

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

2. ADVENT SUNDAY

Theme: The Advent Hope

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

9. SECOND IN ADVENT

Theme: The Scriptures

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Family Communion

16. THIRD IN ADVENT

Theme: The Forerunner

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

23. FOURTH IN ADVENT

Theme: The Annunciation

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Carol and
Parade Service

6.30 pm Agape Meal in
Memorial Hall

30. FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Incarnation

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion
and Baptism

6.30 pm Festival of Lessons
and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

6.30 pm Carol Singing round
the Christmas Tree

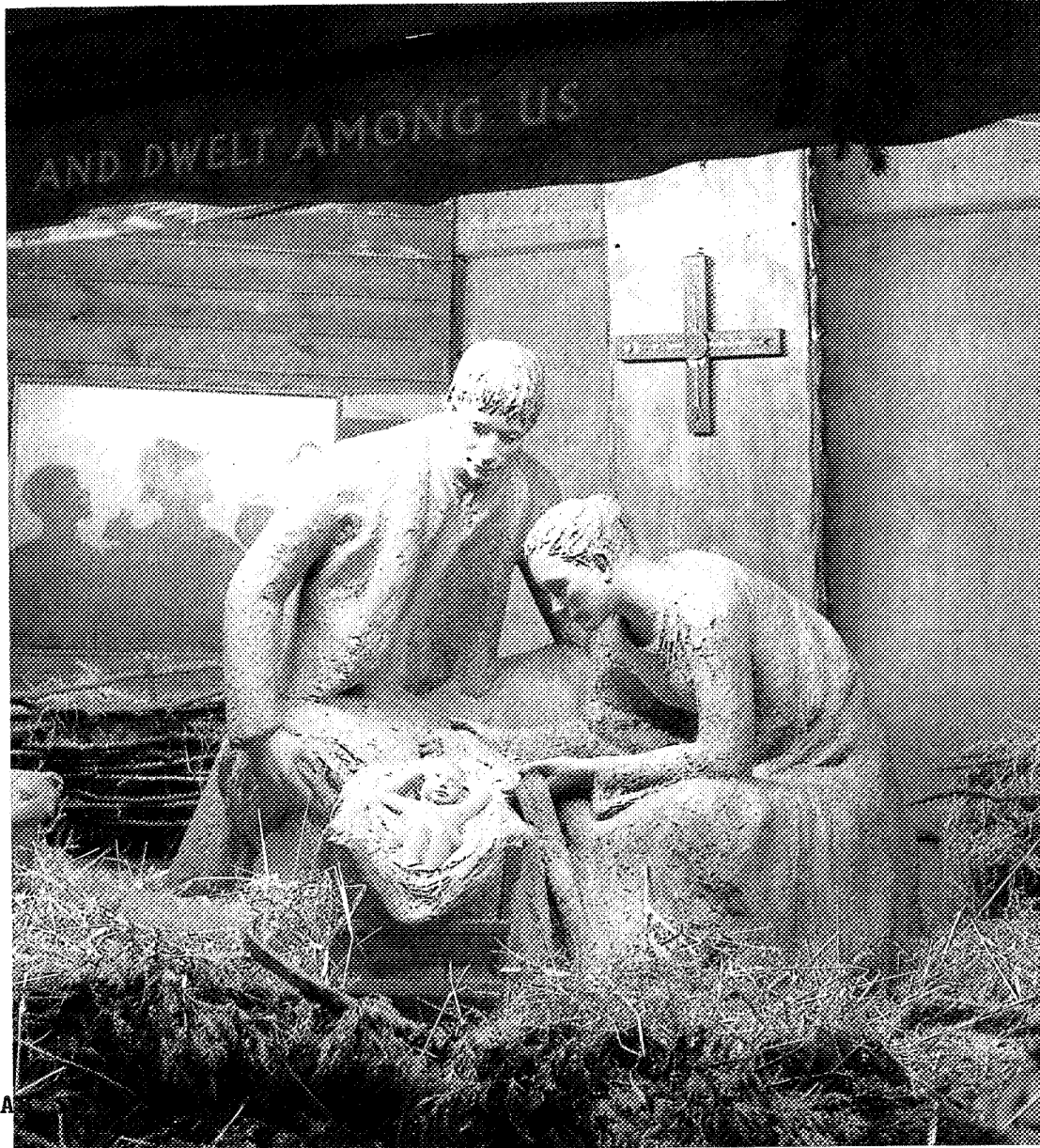
7.00 pm Family Communion

11.30 pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion



*A Nativity Scene, Trafalgar Square, by David Ascham
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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: every Wednesday at 10.00am except December 26th
in the Church Lounge on December 5th and 19th and at the
Rectory on December 12th.

Central Fellowship on Tuesday December 4th at 8.00 pm at
281 Deane Church Lane.

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

Parochial Church Council: Thursday December 13th at 7.45 pm.

Bolton Chamber Choir: Saturday December 8th at 7.30 pm.

New Rosemere Operatic Society: Monday December 17th at 7.30 pm.

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 (653049)	
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)
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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...



24th November, 1990

If this is the first time you have seen this 'Christmas Unwrapped' logo I sincerely hope it won't be your last!

For many people Christmas means nothing more than being the great annual festival for indulging ourselves. However, many people still believe it has something vaguely to do with the Christian religion. For instance, it is estimated that 17 million people will attend a Church this Christmas, which is about 10 million more than on an average Sunday. So what an opportunity to present the Christian Christmas!

Christmas Unwrapped is a national project supported by many of the Christian organisations and societies in this country. It is designed to unwrap the true message of Christmas. It is about putting Christ back into Christmas. Though it is a national project which will have a high profile in the press, radio and television it is left to local churches to work out how best to carry out these worthwhile objectives. In our case we shall be making use of the posters and of the logo on the leaflet announcing details of our Christmas services. In addition we shall be using some of suggestions being made to introduce freshness into services which are always in danger of falling into a rut. Let us pray that this Christmas will be one which many people will be able to look back upon with profound gratitude as being the time when the wrappings and trappings of Christmas were removed for the first time in their lives to reveal its true meaning.



Once again I make no apologies for commending to you our annual Christmas Appeal for Tear Fund. As we remember the birth of Jesus, who though He was rich yet became poor, we remember those who lack what we take for granted. Tear Fund's special focus this Christmas is to be the 'Silent Plight' of thousands of famine victims in Angola and others in the front-line states of Southern Africa who are suffering the effects of war and drought.



In Angola alone an estimated 900,000 people are in immediate danger, and up to 2 million are affected by severe hunger. Tear Fund, like other relief agencies, is providing emergency food supplies to those affected. To draw attention to their plight Tear Fund has produced a series of three hard hitting posters based on three popular carols. 'O come let us IGNORE them', 'Infant lowly, DYING slowly', 'SILENT PLIGHT, holy night'. They will hang from the pillars in Church this month and are well worth pondering.

I wish to place on record our gratitude to the team of volunteers who each month give of their time to put together the Deane Church News and the Parish Prayer Diary. Finally, I and my colleagues and our wives wish to send our Christmas greeting to all who read this monthly newsletter.

Roger B. Jackson.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

John Paxton, our Industrial Missioner, "I just can't take any more". Pains across the chest, aching jaws or neck muscles, tenseness, dread of going to work - have you experienced any of these in the last day or two? These symptoms, along with others, are clear indications that you might be experiencing stress related to your work.

When does ordinary stimulating pressure become destructive stress? At the point when you feel unable to cope with the demands that are expected of you. These demands may come from your company, or your boss, from greed, the false expectations of other people, competition, ambition. Added to other factors like bereavement, worries about children, moving house, or retirement and you have all the ingredients for a stress related illness.

Latest Government figures for such illnesses have shown significant increases over the last few years. Working days lost through heart disease rose from 33 million in 1983/4 to 45 million in 1987/8. This represents a staggering cost to British Industry, but also to the nation's economy in terms of health care provision.

Christian teaching provides little realistic help for those suffering from work-related stress. It is too easy to say, "Change your job. Drop out for a while". The concept of "The peace of God" needs to be balanced with the acceptance that many employees are powerless to radically alter their work practices and conditions. To cope with stress is not enough. The causes of stress - in the workplace, in society's over-high expectations - need to be recognised and removed. Can the Church help to create a more balanced, human-scale, working environment?

Ron Morris on "We are growing at a price" That is the title of an article in a national newspaper earlier this year. It followed the publication of the annual report of the Central Statistical Office.

Following references in the report to signs of greater prosperity, such as the number of people owning company shares, or microwaves, or taking two or more holidays a year, the article went on to say that this prosperity went hand in hand with rising levels of debt and greater loneliness, with the fact that more people, many of them elderly, live by themselves and that 14% of children live in one parent families. This suggests a price is being paid, notably by children. The Church may take heart from the fact that our marriage rate is the highest in the European Community and that in 1988 52% of all weddings took place in Church. But this should not mask the astonishing fact that in the same year 25% of all babies were born outside marriage.

It is a complex and worrying situation, to which there is no easy answer. Perhaps as a society we shall have to learn from our mistakes, until we come to realise that unless our patterns of behaviour reflect Christian values, we cannot achieve happiness and genuine prosperity.

The leaders of our Ladies Groups who wish to announce the details of their end of the year gatherings.

The Mission Support Group meet on Monday afternoons December 3rd, 17th.
The Ladies Guild are having a Christmas Buffet with wine and Carols on Tuesday Dec. 11th.
The Mother's Union have their Christmas Party on Wednesday December 5th and they meet to sing Carols a fortnight later on December 19th.

Mary Jackson asks:- Is anyone buying a new WASHING MACHINE and wondering what to do with their old one? We would like to put one in the house on Rimsdale Walk in which the Bishop of Peru, Alan Winstanley, his wife Vivienne, and their three children will be staying for three months from December 7th.. Also needed from that date is a SINGLE BED. Whilst the younger Brook children slept on bunk beds very comfortably these children are older and taller so one bigger bed would be appreciated. Offers please soon to us at the Rectory.

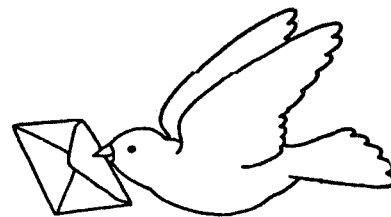
Flower List

If you would like to give flowers or the money to purchase flowers for decorating the main communion table one weekend next year, there are still a number of gaps on the rota in church which we would like to fill. Most people use this as a method of expressing their gratitude for the memory of a loved one or to celebrate an anniversary. We are particularly grateful to Mary Jackson and her team of regular helpers who spend many hours each month decorating our church. Thank you Sheila Acton, Jose Crompton, Irene Ashley and Brenda Lord. If there are others who would like to join the team of flower arrangers they will be most welcome. Please contact Mary Jackson, tel.61819.



Thanksgiving On Sunday November 18th we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their children
David and Andrea Aspen for their son Andrew Mark
Graham and Janet Percival for their son Scott James
David and Karen Waite for their daughter Jessica Florence

We have recently received two brief letters from Monkol Singsatit in Thailand, one of the two children whom we sponsor through the Tear Fund Child Care Programme. Here are a couple of extracts. "I am doing well with my school work, not having failed any exams. I am learning some songs to sing and cheer our team when we have Sports Day soon" "Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May God bless you"



For music lovers there are 4 events from which to choose.

"Advent Praise" at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday December 1st at 7.30pm.
An Advent Concert organised by the Bolton Council of Churches and given by the Bolton Male Voice Choir on Friday December 7th at 7.30pm. in St.Paul's, Deansgate Proceeds will be in aid of the Bolton Hospice Appeal

The Bolton Chamber Choir will give a Christmas Concert in our Church on Saturday December 8th at 7.30pm.

The New Rosemere Amateur Operatic Society invite you to an evening of "Impromptu Carols" on Monday December 17th at 7.30pm. in Deane Church. Tickets (including the cost of refreshments) are now on sale at £2 and £1 for OAP.

This month's prayer for the "Decade of Evangelism" comes from the Episcopal Church in the USA.

ALMIGHTY God, by your grace you have given us life in Jesus Christ, and by your Spirit you have called us to proclaim his Name throughout the nations: Awaken in us such a love for you and for your world that in the Decade of Evangelism we may so boldly proclaim Jesus Christ by word and deed that all people may come to know him as Saviour and follow him as Lord; to the glory of your Name.

Amen

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through their giving to our Church.



	<u>Christian Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
October 7	413.27	84.16	497.43
14	752.00	138.39	890.39
21	373.30	160.27	533.57
28	304.05	105.02	409.07
Weekdays	-	63.85	63.85
	<u>£1842.62</u>	<u>£551.69</u>	<u>£2394.31</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2123, thus the increase in the level of giving is of the order of 12% and therefore abreast of inflation.

On your behalf our Church Council sets aside a sum of money to give to missions and charities. They don't wait until the end of the year to see what they can afford; instead they have a formula for determining a "global sum" and this they budget to give away early in the year. The formula is made up of two components - 12% of the previous years' income and 33% of the proceeds of the previous year's autumn fayre. This year the global sum amounted to £5760. In addition to this global sum we also send what is given through the special appeals at Lent, Harvest and Christmas, together with donations from individuals and organisations which are received by the treasurer. Cheques are now being sent out by those who attended the meeting on November 6th, when decisions were taken on how the global sum should be sub-divided. In due course, the "thank you" letters will be posted on the Church notice board.

Overseas Missions

Church Missionary Society £660 + 140 = £800; BCMS-Crosslinks £660, South American M.S. £660; The Bible Society £315; The Church's Ministry amongst Jews £315; Intercontinental Church Society £145; Missions to Seamen £85; EFAC Bursary Scheme £300; Tear Fund £1289; Christian Aid £101.

Home Missions

CPAS £700 + £15 = £715; Church Urban Fund £350 + £464 = £814; Church Army £115.

Local and National Societies and Charities

Childrens Society £300; Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship £150; Scripture Union £150; Bolton Samaritans £100; Bolton and Leigh Deaf Society £100; Canon Slade Governors £100; C. of E. Evangelical Council £60; Craig Smith Trust £30; Bolton Hospice £100; St. Luke Hospital for Clergy £20; Stephen and Stella Brook (Portugal) £185.

The final sum raised by this year's Autumn Fayre was £2800. We are especially grateful to the organising committee and to all who have assisted during the year, as well as on the day, to make this excellent result possible. It even surpassed last year's record figure of £2229 by over £500.

