

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 1991

SUNDAY DIARY

6. EPIPHANY

Theme

Decade of Evangelism

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.00 pm Evensong

13. FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme

The Baptism of Jesus

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Family Communion

20. SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme

The First Disciples

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

3.00 pm United Service at

Bolton Town Hall

6.30 pm United Service at

St Bede's Morris Green

27. NINTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme

Christ the Teacher

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Service

6.30 pm Family Communion



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am in the Church Lounge
except on January 9th when it is at The Rectory.

Home Groups: Tuesdays, January 8, 22 at 8.00 pm.
Wednesdays, January 9, 23 at 10.50 am, 1.30pm
and 8.00 pm.

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

Central Prayer Gathering: Wednesday 16th January in the
Church Lounge at 8.00 pm.

Parochial Church Council: Wednesday 30th January at 7.45 pm.

Who's Who		What's On	
Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Crèche	under 3 years
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Scramblers	3 to 5 years
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	Climbers	5 to 7 years
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. Pauline Ridyard (651157)</i>	
Wardens	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723) Terry Oakes 14 Salford Road (64362) Stan Wilson 11 Clough Meadow (492034)	Explorers	7 to 11 years
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall Eric Downs (653043)</i>	
Lay Chairman	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)	Pathfinders	11 to 14 years
Hon. Secretary	Bob Barton 8 Birchfield Grove (657792)	<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>	
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463)	C.Y.F.A.	14 to 18 years
Chairmen of Working Groups		<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m. Alan Cheetham (61152)</i>	
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell	LADIES' GROUPS	
Pastoral	Roger Jackson	<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall.</i>	
Worship	Stan Wilson	Ladies' Guild	Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Carol Tickle (652515)
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard	Mothers' Union	Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
Social	Brenda Dixon	UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS	
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe	<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
OTHER OFFICIALS		Brownies 1	Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010)
Organist	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (922 812692)	2	Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511)
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Guides	Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)
MEMORIAL HALL		Rangers	Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430)
Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)	Cubs A	Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277)
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)	B	Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
		Scouts	Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. 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.

THE RECTOR WRITES...



29th December, 1990.

The first Sunday of the New Year is an especially important day this time for it marks the inauguration of the Decade of Evangelism. Throughout the Anglican Communion, internationally, nationally and locally congregations will be encouraged to commit themselves to what amounts to a major shift in emphasis. Historically, the C of E has been better at pastoral care than it has at evangelism. The parochial system, which ensures that, at least in theory, every member of the population is in the pastoral care of its parish Church, (unless of course they prefer to opt out) has provided the framework for this pastoral care. In more recent years as congregations have got smaller, and the number of clergy fewer, pastoral care has suffered as churches have been forced to concentrate on maintenance. Having to maintain ancient and often over-large and unsuitable buildings has had a crippling and demoralising effect on many congregations causing them to be forever looking inwards. The Decade of Evangelism is encouraging us to be looking outwards. There is nothing new about this. We are simply being recalled to what undoubtedly should be one of the primary activities of every Christian Church, including the C of E. It really isn't Christian to say "Evangelism isn't our responsibility; let's leave it to the Salvation Army and Methodists

For sometime now we have been planning a pilot scheme of outreach in co-operation with 3 other local congregations - St. Ethelbert's R.C., Deane U.R.C. and St. Helen's Road Methodist. The plan is a very modest one. It aims to visit the homes in the Hulton Lane area to collect a short questionnaire which will have been delivered a few days earlier. The visitors will go out in pairs (from 2 different congregations) and be responsible for 15 visits in the 3 week period at the end of January and beginning of February. Though in some cases the contact is bound to be superficial getting no further than collecting the questionnaire, in others, hopefully, deeper conversations about the Christian Faith will ensue. We require a minimum of 22 visitors for this limited commitment and they will be given helpful instructions. In a recent survey in the Diocese of Bradford 81% of Church people said they were in favour of the Decade of Evangelism. When asked who should be the "evangelist" most chose the "the congregation" and hardly anyone ticked "me". The plain fact of the matter is that since the congregation is made up of you and me no evangelism will take place unless you and I do it. Will you be one of those initial 22 volunteers that we need for this very limited pilot scheme?

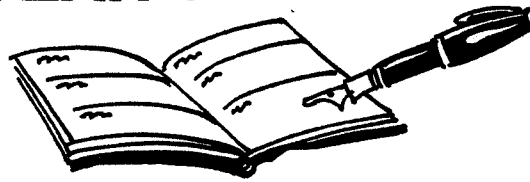
No effective evangelism will ever take place unless it is backed up with prayer both for the visitors and the visited. I'm sure that an even higher number than 81% of us are in favour of prayer, but having said that prayer is very much on the periphery rather than at the centre of our Church life in Deane. One direct result of the series of addresses that were given on the subject of prayer in the autumn is that we are planning to set aside one evening per month on a Wednesday from 8.00 till 9.30 pm to pray. This central prayer gathering, called "Prayer Focus" will have 3 distinct parts. It will begin with praise and thanksgiving, continue with intercessions for a particular aspect or needs within the parish, and then end with intercessions for an area of concern outside the parish. It is my hope that many of us will plan to support this by our presence and to that end I'm requesting that we try to avoid planning Church Committees in the week of "Prayer Focus". The first "Prayer Focus" will be held on January 16th and I have invited Bishop Alan Winstanley to help us to focus our prayers on Peru and Bolivia during the final part of the evening.

The Rector of Westhoughton, Simon Tatton-Brown has asked me to convey his thanks to all those who have contributed to the £200 which was donated in the retiring collections at Deane following the tragic fire which completely destroyed St. Bartholomew's. I will be sending him a further £18 which has been given subsequently. He says "gifts like these have enabled us to replace some of the books and equipment lost in the fire, without having to break into the expected insurance settlement. Such is the generosity that they are also proving the seed-bed of our rebuilding appeal and will start us off on the road to a new Church". Incidentally I have been offered a donation of £100 towards the cost of installing the intruder and fire alarm system for our Church which the P.C.C. approved in the autumn. The treasurer will be happy to receive any further donations to what will cost just over £1,000.

Finally, Michael, Robin and myself together with our wives wish to thank the many of you who so kindly sent us your Christmas greetings. We appreciate them very much and we take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy New Year.

Roger B. Jackson.

THIS YEAR'S DATES



It is suggested that you make a note of these dates in your new diary (if you have not got one yet there are still a few parish diaries left at 60p each).

Worship January 20 United Services at the Town Hall at 3.00 pm and at St. Bede's Morris Green at 6.30 pm.
March 10 Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10.30 am.
March 31 Easter Day
April 28 Confirmation Service at St. Andrew's, Over Hulton at 6.30 pm.
May 9 Ascension Day Communion at 7.30 pm.
June 23 Deane Sermons.

Prayer Focus (Central Prayer Gatherings) monthly at 8.00 pm on the following Wednesday
January 16, February 13, (in the context of the Ash Wednesday Communion).
April 10, May 22, June 19, July 17.

Home Groups At various times and places on the following Tuesdays and Wednesdays:
January 8/9, 22/23, February 5/6, April 16/17, April 30/May 1, May 14/15,
May 28/29, June 11/12, June 25/26.

Social February 9, Fantomime Outing to Manchester Palace Theatre.
February 16 Saturday Night at Eight with a chance to meet Bishop Alan and
 Vivienne Winstanley from Peru.
February 22 Evening Outing to Borg Castel at Samlesbury.
June 22 Sermons Weekend Concert.

Administration Annual Parochial Meeting March 26.
Parochial Church Council: January 30, March 11, May 9.

BITS & PIECES

Over the Christmas period we received greetings from former curates and their wives John and Virginia Corbyn and Mark and Anne Russell-Smith. There are additional copies of Mark's newsletter available in Church. We also had cards and greetings from John and Hellen Ngoroge (EFAC Bursers from Kenya in 1988) and from our Link Missionaries in N. Argentina - Bob and Margaret Lunt who will be completing their term of missionary service in 1991 for the sake of their daughters' education.

The Social Committee has arranged an evening outing to Borg Castel Wine Merchants at Samlesbury on Friday February 22nd. The programme begins as we leave Deane by Coach at 6.45 pm. On arriving at Borg Castel we will be given a colour slide lecture accompanied by the tasting of a variety of French wines. This is followed by a Buffet Supper and we return from Samlesbury at about 10.30 pm. The cost is £9. per person and bookings can be made using the list on the Church Notice Board.

We are most grateful to the friends of the late Tommy Sibbering who contributed £150 in lieu of floral tributes. Since joining us from Emmanuel Church he became one of that rare breed who regularly attended Church twice on a Sunday. We express our sympathy to his wife Eileen and sister Olive.

The Mothers' Union have their A.G.M. on Wednesday January 9th and a branch meeting a fortnight later on January 23rd.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

Rebecca Rutter, age 11, who found this little poem which she considers a most appropriate sequel to the rector's recent sermon on Prayer about the importance of the daily Quiet Time.

The Difference

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray

I wanted to see joy and beauty
but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me.
He said, "But you didn't seek".

Problems just tumbled about me
and heavier came each task
Why doesn't God help? I wondered
He answered, "You didn't ask".

I tried to come into God's presence
I used all my keys at the lock
God gently and lovingly chided
"My child, you didn't knock".

I woke up early this morning
and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I had to take time to pray.

Carolyn Wilson who reports on a seminar organised by C.P.A.S. entitled "A new look at music with special reference to singing and saying the Psalms". It was held at St Helens at the end of November. Four of us attended from Deane. The day was led by the modern hymn writer Michael Perry, and the composer Christopher Norton. The main aim of the seminar was to look at ways of singing and saying the Psalms so that they do not sink into oblivion. Christopher Norton suggested that it doesn't matter over much if we don't sing the music exactly as it is written; if it sounds right to us that is what really matters. It is most important that we sing from the heart as well as with our lips. The two leaders demonstrated several interesting ways of singing the Psalms and trained us to do so in preparation for a short evening concert which ended the day. We all felt that it was a most worthwhile day and we hope that we will be able to apply some of the lessons we learnt in our worship at Deane. Incidentally several items in the news publication "Psalms for Today" have been included in the revised Deane Church Song Book.

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This month's prayers for the "Decade of Evangelism" both come once again from the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A.

Almighty God, you have called your Church to preach the gospel to all nations, and you have taught us to seek and serve Christ in all people: Strengthen and inspire the congregations of this church as we prepare for a Decade of Evangelism. Help us to recognise the promptings of the Spirit in those who do not now profess the Name of your Christ and, by our words and deeds, to encourage them in their pilgrimage; that they may find the joy and peace of knowing Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen

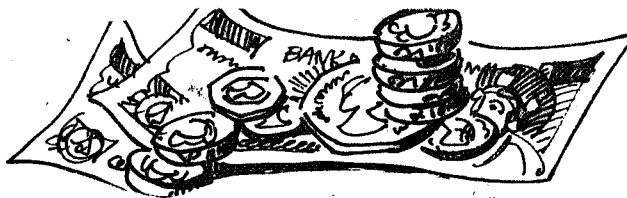
O Lord, our God, who through Thy church has called all Christians to represent Christ and to bear witness to Him wherever we may be, we humbly pray Thee to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon the mission of Thy Church

Give power to our witness of the Gospel that we may bring good news to those we meet.

Arouse the careless, convict the sinful, humble the self-righteous and restore the backsliding. May Thy Holy Spirit fill us with love for others and deepen our understanding of their needs that they may come to find Thee, for the Glory of Thy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	<u>Christian Giving</u> <u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
November 4	£ 460.30	£110.79	£571.09
11	527.15	108.73	635.88
18	532.26	98.84	631.10
25	538.25	113.72	651.97
Weekdays	-	72.06	72.06
	<u>£2057.96</u>	<u>£504.14</u>	<u>£2562.10</u>

The amount given in the November of the previous year was £2373. This represents an increase of 8% which is still below the current level of inflation and therefore in real terms it represents a decrease in the level of our giving.

An additional £200 was given in the retiring collections to the church at Westhoughton following the tragic fire which completely destroyed their parish church. A cheque for this amount has been sent to assist them to purchase those essential things that they require for the conduct of services in the school building adjacent to the destroyed church.

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IN THE NEWS

The following children have received attendance awards recently.

Climbers for 25 attendances: Edward Cox, Matthew Cox, Anthony Yakiah.
75 attendances: Anna Davenport.
100 attendances: Stuart Wagner

Explorers for 40 attendances: Craig Foster, Martin Wagner.
160 attendances: Rebecca Smith.

Ladies First

The Ladies Guild have their annual general meeting on Tuesday January 8 when Joyce Owen who has been the assistant leader over the past 12 months becomes the leader replacing Carol Tickle. Thank you Carol. We trust that you will be able to look back on your term of office with gratitude to God for the experience and confidence you have gained. Though the Editor has never quite seen the connection between AGM's and White Elephants it is traditional for the Ladies Guild to combine the two! On January 22 the guest speaker is Fraser Smith, the minister of Victoria Hall Methodist congregation who will be bringing his celebrated collection of Christmas cards he has received over the years from V.I.P.s

The Missionary Support Group meet on Monday January 21.