

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER

1990

SUNDAY DIARY

**2. THIRTEENTH AFTER
PENTECOST**

Theme: The Suffering
Community

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

**9 FOURTEENTH AFTER
PENTECOST**

Theme: The Family

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Family Communion

Prayers

**16 FIFTEENTH AFTER
PENTECOST**

Theme: Those in
Authority

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

**23 SIXTEENTH AFTER
PENTECOST**

Theme: The Neighbour

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
Commissioning of CYPECS
Leaders
6.30pm Family Communion

**30 SEVENTEENTH AFTER
PENTECOST**

Theme: The Proof of
Faith

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Service
Conducted by the
young people.



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MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on September 26th when it is in Church

Central Fellowship Tuesdays September 4, 11, 25 at 8.00pm
Wednesday September 5th at 10.50am

Home Groups Tuesday September 18th at 8.00pm. Wednesday
September 19th at 10.50am and 8.00pm

Church Council Monday September 17th at 7.45pm.

Who's Who

What's On

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)

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 (653048)	
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)
Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)

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)
Rangers	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (657430)
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)

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.

MIKE SAUNDERS WRITES . . .



If someone asked you "What is a Home Group?" would you be able to give them an answer? Well there are some 60 people who could, because so far just over 60 people have been along to a Deane Church Home group, and if you are one of those who have not yet joined in, then please do join us as we restart on September 18th/19th.

But I know that some people will find it very hard to go along to discover for themselves what a Home Group is like unless they first of all know what they are letting themselves in for, and so it is with that in mind I thought it would be good to try to answer the question "What is a Home Group?".

Well when the leaders of these groups met together recently we decided that our aims should be:

- (i) TO GROW IN FAITH, through studying the Bible and praying together
- (ii) TO MEET TOGETHER, in order to encourage one another and to care for each other.

And so to try to fulfill these aims a typical meeting comprises of four main parts. First of all we sing one or two choruses to help us to leave behind the business of the day and to become aware of God's presence with us. We then read and discuss a Bible passage for about an hour, helping each other to understand what it means and paying particular attention to its application in our daily lives. The third component of our meeting is an opportunity to pray together and then finally we have a cup of tea or coffee and catch up on each others news.

So if you would like to join us, when we restart, do please come along. We will be meeting fortnightly, starting on September 18th/19th and looking at the first half of Mark's gospel together. We hope that there will be eight groups and so there will be an opportunity to join a group either on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, or on Wednesday evening. All you have to do is add your name to one of the lists at the back of Church or simply turn up at one of the meetings.

ROBIN HAZLEHURST WRITES . . .



No matter how long we reckon ourselves to have been Christians, many sense that, when it comes to prayer, things are not as they ought to be. There may well be times when prayer seems easy and the most natural thing in the world - but then there are times when the exact opposite is the case. Without knowing for sure what prayer could be like, there is a sense that it should be better, deeper, different.

We shall be looking at some aspects of prayer over a few Sundays beginning later next month. Things like "how to pray", "expectations" (both ours and the Lord's!), different styles and patterns, coping with difficulties. Some of the questions to be answered are predictable, but you may well have your own - and it is a good sign if you do! It would be a help to have them soon. So, if you have a particular question about prayer, a problem to cover, a thought to share, please put it in the box by the noticeboard by September 16th - the next newsletter will then indicate what we shall look at, and when.



David Dewhurst reporting on the Pathfinder Venture holiday in Cumbria - On the 10th August 18 of our Pathfinders, Claire Acton and myself attended an 8 day Christian holiday venture at Dallam School, Heversham, Cumbria, together with over 50 other Pathfinders and 28 leaders throughout the country. Of the 18 members from Deane, 8 returned for the second time, together with Claire and myself. We all had a super time.

The events included "It's a Knockout", swimming gala, disco, bonfire and "hunt the leader" together with trips to Morecambe, Kendal, Kirkby Lonsdale, Windermere and the popular seaside town of Blackpool where Pathfinders and leaders excelled themselves on the pleasure beach (I went on the Revolution ride three times and recommend it to you all, providing you have strong stomachs).

The weather in Windermere was atrocious, resulting in eating packed lunches in a bandstand. Something different!

Every evening there was a talk given by one of the leaders which included drama, prayers, readings and plenty of singing. This led to having a better understanding and knowledge of Jesus. There were also opportunities to discuss or ask questions at the end. Each evening before "lights out" there was a short "quiet time" together when the Pathfinders of each dormitory had discussions with their leaders.

As last year, it was tiring, but once again it was worthwhile by having the privilege of bringing the Good News to our young people.

At our final leaders prayer meeting we thanked God for a successful venture, and prayed that all the Pathfinders will continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God. I would ask you all to include them in your prayers.

Every year these venture holidays need leaders and helpers. If you could assist with next year's venture in any way i.e. cooking, music, drama, games, various activities, sharing your faith, etc. but above all having a loving concern for our young people, please have a word with me.

Mark Russell-Smith shares with us two things that have struck him as he has tried to re-adjust to life in this country after living in Kenya for several years.

One is the modern materialistic culture, which has been especially noticeable with regard to Caroline. What an industry caters for children! Often we, as parents, feel we are made to feel guilty that we have not bought her the latest fashion, or fed her some special formula food, or given her the most educational toy! It is also noticeable with Instant Credit, the free offers with every conceivable purchase, and in the crowds taking up the hobby of "shopping". We are having to think through this whole matter of culture all over again.

The other area is that of mission and what is going on in the church in Britain. We have noticed how little solid teaching is given, and also how little confidence in the faith there is among many Christians. Hence a lack of motivation for mission. It is true that the main aim of the Spurriergate Centre in York where I have been assisting in the restaurant, is evangelism, but much of the planning for that appears confused

Ron Morris who passes on what was found in Hereford Cathedral.

HERE IS A MAN

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He had no credentials but himself. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends - the twelve who had learned so much from him and had promised him their enduring loyalty - ran away, and left him. He went through a mockery of a trial; he was nailed upon a cross between two thieves; when he was dead, he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Yet I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the Kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as has this one solitary life.

....of former clergy

As a result of a severe breakdown in health Tony Woodward has had to resign from his position as Rector of St.Martin, Norris Bank, Stockport. The family are planning to return to Deane this month in time for the children, Andrew and Elizabeth to start the new school term. We pray that returning to where he was so happy will help him to return to a more relaxed state of mind. Initially it wont be too easy either for them or for us to adjust to what will be a different rôle from when they were here before.

Stephen and Stella Brook will be living on Ladybridge for the final two months of their 'furlough' before they return to Portugal. Though Stephen will be visiting his "Link" parishes each weekend we shall probably see something of them during the week. They will be speaking at the Central Fellowship on Tuesday September 11th.

Mark and Anne Russell-Smith move to Edinburgh this month to enable Mark to do a post graduate course on the world's religions to equip him better for his training of African clergy to which he hopes to be able to return. As he has been unable to obtain financial assistance, they will be having to finance themselves from their savings. So certain are they that this is what God wants them to do they are prepared to make the sacrifice.

CHURCH URBAN FUND

Once again a whole week, September 29 - October 7 has been set apart for concentrating upon the work of this important fund which represents a Christian response to the problems of inner city and urban areas. Later this month a special paper will be produced giving an update showing how much has been raised by our diocese as our contribution to the national fund, and how many local projects have received support from the fund. This will show that we are nett receivers. This paper will be available with the next issue of this newsletter to be published on September 30th

CYPECS LEADERS COMMISSIONING

Following the successful commissioning service of the Ladies Guild leaders in January, it has been decided to "commission" the teachers and leaders of our children's and young peoples' organisations at an annual service at the beginning of the school year. This will be done in the context of the Family Service on September 23rd when we shall also be giving thanks for 60 years of Girl Guiding in Deane. The Missionary Support Group meets on Monday September 10th and the Ladies Guild invited the Vicar of Turton as their guest speaker on Tuesday September 18th.

Ron Morris completes his stint as the Memorial Hall Booking Secretary and Treasurer at the end of the year and we are most grateful to him for the conscientious way in which he has carried out these duties over the past 4 years, attending to many improvements in the Hall. We are dividing his job - needing a Hall treasurer from January 1st. You will not be expected to take the job on for life, so if you are prepared to serve God in this way please have a word with the Churchwardens or Harry Ridyard. We can assure you that it is not too onerous a task!

SPRING HARVEST

..... is a Christian holiday week which takes place at various holiday camp sites around the country in the period before and after Easter. This year about 60,000 people of all ages attended one or other of these weeks. Every day there is some good spiritual input and there is provision for children of all ages. At the same time holiday makers are positively encouraged to make time for themselves and their family. Michael and Alison Saunders have been to Spring Harvest on three occasions and can recommend it to others.

To give you a "taste" of what it is like Spring Harvest are putting on a "Road Show" which comes to the Albert Hall, Bolton on Thursday evening September 27. Tickets costing £1.50 for adults and 75p for children under 12 years are available from the Saunders.

Harvest Thanksgiving Weekend

Saturday October 13 - A Harvest Family Evening from 7.30 - 11.00 pm. Fancy Dress, Games, Novelties, Spot Prizes, Music, Bar and Supper. Tickets: £3 for adults and £1.50 for juniors.

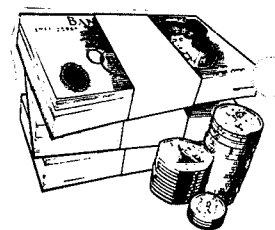
Sunday October 14 - a Harvest Tear Fund Lunch following the Family Service. The latest video "This is your Land" will be shown. Tickets: 5p for adults and 25p for children.

Another Ladies Workshop Day has been planned for Saturday October 20 in our St Mary's Primary School, Deane. Those who have attended these in the past have found them most helpful and this one promises to be equally good. Further details will be available later this month but in the meantime book the date and arrange for your child minder, baby sitter to be in charge of your Saturday chores for a change.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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

	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Loose</u>	
	<u>Giving Envelope</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
July 1	£280.60	£ 64.53	£345.13
8	300.60	31.85	332.45
15	456.50	64.71	521.21
22	558.46	78.45	636.91
29	599.35	101.35	700.70
Weekdays	-	81.70	81.70
	<u>2195.51</u>	<u>422.59</u>	<u>2618.10</u>



In July last year the total amount given was £2,745.

Computer Paper is worth its weight in

When we were forced to bring to an end the Church's Waste Paper Collection last March we were informed that the firm were still prepared to receive from us quantities of computer paper. Since then Phil Ray has brought over a ton to the Rectory Garage and this has realised £99. He has now been joined by Norman Hayes who is regularly bringing quantities from his works, and we are ready for another collection by the firm. If you have computers at your works churning out paper by the mile and it is not being re-cycled, why not bring it to the Rectory? At £90 per ton it is almost worth its weight in gold.