

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1989

SUNDAY DIARY

3. ADVENT SUNDAY

THEME: THE ADVENT HOPE

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Family Communion
6.30pm. Evensong

10. SECOND IN ADVENT

THEME: THE BIBLE

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Morning Prayer
6.30pm. Family Communion

17. THIRD IN ADVENT

THEME: THE FORERUNNER

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Christmas Family
Parade Service
with Nativity
6.30pm. Family Communion

24. FOURTH IN ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EVE

THEME: THE ANNUNCIATION

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Morning Prayer
6.00pm. Carol Singing
Round the
Christmas Tree
6.30pm. Festival of Lessons
and Carols by
Candlelight
11.30pm. Midnight Communion

31. FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS

THEME: THE INCARNATION

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Family Communion
4.00pm. New Year's Eve
Evensong



*A Nativity Window, Canterbury Cathedral (by permission of the Dean and Chapter), by Sonia Halliday and Laura Lushington
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion every Wednesday except December 27th at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge on December 6th, 20th at the Rectory on December 13th.

Central Fellowship on Tuesdays at 8.00pm. on December 5th in the Church Lounge and on December 12th at the Rectory.

Parish Dinner Dance Friday December 1st at 7.30pm. Deane Golf Club.

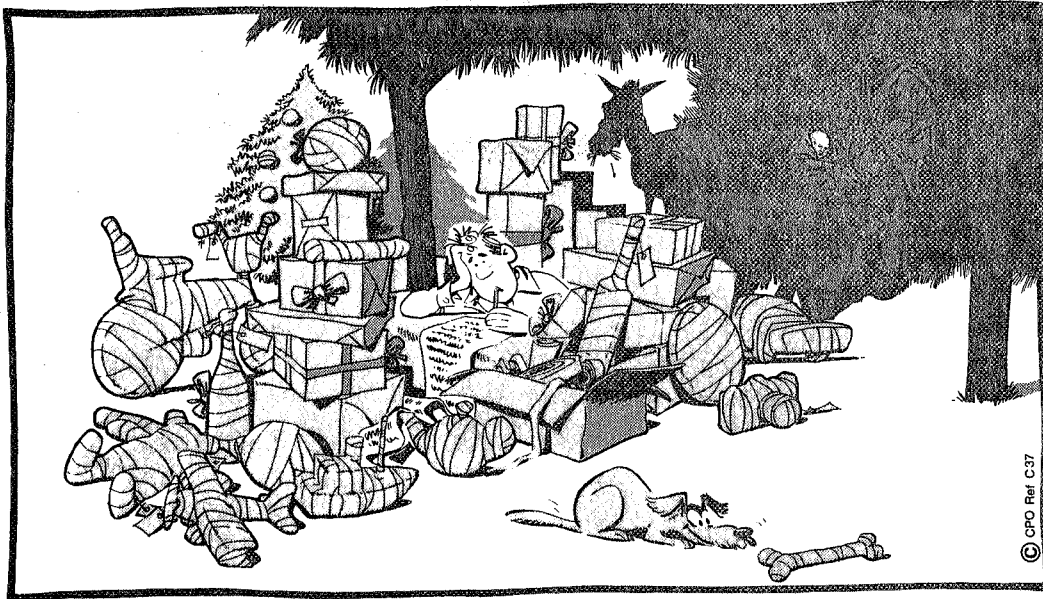
Parochial Church Council Thursday December 7th at 7.45pm.

Christmas Agape Meal Thursday December 21st at 7.00pm.

Christmas Day 8.00pm. Communion
10.30pm. Family Communion

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 Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Irene Ashley (64337) Mothers' Union Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS <i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i> Brownies 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010) 2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511) Guides Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106) Rangers Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430) Cubs A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277) B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450) Scouts Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)
Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook	
Chairmen of Working Groups		
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.



Now, let's see.... have I FORGOTTEN anybody?

Thinking Christians find Christmas quite a problem. We love to celebrate the coming of the Son of God into our world. We enjoy singing the carols. We appreciate the splendid meals. We look forward to spending Christmas with our families. Yet as Christmas Day approaches, all we seem to see around us are the preparations for a festival of extravagant materialism which millions welcome as a gigantic 'booze up' and 'blow out' without one single thought of Christ - well illustrated in the above cartoon.

There are really two tragedies about Christmas. One is that whilst we feast, millions around the world go hungry and many will starve to death. This is the global tragedy. I will not grow weary of reminding you that it is our Christian responsibility to support the relief agencies in what they are doing to alleviate this tragedy. That is why I want you to support our annual Christmas Appeal which this year will be going to Tear Fund's world wide work amongst refugees in the needy countries around the world - the Vietnamese Boat People in Hong Kong, the victims of the internal conflict in Mozambique, the displaced persons on the Thai/Cambodian border, the Afghan refugees in Pakistan. In each of these cases Tear Fund is providing practical assistance, counselling and much needed support in situations of stress and trauma.

Many of us will be quite happy to pay between £20 and £25 for a Christmas meal for 2 persons in a restaurant and give between £1 and £2 as a tip. How about supporting the Christmas Appeal to the level of a Christmas meal rather than at the level of a tip?

The second tragedy is that even here in our own country there are millions of people, children and adults, who will be showered with presents and stuffed with turkey and mince pies, but who will not have the remotest idea of who Jesus is or what Christmas is really all about. This is the local tragedy. The glitter of Christmas they know. The Son of God they do not know.

A child in school assured his teacher that he knew Jesus was born under a star and then added "I wonder what star he was born under? I was born under Leo....."

When a youth leader held a sheet containing the words of a Christian song in front of a youth group one of the lads pointed to the word 'Jesus' on the sheet and said "Eh, you've got a swear word in there!"

I do want to encourage you to pray for those of us in the communicating business - the teachers in our congregation, both day school and Sunday school, the youth leaders, the clergy, the Christian broadcasters. May those to whom we seek to communicate - those who may well know all about horoscopes, but who as yet know very little about the Christ to whom the star of Bethlehem led those wise men long ago - may they come to see Jesus and worship Him this Christmas.

My colleagues and our wives send you our love and best wishes for this Christian festive season.

Roger B. Jackson.

Spotlight on pathfinders



We meet in the Memorial Hall on Friday evenings in school term time from 7.15 to 9.00 pm and every Sunday in Church for the 10.30 am or 6.30 pm service. On the odd occasion a Pathfinder has even been seen at 8.00 am!

Pathfinders is ideal for young people who are in their 1st, 2nd and 3rd years at secondary school. It is not a youth organisation separate from the Church for it seeks as a group within the Church to provide Bible teaching and encourage practical Christian living amongst this age group. Within this context the care of individual members is a clear priority.

On Friday evenings we aim to help members to develop an understanding of the Christian Faith, to begin to ~~trust~~ and follow Jesus Christ and to grow up into mature Christians. Through teaching, drama, music, games, quizzes, outings, plain talking and prayer the leaders are seeking to establish and encourage friendships which lead to caring and sharing our faith, our hopes, our joys and our lives. We encourage Pathfinders to take part in the life and worship of our Church by attending one of the Sunday services.

If you have a son or daughter, or know of someone who may be interested and would like to know more, please don't hesitate to have a word with one of the leaders or better still encourage them to come along on a Friday evening to see for themselves. And finally, we are always on the lookout for potential leaders to join our team. If you could help on a Friday evening, not necessarily in a teaching role, but perhaps by assisting with the games, drama, music or tuckshop, then a warm welcome awaits you. No previous experience is necessary.

Leadership team:

David Dewhurst	651347
Jane Hampson	0942 817237
Chris Kilsby	492351
Mike Saunders	64313



CYFA members and their leaders were most encouraged that almost 100 people attended the evening service on October 29th which they had planned and conducted. They wish to thank all who came on this occasion.

The Annual Pantomime Outing is to the Manchester Palace Theatre to see Aladdin on Saturday February 17th. The bus leaves the Memorial Hall at 3.00pm in time for the 4.00pm performance. The prices and booking list is on the Church Notice Board.

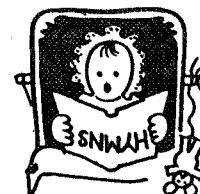
The Mothers Union have their Christmas lunch on Wednesday December 6th and they plan to sing carols together on December 20th.

The Ladies Guild have a medley of Christmas Carols, Mince Pies and Wine on Tuesday December 12th. Their first meeting in the New Year is on January 9th.

The Missionary Working Fellowship have one meeting this month on Monday December 4th.


KEEP THIS DATE
FREE!

Friday May 18th - Sunday May 20th for the Parish Weekend at Grange-over-Sands. Full details on the Church Notice Board. Transport can be arranged for those requiring it. Many of the places have already been booked so popular is this annual event becoming, so make sure you book this month to avoid disappointment.



On November 19th, we welcomed into our membership through
BAPTISM ...

James Mansell Aspinall, the son of Tony and Jean of 55 Wigan Road
Andrew John Bateson, the son of Ian and Jackie of 16 Winton Grove
Christopher Walter Saunders, the son of Mike and Alison of 281 Deane Church Lane

Farewell to the Cheethams We are sorry to lose from our membership, John and Sybil who having retired from their funeral business in Little Hulton to Ladybridge, have now retired for a second time to Arnside.

Sympathy we have been saddened to hear of the deaths of the parents of several of our members. We express our sympathy to ...

... the Wilson family at the death of Stan's father, Harry. He was the jovial Blackpool butcher who could be guaranteed to be with us whenever members of the family were doing something up front. We enjoyed his company at one of the parish holidays in Pitlochry.

... the Biney family at the death of Lavinia's father in Ghana. We are glad to know that it was possible for her to fly home to be with her family at this sad time.

... the Barton family at the death of Eileen's father who has reached the grand age of four score.

In our thoughts are ... Joyce Ingham who has sadly suffered a severe stroke so soon after caring for and nursing her husband Kenneth who died in August. Though at the moment she cannot communicate through speech, she is able to communicate through her smiles and other facial expressions.

... Ellen German who is yet another victim of that painfully irritating complaint - shingles. We are glad to see that Annie Boardman has recovered sufficiently from her severe attack of shingles to enable her to be in the choir once again.

Congratulations to Ivy Baum and her husband Sam, who celebrated their Golden Wedding in October.

Mark returning from Kenya Our former curate, Mark Russell-Smith, his wife Anne and daughter Caroline are leaving the Bible School at Kapsabet this month. After a holiday in Kenya they will return to the U.K. in January or February and take up residence in their flat in York. Mark hopes to be able to exercise a "locum" ministry in the York area until he begins a Masters degree course at New College, Edinburgh in the autumn. His area of study will be theological education in its variety of forms in the Third World. Ultimately they hope to return to overseas service in 1991 at the completion of his course. His departure from the school has thrown the future of the school into the 'melting pot'. His last function will be the ordination of the 5 final year students on December 10th.

HELP! HELP! HELP!

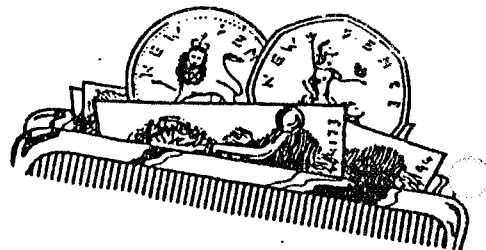
CHURCH CLEANING REACHES CRISIS POINT

Because of advancing years six of the ladies who have reached their '3 score years and 10' have indicated that they wish to retire from this task which comes round once every 5 weeks. There are 3 alternatives

1. We leave the church uncleaned every fifth week
2. We employ a commercial cleaning firm to do the job every fifth week. The lowest quote we have received to date is £46.
3. We get more volunteers - men are just as welcome as women. It involves giving about one hour of your time every fifth Friday and being a member of a team of 8 or 9 people. Some teams work in a morning, others in an afternoon and some in an evening. If you can help in this way on a regular basis, please give your name to Mary Jackson, Tel. 61819.



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>
Oct. 1	£ 366.46	£ 69.82	£436.28
8	480.49	143.40	623.89
15	420.55	63.62	484.17
22	398.92	88.98	487.90
29	366.07	73.34	439.41
Weekdays	-	87.96	87.96
	<u>£2032.49</u>	<u>£527.12</u>	<u>£2559.61</u>

In October last year, the total amount given was £2488. The increase in the level of giving is only 2.8% which is below the current rate of inflation. The treasurer is encouraging us to increase our level of giving by at least the level of inflation as we review what we give through our church when using the new sets of Christian Giving Envelopes this month.

Every year our Church Council budgets to give away to missions and charities a proportion of the income it receives. The actual amount is 12% of our income plus 33% of the proceeds from the annual Autumn Fayre. This year this "global sum" amounts to £5005. Added to this "global sum" is what is given at the Lent, Harvest and Christmas Appeals plus individual donations to specific causes through the church treasurer. Members of the Mission Support Committee are in the process of sending cheques for the following amounts and in due course the thank you letters which they receive will be displayed on the Church notice board.

Overseas Missions

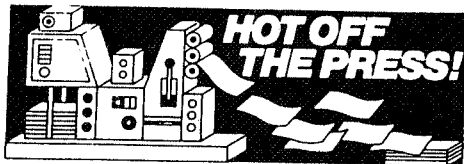
Church Missionary Society £575 + 248 = £823; Bible Churchman's Missionary Society £575; South American Missionary Society £575; Bible Society £275; The Church's Ministry amongst Jews £275; Intercontinental Church Society £125; Missions to Seamen £75, Tear Fund £1206

Home Missions

Church Pastoral Aid Society £600 + 18 = £618; Church Army £100; Church Urban Fund £500 + 438 = £938.

Specialist Charities

Childrens' Society £265; Mission '89 Livelink Relays £250; Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship £130; Scripture Union £130; Careforce £100; Bolton Samaritans £80; Bolton and Leigh Deaf Society £80; Canon Slade School Governors £50; Church of England Evangelical Council £50 and the Craig Smith Trust £25.



The final sum raised by this year's Autumn Fayre was £2220. We wish to thank Ron Morris and his organising committee, those who ran the stalls and supported them on the day and indeed everyone who has contributed in any way to this excellent result. It surpassed last year's record by £370.

Flowers for 1990 - If you wish to give flowers for decorating the communion table next year, please make use of the list in Church by filling the remaining blank spaces. Though the price of flowers varies through the year a minimum of £6 will normally provide an adequate arrangement and you don't have to arrange the flowers yourself - there is a team of ladies who will be happy to do it for you - anyone interested in joining the team please see Mary Jackson, who will also buy the flowers for you to ensure getting good, fresh flowers from a reputable and reasonable florist.

