

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1991

## SUNDAY DIARY

2. SECOND AFTER PENTECOST  
Theme: The people of God

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion and  
Thanksgiving

6.30pm Evensong  
(PRAYERS)

9. THIRD AFTER PENTECOST  
Theme: The Life of the  
Baptized

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

16. FOURTH AFTER PENTECOST  
Theme: The Freedom of  
the Sons of God

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion and  
"Admission to Communion"

6.30pm Evensong

23. FIFTH AFTER PENTECOST  
"SERMONS SUNDAY"

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion  
Derek O'Brien

2.30pm Family Service  
Christopher Bracegirdle

3.30pm Procession of Witness

6.30pm Evening Service  
James Allison

30. SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST  
Theme: The New Man

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion



Young Fishermen, Tavistock, by Roy J. Westlake  
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## MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge  
except on June 19th when it is at the Rectory.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday June 19th at 8.00pm in the Church  
Lounge.

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays June 11/12, June 25/26.

Church Council: Monday June 3rd at 7.30pm.

## Who's Who

<b>Rector</b>	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)
<b>Vicar</b>	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)
<b>Curate</b>	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
<b>Readers</b>	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
<b>Wardens</b>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723) Terry Oakes 14 Salford Road (64362) Stan Wilson 11 Clough Meadow (492034)
<b>Warden Emeritus</b>	Major Crook (62463)
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Lay Chairman</b>	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463)
<b>Chairmen of Working Groups</b>	
<b>Mission &amp; Unity</b>	Michael Saunders
<b>Pastoral</b>	Joyce Sutcliffe
<b>Worship</b>	Stan Wilson
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabric</b>	Harry Ridyard
<b>Social</b>	Brenda Dixon
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b>	
<b>Organist</b>	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (0942 812692)
<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)

## What's On

<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.</i>	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
<b>Explorers</b>	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653049)	
<b>Pathfinders</b>	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)	
<b>C.Y.F.A.</b>	14 to 18 years
<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i>	
Alan Cheetham (61152)	
<b>LADIES' GROUPS</b>	
<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>	
<b>Ladies' Guild</b>	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i>
Joyce Owen (61849)	
<b>Mothers' Union</b>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i>
Janetta Makin (658270)	
<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b>	
<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
<b>Brownies</b>	1 <i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i>
Jean Hanley (654010)	
	2 <i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i>
Lily Jarret (63511)	
<b>Guides</b>	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i>
Carol Baxendale (62106)	
<b>Rangers</b>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i>
Judith Ashcroft (657430)	
<b>Cubs</b>	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)	
<b>Rainbows</b>	<i>Fridays at 6.30 p.m.</i>
Margaret Latchford (657101)	

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...



25th May 1991

I am always somewhat reluctant to use this monthly page for re-hashing one of last month's sermons, and for two reasons. Firstly, because it strikes me as a little arrogant to suppose that anyone would want to read it and, secondly, because I don't think a written sermon comes over anything like so powerfully as a spoken sermon can on some occasions. However, I'm giving way to pressure this time because what I said on Whit Sunday morning evoked a considerable response from those who were present, numbering about a third of our total membership.

My text was "Where the Spirit of the Lord is present, there is freedom" (2 Corinth. Ch. 3 v 17). I sought to apply it to 3 areas - the local community, the Church and to our own individual lives.

I suggested that the occurrence of burglaries, breakins, vandalism, arson, marriage breakdown and violence which are reaching epidemic proportions locally are indicators that the Spirit of the Lord is absent.

Those who cry out for stricter laws, including capital and corporal punishment, are proposing solutions which may have the short term effect of reducing the crime rate, but they are not a permanent solution to the problem. What society needs is a new spirit - nothing less than God's Holy Spirit present in the families and ~~houses~~ which make up the local community. Where God's Spirit is present in the community there is freedom to become the kind of community most of us would like to see. This in itself is a good enough reason why the local Church should give evangelism and witness to the local community a very high priority.

Alas the Church's witness to the local community is often marginal because the Spirit of God is absent rather than present in the Churches and when this happens religion becomes a cramping, burdensome thing - a repressive system of rules and regulations. No tradition of the Church is immune from this tendency. When the Spirit of the Lord is absent from the Church its members become "little people" who are caught up in the bondage of ancient customs, traditions, taboos and regulations on the one hand, or they become enslaved to, and over-excited by, every new fashion on the other hand. However, where the Spirit of the Lord is present there is freedom to become Christ-like in our character and behaviour. We can never become Christ-like by the imposition of rules and regulations; these are inhibiting. Only God's Spirit can bring this about for the "fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control".

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is present in our own individual lives He enables us to break free from the bondage of feeling we have to conform to what others wear, what others do and what others possess. There are times when being a Christian involves swimming against the tide, of not becoming a slave to fashion. When the Spirit of the Lord is present in our lives He gives us the Christian courage to be free from such slavery.

Perhaps most important of all "where the Spirit of the Lord is present in my life He sets me free from being imprisoned to my own selfish self. Nothing so dwarfs us, nothing so warps us as self centredness, and that's why we find it so difficult to break free from that which caught us way back in our infancy. Young children are usually very self-centred as though the world revolved around them. As an illustration of how many older people, adults as well as teenagers, remain essentially self-centred I referred to the language which I find so painful in the on-going debate about the music we use in worship. On both sides of the divide I hear strident voices threatening that if I don't get what I want and what I like I will stay away or go elsewhere.

Because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, who was so unselfseeking, it is only when the Spirit is present in us that we can be progressively set free from our selfishness.

May God give you and me the grace to receive His Spirit so that we experience that freedom which He wants everyone of us to have.

Roger Jackson

# BITS & PIECES

## A REPORT ON THE HULTON LANE VISITATION.

At the end of January 15 people from Deane Church and representatives of three other Churches, visited the homes at the top end of Hulton Lane and in the adjoining roads. Despite there being snow on the ground, 240 homes were visited and at each home, we left an invitation to join us in our Sunday worship.

We also took with us a questionnaire, and through this 14 households have invited us to call back and a further 18 families have been given information about the children's groups in the Church.

However most encouraging of all, I am aware of two people, who live in the area which we visited, and who have started coming to Deane Church since we invited them.

Thanks be to God, who is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of.

Michael Saunders

## Deane Sermons Weekend June 22-23 .....

-- begins with an Open Day on the Saturday afternoon from 12-30 pm until 5-00 pm when there will be conducted tours of our ancient Church building.

-- continues with a Summer Prom on the Saturday evening at 7-30 pm with the Bolton Youth Choir directed by our own Jane Hampson.  
Bolton Junior Choir directed by Helen Francis  
Bolton Youth Stage Band directed by Frank Wood

Tickets are now available at £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children and senior citizens and is inclusive of light refreshments.

-- concludes with a busy Sunday Programme when our visiting preachers are Derek O'Brien who is one of the deputy headteachers at the Deane School, Christopher Bracegirdle who is a Team Vicar in the

East Farnworth and Kearsley Team Ministry and is known to some of our Pathfinder and CYFA members as a leader of one of their venture holidays. In the evening the preacher is James Allison who is curate of St. Paul, Walkden Moor.

At the afternoon service we welcome the School Choir from St. Mary's Primary School and in the evening it will be the turn of Haslam Park Primary School. Hopefully the weather will permit our procession of witness following the afternoon service. Once again the march will be led by the talented and disciplined youngsters of the Bolton Drum and Trumpet Corps.

For your holiday reading at the end of this month the Rector recommends -

"An Adopted Son - The Story of my Life" by Sir Norman Anderson. This is a reflective look-back over a full, varied and productive life. Sir Norman has been a Christian Missionary to Islam, a wartime liaison officer to Arab guerrillas, a leading legal scholar, an author, a defender of the Christian Faith, an active Christian layman, notably as Lay Chairman of the General Synod of the Church of England. His life however has been deeply touched by tragedy, including the loss of his brilliant son, Hugh.

The Rector has got several copies of the pocket book edition at the give-away price of £1. First come, first served.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thanks to the efforts of the volunteers who helped to collect and the generosity of those who contributed. The total collected so far this year has exceeded £1730 - almost £500 up on last year's record of £1237. Fund details next month.





The Leaders of our ladies' organisations who supply details of their June programmes :-

The Missionary Support Group meet on Monday afternoons June 3 and 24.

The Ladies Guild have invited two men to entertain them this month. Mr R Anstess will run a "Delicatessen Fund Raising Evening" and

on June 25th Canon Reg Smith, Rector of Bury and a well-known after dinner speaker, is sure to raise the roof with his fund of humorous stories.

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday June 12th and 26th and there is a "FUN DAY" to be held at the Bishop Bridgeman School on Saturday June 15th.

Richard Cook Vicar of Emmanuel Church, who is looking for accommodation for their next Careforce Volunteer, Catherine Fleming.

"During the past year Eric and Mildred Downs have provided excellent accommodation for our present Careforce Volunteer, and we would be delighted if Deane Parish could again come to our aid. Catherine and her boy friend, are both giving up a year of their lives to serve as volunteers in churches situated in areas of urban priority, Catherine with us and her boy friend in Liverpool. We are looking for bed and breakfast accommodation, for which we are prepared to pay about £25 per week. Catherine joins us in mid September and will be here until July/August next year"

Enquiries should be directed to the Rector or to Richard Cook on Bolton 393282.

The Social Committee who are hoping to arrange a visit to the Ormskirk Parish Church Flower Festival on Thursday June 27th, providing there is sufficient interest. It is envisaged that the coach would leave about 9.30am and return about 3.00pm.



### Ron Morris

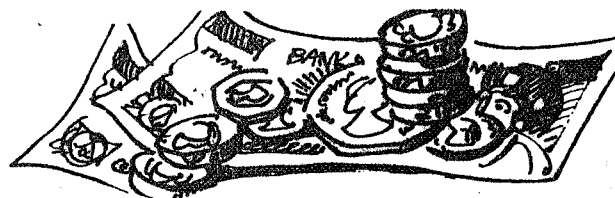
**REWARDS OF RISKING IT.** Risk taking is the essential first step in making decisions, crossing new frontiers of knowledge, accepting responsibility for discovering who we are and what we can do. In time of emergency, a background of risk taking is our surest safeguard against danger.

Intelligent risk taking has nothing to do with bravado and foolhardiness, or with impulse and blind luck. The constructive risk is always based on fact and preparation, and guided by reason. This does not diminish the courage required to take risks.

You don't have to wait for emergencies or momentous occasions to learn the art of risk taking. You can practice it daily by standing up for what you believe, by making firm decisions instead of delaying decisions, by doing something you always wanted to do and never dared. The rewards of such practice in risk taking are greater self confidence and insight, more rewarding relationships with others, and a more vivid and effective personality.

Under stress, the person who has not learnt to take risks is panic stricken, because he has never discovered how far he can try his luck without being foolhardy. Sometimes, though, we must take risks to avoid catastrophe.

## CHRISTIAN GIVING



Thank you to all who have given to the work of God through their weekly contributions.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
April 7	£ 597.90	£ 104.96	£ 702.86
14	526.54	105.83	632.37
21	371.02	96.05	467.07
28	417.80	172.00	589.80
Weekdays	-	39.40	39.40
	<u>£1913.26</u>	<u>518.24</u>	<u>£2431.50</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total given was £2713 which represents a disturbing decrease of 10% in the level of giving. At a recent meeting of the Church Council the treasurer drew the attention of the Council to this situation. Some people are inclined to think that he cries 'wolf' too often, and therefore people take no notice of his warnings, but the above figures speak for themselves. The bills he has to pay are at least 6% higher than last year, but the money he receives to pay the bills is 10% lower. There would be no problem at all if we all altered our level of giving in step with alterations in our income. Sadly, though we are usually very quick to do this when our income decreases, are are often very slow to do so when our income increases.

## IN THE NEWS



**CONFIRMATION** In the annual Confirmation service held this year at St Andrews, the following young people confirmed their faith in God, and were confirmed in their membership of God's church:

Claire L Acton, Catherine S Berry, Deborah Hodge, Karen Marsden,  
Suzanne P Massey, Andrew C Mochrie, Elaine D Rigby, Mark E Tudor,  
Lisa J Whalley, Jane L Willford.

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS** were presented at the Family Service on April 28 to-  
Mark Bradshaw for 120 attendances at Explorers  
Tom Atkins, Louise Scammell, Andrew and Elizabeth Woodward for 25 attendances  
at Climbers  
Amy Atkinson for 50 attendances at Climbers  
Andrew Oakes and Gary Parker for 100 attendances at Climbers.



Alan Morris and Alison Sloan who are to be married on June 8th and to Ian Waite and Karen Barlow who get married on the following Saturday, June 15th.