

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JULY 1991

SUNDAY DIARY

7. SEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The more excellent way

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

14. EIGHTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Fruit of the Spirit

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

21. NINTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The whole armour of God

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

28. TENTH AFTER PENTECOST

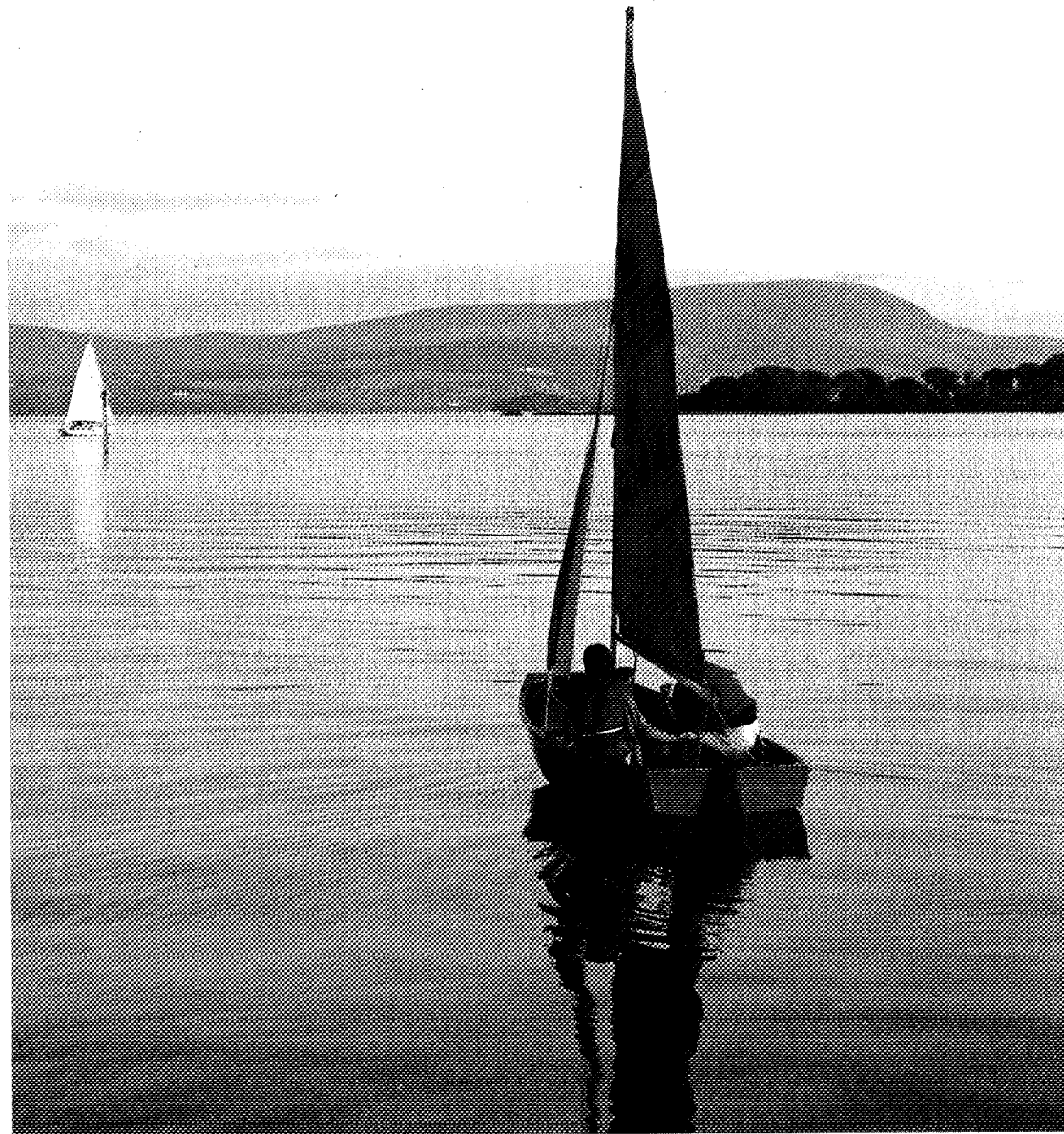
Theme:

The mind of Christ

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday July 17 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Church Council: Monday, July 29 at 7.45pm.

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)
Warden Emeritus	Major Crook (62463)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Chairman	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463)

Chairmen of Working Groups

Mission & Unity	Michael Saunders
Pastoral	Joyce Sutcliffe
Worship	Stan Wilson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (0942 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 (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>
Joyce Owen (61849)	

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 Ashcroft (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)	

Rainbows	<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...



28th June, 1991

"Where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs Ch.29 v 18)

Though Hebrew scholars tell us that this is an inaccurate translation of this Old Testament verse in the Authorized Version of the Bible it nevertheless conveys a very important truth. It is true both for individuals and communities. It is especially important that Christians and the Christian Church have a vision for the future, and a plan of campaign for achieving that vision. It really isn't good enough to stagger aimlessly from one crisis to another, or to remain complacently stuck in ruts which are centuries deep. This is, in part, what our Lent mid-week programme was all about - trying to capture a vision of where our Church at Deane should be at the end of the decade.

Recently our Church Council spent a whole evening examining the "feedback" from the various Lent groups and in the light of this to formulate what the vision for our Church should be. Then we were asked to consider what steps need to be taken to move towards realising the vision. We considered three key areas of Church life and they have asked me to pass onto you the results of their discussion.

Firstly we considered ourselves as individuals

Our vision statement reads "WE LONG TO SEE AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE A GROWING PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"

It is a sad fact that some Church members appear to be content to have a vague belief in God with precious little personal commitment about it. To achieve this vision we recognise the importance of prayer, Bible study and worship on three levels - personal, in small groups, (eg prayer triplets and home groups) and in the larger congregational setting.

Secondly we considered ourselves as members of Deane Church

Our vision statement reads "WE LONG TO SEE ALL CHURCH MEMBERS COMMITTED TO SHARING OUR FAITH WITH ONE ANOTHER AND SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER IN LOVE"

This is very different from the "telephone box" version of Christianity which some of us appear to adopt where we shut ourselves off from others to enjoy our own hot-line to God. To achieve this vision we recognise the importance of extending the Home Group programme so that more of the congregation are involved in it. Though only a sizeable minority is involved at the present time there is plenty of evidence to show that people are growing in Christian confidence and in their relationships with each other.

Thirdly we considered ourselves and our Church in relation to the wider community

Our vision statement reads "WE LONG TO SEE OUR CHURCH HAVING A REPUTATION FOR BEING WELCOMING TO THE COMMUNITY AND HELPFUL IN THE COMMUNITY"

To achieve this we recognise the importance of extending personal invitations to Church activities, and forging closer links with the primary schools in our parish and the families of children and young people in our CYPECS organisations.

There is still a lot of practical detail to be filled in if these outline suggestions are going to enable the "vision statements" to be realized. Though some of this work will be assigned to the Working groups/Sub committees of our Church Council we must not delegate those tasks to them in the hope that they can do for us by proxy what is essentially our responsibility, yours and mine. If we regard ourselves as Christians and members of Deane Church then we are, willy nilly, implicated in this exercise.

Roger B. Jackson.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE AND PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Congratulations to:

Rachel Morgan on being awarded a BA degree in Education by Durham University. She has also been elected as the President of her college, Hild/Bede, for which she stays on at Durham for an additional year before starting her first job in teaching.

Harold Lever and his wife Elsie who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding.

Michael and Alison Saunders on the birth of their second son, Timothy Michael.

Thanksgiving

On Sunday June 2nd we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children:

David and Jane Martindale for their daughter Emma Jane
Gary and Sharon Moore for their daughter Kirsty Jane
Michael and Alison Saunders for their son Timothy Michael.



Admission to Communion

In conjunction with the experimental scheme authorised in the Diocese of Manchester, the following younger members of our congregation were admitted to communicant membership of our Church before Confirmation on Sunday June 16th:

Rebecca Barnes, Linda Biney, Caroline Bleackley, Laura Charlton, Margaret Cupitt, Claire Foster, Kirsten Gradwell, Janet Hallam, Anna Hearsey, Stuart Holden, Anna Kilsby, Claire Latchford, Kathryn Merrick, James Newall (also baptised), Timothy Scruton, Craig Wheeldon.



Attendance Awards have been gained by Wendy Whittaker for 100 attendances in Climbers and to the following Explorers:

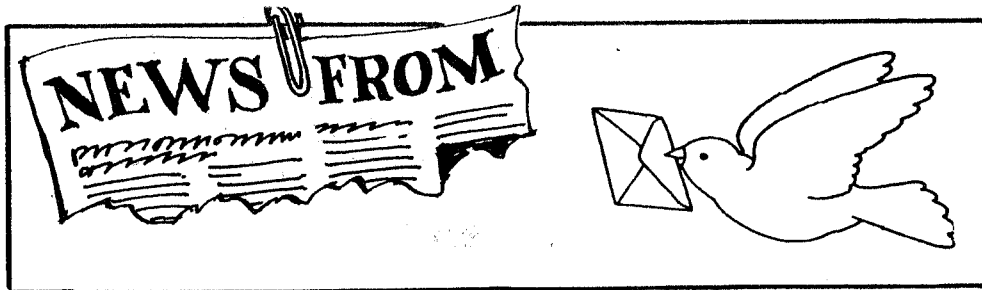
Jill Howarth for 40 attendances.

Andrew Beesley, Karen Greenhalgh, Matthew Kilsby, Richard Marron and Laura Parker for 80 attendances.

Lindsay Entwistle, John Gradwell, Matthew Hewitt, Ian Holden, Erica Smith and Lee Wheeldon for 120 attendances.

Steven Greenhalgh for 160 attendances.

We express our SYMPATHY to the family of the late Dorothy Mitchell, a member of our Mothers Union who had been in failing health for several months. Also to Nora on the very sudden death of her husband Les Smith and to his two sisters in our congregation, Joyce Welsh and Madge Keating. Nora wishes to thank those who contributed towards the sum of £249 which has been passed on to the Church treasurer in lieu of flowers.



Bishop Alan Winstanley and Vivien in Peru

"We are all slightly jumpy" at the moment as terrorists machine-gunned and killed the head of World Vision (Peru). He was a Canadian Christian and was attacked as he was going into his office here in Lima. On the same day (May 17th) they also murdered the Regional Director of CAFOD (the RC equivalent of Christian Aid) in the city of Hirancayo. We would value prayer that these may just be isolated incidents, and not part of a next stage of their strategy.

On a more pleasant subject, the children and Viv are looking forward to coming to the U.K. in August for the purpose of making all the necessary arrangements for the next stage of their schooling. Viv reckons it may take longer than a month, but Alan doesn't think he can hold out indefinitely on scrambled egg!"

Stephen and Stella Brook in Portugal

Those of you who come to Portugal for your holidays may be inclined to think that it is always hot - it isn't. Indeed in winter it can be very cold and wet and so long as our house remains in its half-built state, we find it hard going. The Bishop has asked us to get some more up to date estimates, so we do hope that this will lead to action before next winter.

Stella is now teaching 9 hours every day and on top of this she has to do lesson preparation and marking so that any spare time she has is spent in a semi-collapsed state, wishing the weekend would arrive.

Church life has its ups and downs and Stephen found it hard to settle in again when we returned. The Church had various problems whilst we were on leave and they seemed to set everything back. So that we are only now slowly starting to rebuild again. The English service continues to grow and we had a Bible study course during Lent that was really good. Sometimes it is difficult to know why we are here and why things take so long to happen, but then something does happen to cheer us up and we are reassured that we are where the Lord wants us at the moment.

Mark and Anne Russell-Smith in Edinburgh

Mark is now coming to the end of his M.A. course on the subject of "Christian Mission" at the University. Anne has divided her time between looking after their flat and daughter Caroline, and being involved in the life of a very lively local church. The various groups to which she has attached herself have provided friends, fellowship and stimulation. We have valued this church involvement very much. Mark has shared the leadership of a Beginners Group for Christians young in the faith. This has been a very mixed group from widely different backgrounds and abilities. For instance, we have had research students studying for PhD's sitting next to shop girls and a former tramp! They have come from as far afield as China, Sierra Leone, Botswana, Barbados. Namibia and of course in the U.K. The course ended with a party at an Italian Restaurant!

(N.B The full text of this letter appears on the Church Notice Board)

The Tear Fund Partnership Scheme who inform us that because of deep divisions in the local church in India where we support one of our "adopted children", Ashok Kumar Bondapalli, they have felt it necessary to withdraw their sponsorship of the scheme. They hope that we will continue to pray for him, and that we will wish to support another child in his place.

MONEY MATTERS

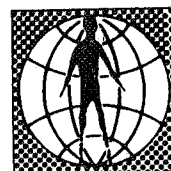


Thank you to all who have given to the work of God through their regular contributions

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
May 5	£582.23	£ 88.27	£ 670.50
12	533.95	100.50	634.45
19	556.40	102.11	658.51
26	395.38	161.51	556.89
Weekdays	-	112.31	112.31
	<u>£2067.96</u>	<u>£564.70</u>	<u>£2632.66</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £2203 and so this represents an increase of 19% - a most welcome improvement on previous months.

Christian Aid



1991 has been a year of great encouragement. Firstly, as a result of the efforts of all those who helped to collect and the response of everyone who contributed in Christian Aid Week our total has risen to £1751. This is an increase of more than 40% on last year's record total of £1237. Add to this the £1175 collected by the members of our St. Andrew's Church, Over Hulton and this means that as a parish we have been responsible for collecting nearly £3000. Undoubtedly with the considerable media coverage of various crisis situations there has been an increased awareness of the work of the relief agencies such as Christian Aid and the people of our parish, in common with the rest of the country have responded more generously than hitherto.

Secondly, the organisation of Christian Aid Week in an area the size of the one we cover is far too much to be reasonably handled by one person. This year Peter Marron and Malcolm Hearsey have joined me to form a team organisation, and with the added help of those who prepared the envelopes beforehand and those who counted the money afterwards, Christian Aid Week has run very smoothly.

Phil Ray.

KEEP THIS DATE
FREE!

Last year almost a quarter of a million Christians took part in 602 events throughout the country, but Bolton wasn't one of these places. This is being rectified this year when the organisers hope that at least several thousand will be able to march in procession from Queens Park on the Saturday morning for a short open air service in Victoria Square at



12 noon. More details next month, but in the meantime book it in your diaries.