

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JULY 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

1. FOURTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Church's Mission
to the Individual

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Revd. Michael Saunder's
Ordination at
Bolton Parish Church

6.30 pm Family Communion

8. FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Church's Mission
to all men

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Family Communion

15. SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The New Man

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

22. SEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The More Excellent Way

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Service

6.30 pm Family Communion

29. EIGHTH AFTER PENTECOST

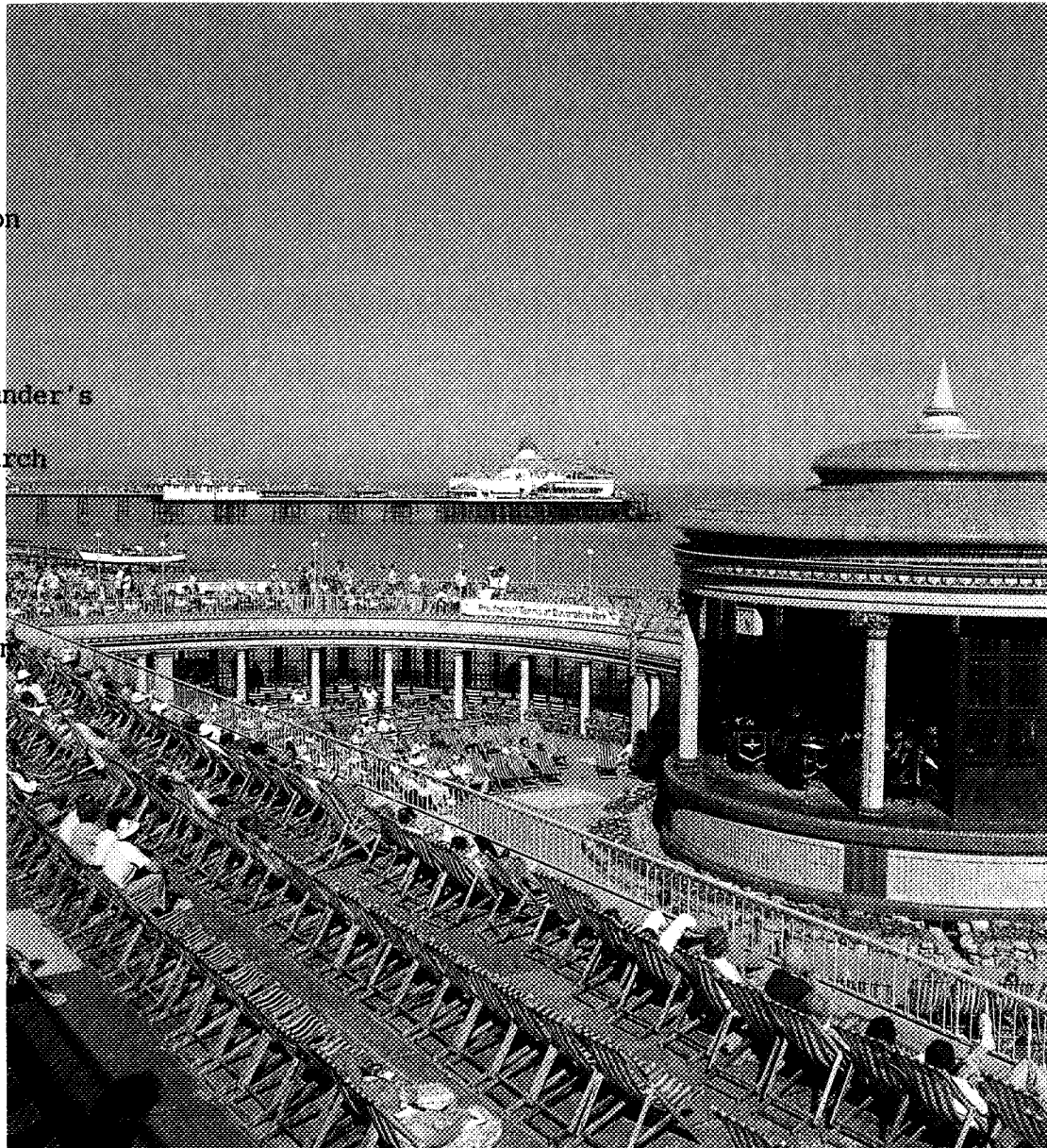
Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Conducted by the ladies'
organisations



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am in the
Church Lounge

Central Fellowship meets on Tuesday evenings at
in the rectory on July 17, 24, 31.

Parish Outing to Albert Docks, Liverpool: Saturday July 21
at 9.30 am

Who's Who

Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
Wardens	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723) Terry Oakes 14 Salford Road (64362) Stan Wilson 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Chairman	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)
Hon. Secretary	Bob Barton 8 Birchfield Grove (657792)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463)

Chairmen of Working Groups

Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell
Pastoral	Roger Jackson
Worship	Stan Wilson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Brenda Dixon
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (922 812692)
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Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)
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MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

What's On

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)	
Explorers	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653043)	
Pathfinders	11 to 14 years
<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)	
C.Y.F.A.	14 to 18 years
<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i>	
Alan Cheetham (61152)	

LADIES' GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall.

Ladies' Guild	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Carol Tickle (652515)
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Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)
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UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

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)

Guides	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
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Rangers	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (657430)
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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)

Scouts	<i>Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Richard Newall (654663)
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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.

THE RECTOR WRITES...



Once upon a time there was a Christian Farmer who, with great joy in his heart, reported to his wife and family that their best cow had given birth to twin calves, one red and one white. He went on to tell them that he had a strong inner feeling and impulse directing him to dedicate one of these calves to the Lord. "We will bring them up together, and when the time comes we will sell one and keep the proceeds for ourselves, and we will sell the other and give the proceeds to the Church and charitable works". When his wife asked him which of the calves he was going to dedicate to God he replied "There is no need to bother about that just now; we will treat them both in the same way, and when the time comes we will do as I say" A few months later the farmer entered his kitchen looking very sad and miserable. When his wife asked him what was troubling him, he answered " I have some bad news for you. The Lord's calf is dead" But she objected "You had not decided which was to be the Lord's calf". "Oh yes, I have" said the farmer, "In my mind I always considered the white one to be the Lord's calf, and that's the one which has died. The Lord's calf is dead".

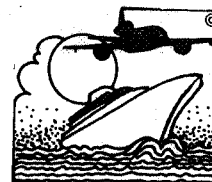
We may smile at that story, but are we smiling at ourselves? It is always the Lord's calf that dies, isn't it? For example, when money becomes difficult through our being made redundant, through having to live on one wage whereas previously both husband and wife were working, through an increase in the mortgage rate and so on, what is the first thing on which we economise? Is it not invariably our contribution to God's work through our Church and charities? Is it not true that what we spend on luxuries for ourselves is one of the last things to feel the pinch? For another example, think how we spend our time. When we are under pressure at work, or in preparation for examinations, what are the first things we jettison and do without? Is it not our daily time of private prayer and Bible reading and our weekly attendance at public worship? Certainly not our favourite TV programme or social and sporting activities! It is when we are under pressure from a shortage of money on the one hand, and from a shortage of time on the other, that our attitudes to giving and worship reveal what are priorities really are. Moreover, they show what is our relationship to God. The mere fact that we say we believe in God, and call Him Lord. Lord, is no proof whatsoever, in and of itself, that we are serving God and that we recognise His demands upon us. Read the challenging words of Jesus in St. Matthew Chapter 7 verses 21-23.

At this time of year we have a number of requests from local schools to visit our ancient church. Sometimes their own teachers show the children round the building and sometimes they invite me to point out the interesting features to the school party. This I am usually pleased to do for it enables me to teach the children a lesson which so many adults have never really learnt, namely that Deane Church isn't a museum of ancient relics, but the spiritual home of today's family in Deane. It was especially pleasing to be able to meet a small party of young people from the Birtenshaw Hall School at Bromley Cross recently. All of them were very severely physically handicapped and yet within a few days of their visit everyone of them sent me a thank you letter, some handwritten, but for the most part using the modern technical aids that are becoming available to them.

When infant children from our own church primary school came on their first visit to rehearse their songs in preparation for their contribution to "Sermons Day" many of them were so over-awed by the building that they were unable to concentrate on the music. We need to be aware of the fact that for many of these local children, whatever school they attend, coming into a religious building, especially one that is the size and antiquity of Deane Church, is not only an entirely new experience, it is quite awe-inspiring too. This is something of which we need to be sensitive, as well as being aware of the potential which it offers.

Roger B. Jackson, 30th June 1990

NORMANDY REVISITED



At least four members of our Church Family recently returned to France to commemorate the events of 50 years ago. Tom Stokes has submitted this most interesting account of his experiences.

The house boats and sailing barges were moored in the inner dock at Dover. They looked so puny and one boat was 90 years old, but the skipper said it had a good engine! May 24th dawned bright and sunny and those fragile pleasure craft moved out into the Straits of Dover. The frigate H.M.S. Alacrity awaited them, with its Lynx helicopter buzzing around. About 75 boats made a formation, 6 or 7 abreast, three sailing barges bringing up the rear.

They were on their way to Dunkirk, in remembrance of the historical evacuation from the beaches in 1940. After 2 hours or so, the wind freshened, the sea became choppy and the "Little Ships" were rolling and bobbing in the water. Could it be that these were some of the boats which plucked over 202,000 from a total of 338,000 men from the beaches between La Panne and Dunkirk? Lord Gort, the C. in C. of the B.E.F. had said "Small boats can be our salvation", and Winston Churchill would not capitulate. Vice Admiral Preston sent out the wireless message, asking for small ships to assemble for "special circumstances", and hundreds of civilian skippers brought their craft to Sheerness, Dover and Ramsgate. They answered a call from our country in peril, not knowing the dangers and hazards ahead - from bombings, minefields, mines dropped by aircraft and from the perils of the sea.

Miraculously, for several days at the end of May 1940 the Straits of Dover were exceptionally calm - men could wade out, rifles held high, up to their necks, to the little ships taking them out to the larger transports. At the peak of the evacuation there were 56 destroyers, 139 other naval vessels, 40 skoots from Holland, all the ferries from Dover, Folkestone and the Isle of Man and over 600 "little ships". Admiral Ramsey planned this operation (code named Dynamo) from the tunnels beneath Dover Castle, and Capt. Tennant was in charge at Dunkirk. He pressed for more and more shallow draft boats - barges from the Thames, fire fighters, fishing vessels from Hull and Grimsby, all answered the call. Many of the crew of these ships suffered severely from loss of sleep; wills were eroded from dreadful sights, dive bombing and shock, so that they became unable to follow a compass bearing or even to tie a bowline. Losses were grievous, over 100 ships and 5000 men.

The two best nights were May 31st and June 1st, when over 68,000 and 64,000 respectively were taken from Dunkirk harbour and the beaches.

We were in the paddle steamer Waverly (built to commemorate H.M.S. Waverly sunk in 1940) and steamed on the southern flank of the little ships. Reaching the red buoy outside Dunkirk harbour, we stopped and held a short service, observing 2 minutes silence. Flowers were scattered on the sea and a wreath dropped from the bow of the ship. The hooter sounded farewell to us and we turned for Dover. Many have said and written "it was the calm of the sea, which was the miracle of Dunkirk". There is also that great spirit in Englishmen, which does not give in to disasters readily, but countless people must feel that these things come from the Almighty. It was, of course, Ascension Day and, no doubt, many people thought about that far greater event of the Ascension of Jesus and gave "humble and hearty thanks"

"Tell out my soul, the greatness of His Name, make known His might,
the deeds His arm has done"

IN THE NEWS



THANKSGIVING

On June 10th we gave thanks with the following parents who brought their daughters to Church in gratitude to God for their birth:

Alan and Sylvia Harrison of 15 St. Mary's Avenue for Alicia Jayne
Kevin and Gillian Popplewell of 4 Lenora Street for Andrea Jane.

We are delighted to hear of the birth of Thomas to Jane and Ian Hampson and of Lauren Michelle to Bryan and Elaine Shephard.

BAPTISM

On June 3rd we welcomed into membership of our Church Rachael Leigh Kirkby and Amy Roebuck.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been gained in the.....

<u>Climbers</u> for	25 attendances:	Amy Atkinson, Angela Cheetham
	50 attendances:	Emma Bateson
	100 attendances:	Joanne Cheetham, Jamie Parker
	125 attendances:	Victoria Entwistle, Alexander Hilton
	175 attendances:	Elizabeth Valentine

<u>Explorers</u> for	80 attendances:	Emma Bate, Erica Smith, Paul Whittaker
	160 attendances:	Claire Latchford.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following student members of our Church Family who have been awarded honours degrees:

Gillian Harris:	B.A. in History at Liverpool University
Meda Hilton:	B.A. in English and History at Bolton Institute of Higher Education
Janet Schofield:	B.A. in Modern languages at Durham University.

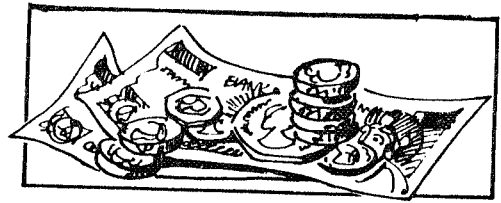
One of our former curates John Corbyn, has been appointed as the Vicar of St. Gabriel's, Blackburn, a parish with a population of about 6,000 on the northern side of the town. Though the congregation is a relatively large one, they face a number of structural problems with the vicarage which has been declared 'unsuitable' and the Church which, though only 60 years old, has already had to be re-roofed. John and Virginia seek our prayers for their move from Lancaster where they have been since they left Deane.

Sheila Acton is delighted to be back home after her hip operation at Wrightington Hospital. Though she is encouraged by her progress it is slow and it will be some time before she really experiences the benefit. Sitting around all day takes some getting used to, but it will be more enjoyable when 'Wimbledon' starts. Sheila adds 'I have been very much uplifted by the numerous cards, letters and good wishes that I have received from so many of you. They have helped me through my darker moments to know that so many people were praying for me - the power of prayer is so great. Keith, Claire and Richard are grateful too, to all those who have helped to feed them and ensured that they have had neatly laundered clothes to wear'.



CHRISTIAN GIVING

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



	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
May 6	£477.47	£ 60.96	£ 538.43
13	540.71	63.93	604.64
20	316.61	85.09	401.70
27	439.50	103.41	542.91
Weekdays	-	115.15	115.15
	<u>£1774.29</u>	<u>£428.54</u>	<u>£2202.83</u>

The amount given in the corresponding period last year was £2266 which is a marginal decrease.

Phil Ray's final report on Christian Aid Week 1990

During the last 11 years we have seen a most encouraging increase in the house-to-house collection from £475 in 1980 to £1237 in 1990. As St. Andrews also collected £785 it means that as a parish we have broken through the £2000 barrier for the first time. One collection reported the response at once house "I'm sorry I have only £1.50; I hope that is all right!!" At this rate for all houses visited in the Deane area alone our total would have been in excess of £6000.

After organising the collection over the past 10 years, I believe the time has come for me to hand over to someone else so that they can have a share in what is a challenging and rewarding job. I will still be willing to assist in the future because the needs of those in the Third World remain close to my heart. If you would like to consider being my successor, please have a chat with me to see what is involved.

Because of the Bolton Holidays the ladies groups only have one meeting each this month. The Mothers Union have planned a Strawberry Tea on Wednesday July 18th and the Ladies Guild have invited Rita Rosemarine to speak about the Jewish Religion on Tuesday July 24th. The two groups are jointly responsible for the conduct of the evening Service on July 29th.



HURRY, HURRY !!



... or you may be too late to book a place on the Parish Outing to Liverpool on Saturday July 21st. The Dockland area has been extensively and imaginatively redeveloped and has become a popular tourist attraction. The coach leaves Deane at 9.30am. and will be returning from Liverpool at 5.00pm. which will give members time to explore other parts too if they so wish.