

## THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**JANUARY 1990**

### SUNDAY DIARY

**7. 1st AFTER EPIPHANY**

**THEME:**

**THE BAPTISM OF JESUS**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

**14. 2nd AFTER EPIPHANY**

**THEME:**

**THE FIRST DISCIPLES**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

**21. 3rd AFTER EPIPHANY**

**THEME:**

**SIGNS OF GLORY**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

3.00pm United Service at  
Bolton Town Hall

6.30pm United Service at  
Deane U.R.C.

(No evening service at our  
Church)

**28. 4th AFTER EPIPHANY**

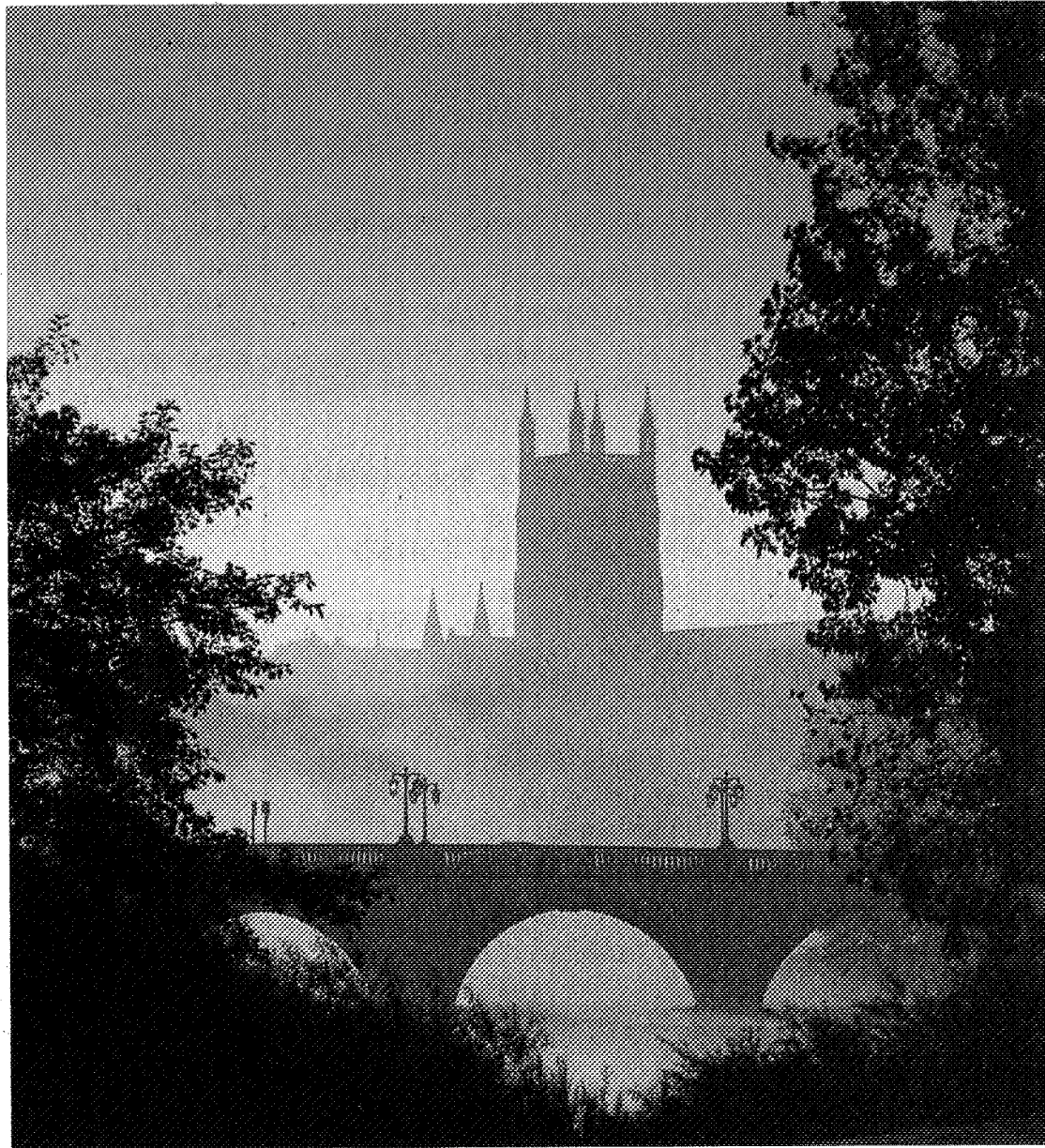
**THEME:**

**THE NEW TEMPLE**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion



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### MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge  
except on January 10th when it is at the Rectory.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18-25.

Parochial Church Council: Monday, January 22nd at 7.45pm.

Central Fellowship: Tuesday January 2, 16, 30 at 8.00pm  
in the Church Lounge.

<b>Who's Who</b>		<b>What's On</b>
<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>Lay Chairman</b>	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	<b>Brownies</b> 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010)
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511)
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Major Crook	<b>Guides</b> Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)
<b>Chairmen of Working Groups</b>		<b>Rangers</b> Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430)
<b>Mission &amp; Unity</b>	Pat Sewell	<b>Cubs</b> A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277)
<b>Pastoral</b>	Craig Mochrie	B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
<b>Worship</b>	Stan Wilson	<b>Scouts</b> Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)
<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.

Coming to the end of an old year and beginning a new one is always a significant event. Coming to the end of a decade and entering a new one is even more significant. Amongst other things it provides us with the opportunity to take stock, first by looking backwards and then by looking forwards in hope. Commentators on national and international affairs have been doing this on radio and television and in the press over the past month, and so there is no point in me adding my two pennyworth of amateurship comment to their professional contributions. However, I think it is worthwhile to do this kind of examination on the life of the Church of which we are members.

What have been the significant developments over the past decade, and what are my hopes for the future? I wish to pin point four areas.

1. WORSHIP The Alternative Service Book (A.S.B.) will be 10 years old this coming year. Whatever the Prince of Wales and others may say about its language, there can be little doubt that its contents provide us with a wider range of Bible material, especially at Holy Communion, with more choice of alternative material in prayers and canticles, and altogether more flexibility. There is no doubt in my mind that our worship has benefited from our use, though not exclusive use, of the A.S.B. During the past decade a greater number of men and women, and young people too, have been involved in reading the lessons, leading the prayers and occasionally conducting some of the special services. Moreover, a small group of men and women have been authorized to assist in the administration of the bread and wine at Holy Communion. In the same period what we sing in worship has been supplemented by our use of the Deane Church Song Book. I am looking forward to our being able to use an enlarged and completely revised edition of the Song Book in the early New Year, upon the production of which several members have been working very hard for several months now. Since music forms a very important part of worship it is worth saying that I believe there is a great deal of room for improvement here. Some of us prefer the more traditional Church music led by a robed choir, but we will not be able to provide this form much longer unless more people are prepared to join the choir, and put in the time for rehearsal necessary to reach a standard which is honouring to God. Likewise those of us who prefer the more modern music led by a group of instrumentalists and vocalists must be prepared to offer our talents to God and be disciplined in practice. My hope is that during the coming decade our worship together on Sundays will be so uplifting that we will go home saying to ourselves "Did it really have to come to an end?"

2. LAY LEADERSHIP I believe that one of the real plusses of the past decade has been the increasing role that lay members have been taking in leadership. It has been one of the weaknesses of the Church of England that its members have been too content to let the clergy do most of the significant jobs in the life of the local Church and have then 'belly-ached' when the clergy have failed to deliver the goods. The leadership of all the P.C.C. Committees and some of the preparation of parents for the baptism of their children is now done by lay men and women. My hope for the next decade is that this will not only continue, but will also be extended to sharing in the preparation of people for confirmation and marriage, and in the caring of the bereaved.

3. BUILDINGS The restoration of the crumbling stone work and the serious outbreak of dry rot which led to a major restoration job over a period of 3 years culminating in the "Weekend of Celebration" was a most important period in the life of our Church during the past decade. Many people worked hard and long for its success and it was good to be part of it. Especially encouraging was the fact that the very high levels of expenditure were met without having a wearisome series of appeals for cash and fund raising events. If, as seems likely, we may have to do a major restoration job on the Memorial Hall during this coming decade, my hope is that it could be achieved in a similar way.

4. FELLOWSHIP I make no secret of the fact that my biggest disappointment is that there appears to be very little desire for members to meet for prayer, study and sharing together on a regular, informal basis in one another's homes. When I was appointed over 15 years ago the patrons identified this as an area of weakness in a parish with great potential. No one is more conscious than I am that one reason why we are failing to rise to our potential is because this remains an area of weakness. My hope and prayer is that during the coming decade we may see a real breakthrough here, that there will be a most noticeable spiritual growth in our individual lives and in the life of the Church.

Roger B. Jackson.



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..... on HOME GROUPS

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Mike Saunders reports that 4 home groups will be starting in the fourth week of January under the leadership of some members of the Church Family who have been involved in a pilot scheme during the autumn. These groups have a threefold purpose:

- to enable people to get to know each other better and to care for one another.
- to give us a chance to read a passage from the Bible and discuss its relevance for today.
- ultimately to provide an opportunity for Christians to meet.

These groups will meet fortnightly for about two hours. Between now and Easter we shall be looking at St. Mark's account of the final week of our Lord's life here on earth. If you wish to join one of these new groups please sign the list in church or give your name to one of the clergy by January 21st.

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..... on THE CENTRAL FELLOWSHIP

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This also meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings in the Church Lounge on alternate weeks with the home groups so that their separate programmes are seen to be complimentary to each other. Eric Downs testifies to the way in which his own life has been enriched through the recent studies on the Creed when we sought to unpack some of the phrases in which we declare our belief eg. "the communion of saints", "the resurrection of the body", "life everlasting". Those of us who have attended have come to develop understanding of our faith. It hasn't all been serious stuff; we have enjoyed ourselves and had a good laugh. It is therefore sad that so few avail ourselves of this opportunity. Some say "It will be too deep and theological for me" to which I say "Rubbish, for I can cope with it!" Perhaps the real reason is that we would feel acutely embarrassed if asked a question or expected to pray aloud. Believe me you would not be pressed to do either of these things. However you will probably find as I have found, that God has given me the confidence to do these things without getting tongue tied. And even when I feel I've made a hash of things no one thinks any less of you.

There are 4 meetings before the start of Lent - January 2nd, 16th and 30th when we shall be considering how the Bible has come to us in its present form under the general title "The Making of the Bible".

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..... from the LADIES GUILD

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At their annual general meeting on January 9th Irene Ashley hands over the leadership to Carol Tickle and Joyce Owen becomes the new deputy leader. They will

be "commissioned" in the morning service on January 14th. At their meeting on January 23rd Mrs Hawthorne is the guest speaker. Her subject - "Operating Theatre - Growing Old". There is a Jumble Sale on January 30th run jointly with the Mothers Union.

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..... from the MOTHERS UNION

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who have planned meetings for Wednesday afternoons January 3rd, 17th and 31st.

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..... from the MISSIONS SUPPORT GROUP

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who meet on Monday January 22nd.

# Spotlight on

BOLTON COUNCIL  
OF CHURCHES



What is the Bolton Council of Churches? What does it do and how does it function?

The Bolton Council of Churches has been working continuously in the Borough for over 70 years, being one of the first councils to be started at the end of the First World War. We have a constitution which is amended from time to time, but our aims change little. These are:

- (a) To draw churches represented on the Council into greater understanding and unity.
- (b) To enable the churches to share more fully in the Ecumenical Movement.
- (c) To enable the churches to bear a more united witness in the community and to serve it more effectively.
- (d) To give such expression to their common faith and devotion as may from time to time be found desirable.

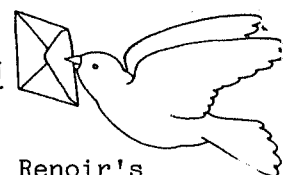
Membership of a particular church, a particular denomination, or a local group of churches, does not in any way preclude membership of the Bolton Council of Churches, and we hope and pray that our activities will promote stronger links between local churches.

The Council's executive committee meets approximately every six weeks. The Council arranges about three events annually. The biggest of these is the meeting during The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held in a town centre venue in January. We also hold Quiet Evenings, Pentecost Celebrations, Taize Evenings and youth activities. Other special events are arranged from time to time, such as the recent public meeting arranged with the five Euro-MP's in the Parish Church Hall.

All the major denominations are represented. The presidentship changes annually, with the president-elect taking over the office of president at the A.G.M. This enables the Free Churches, Roman Catholics and Anglicans to nominate a president-elect, who will later serve as president in order of rotation, thus rotating leadership on a denominational basis.

As in previous years there is a choice of United Service during the week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). The central service organised by the Bolton Council of Churches will be held in the Town Hall at 3.00pm on Sunday January 21. The local service organised by the churches in the neighbourhood will be held for the first time at Deane U.R.C. at 6.30pm on the same day.

FROM OUR INDUSTRIAL MISSIONER: JOHN PAXTON



In your imagination, accompany me on a short tour of our home.

We start in the living room. On the wall is a faithful reproduction of Renoir's "Le Moulin de la Galette" showing couples dancing in the street outside a cafe. The print only cost a few pounds. The original is valued at many times the cost of our picture! The skills of colour printing have enabled me and thousands of others to enjoy the inspiration of a great artist.

Look at the furniture - it is nothing special. Most of it is available to millions, all because of the ingenuity and hard work of people in the furniture industry, added to the skill and inspiration of the original designers.

We move through to the kitchen. The work surfaces are durable and clean. Meals can be prepared in a fraction of the time that it would have taken 50 years ago. Washing is no longer a back-breaking toil ending the day exhausted, we have time to relax, think and grow.

In the bathroom we see a bath, basin and toilet. It's not hospitals and medicines that keep us healthy, but clean water and an efficient and hygienic waste disposal system.

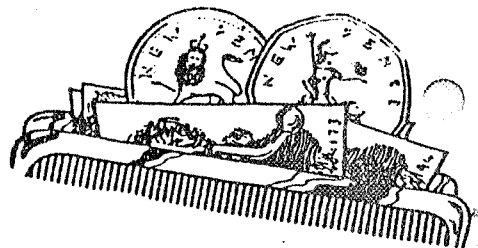
And so around the house. It is important to thank God for the people who provide our domestic requirements and household items. As a Church let us never stop thanking God for all the work people do for us and with us.



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## CHRISTIAN GIVING .....

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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Nov. 5	£477.20	£60.47	£ 537.67
12	515.42	93.13	608.55
19	417.75	97.77	515.52
26	555.59	98.33	633.92
Weekdays	-	57.48	57.48
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In November the previous year, the total amount given was £2134. This represents an increase of 11% in the level of giving which is higher than the current rate of inflation.

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### Thanksgiving

On Sunday 10th December, Mike and Elaine Kirkby brought their daughter, Rachel Helena Leigh, to church in thanksgiving for her birth.

Attendance Awards have been given to the following boys and girls for their regular attendance at Climbers.



25 attendances	:	Richard Harrison
50 attendances	:	Anna Davenport and Richard Marron
75 attendances	:	Joanne Baxendale and Jamie Parker
100 attendances	:	Michelle Bradshaw
125 attendances	:	Mark Oakes
150 attendances	:	Elizabeth Valentine

Congratulations to Norma Owen the deputy headteacher of St.Mary's C.E.Primary School on her promotion to the headship of St.John's Primary School, Coppul, Chorley. Norma takes up her appointment after Easter.

to Catherine Fenton, another of our Church School teachers on her promotion to a special allowance post at Gilnow County Primary School.



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**STOP PRESS** We have just received the good news of the safe arrival of two babies - to Alison, daughter of Ann Jones a daughter and to Caroline, daughter of Eric and Mildred Downs - a son Alexander James - what lovely Christmas Gifts for the families. **CONGRATULATIONS**