition in which the control of the motor system in the brain is affected due to any injury or marked change in the function or structure of the brain resulting from a birth injury or pre-natal defect. The damage to Craig was probably caused through a lack of oxygen at birth.

Craig Smith is now  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old, he cannot walk or crawl on his own, but during the last nine months his strength has increased and he can now crawl with some assistance. This has been achieved through the dedication of his parents Jackie and Robert and 20 teams (5 people to a team) of dedicated people who help to exercise and teach him to crawl six times a day, seven days a week. Each team spends about fifteen minutes with him, whilst one of the parents exercise him for a further forty-five minutes.

When it was first diagnosed that he had cerebral palsy, the doctors told Jackie and Robert to take him home and love him, and nothing else - but his parents were determined to give him a better quality of life. They had heard of Peto Institute in Hungary, but found that there was a similar one in England - the British Institute for Brain Injured Children at Knowle Hall, Bridgwater, Somerset. Craig has been attending the Institute for the last twelve months at three-monthly intervals, they check on his progress and give him different exercises to carry out at home.

During the last month, they have been invited to attend the Peto Institute during November this year.

Bob and Margaret Lunt have recently written to Olive Plant, our South American Missionary Society secretary and here is an extract from their letter dated August 13th

"In August we spent a week across the border in Paraguay. Bob spent the week attending a computer course and to his great surprise he received a new computer which should help considerably in his translation work. I just hope we can get it over the boarder without too much hassle (We have subsequently heard that he did!).

Though spiralling inflation has now been halted, it has brought great suffering to the more vulnerable in society - the poor. Soup Kitchens were set up in our town of Juarez with the help of a grant from Tear Fund. People came flocking to our door seeking food, money or a job to enable them to earn some. At the end of this month, I go to teach St. Mark's Gospel to the young Indian Church leaders at their Bible School, but unfortunately we are still waiting for the printed copies of our translation".

Mark and Anne Russell-Smith are delighted to announce the arrival of Caroline Enid on September 2nd in York. Assuming that mother and daughter have continued to make good progress, the family should have returned to their home and work in Kenya.

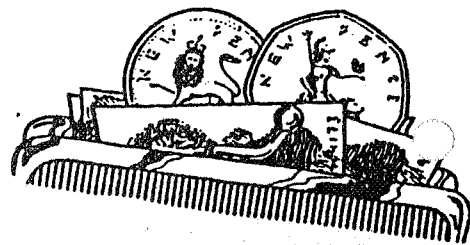
Yone Lam, the Burmese girl whom we sponsor through the Tear Fund Child Care programme, has recently written -

"Schools have not yet re-opened, so I help my parents at home with daily housework. There are 5 children in our family. We always pray for you that you will be blessed with good health. Please continue to pray for us".

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## 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>
August 6	£483.48	£ 61.07	£ 544.55
13	487.53	86.16	573.69
20	377.20	63.43	440.63
27	424.92	94.05	518.97
Weekdays	-	94.46	94.46
	<u>£1773.13</u>	<u>£399.17</u>	<u>£2172.30</u>

In the corresponding period last year, the total given was £2253, which represents an actual fall of 0.3%

The house to house collection in August on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind was also a little down on last year's record total. Nevertheless, Pauline Ridyard wishes to thank both collectors and donors for raising £649.74.

The Missionary Working Fellowship have planned to meet on Monday afternoons, October 2nd, 9th and 30th.



The Mothers' Union have invited Mrs. Wooff to speak about "Guide Dogs for the Blind" on October 11th. (Is this information worth passing on to Esther Rantzen for her "That's Life Programme"?). A half day outing is being planned for October 25th.

The Ladies Guild have their annual harvest supper on October 3rd. Dr. Schofield of the Church of the Nazarene is their guest speaker on October 17th and October 31st is Members' Evening.

# AUTUMN FAYRE NEXT MONTH!

Make A Date.

# Saturday - 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.