

THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1991

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 1 FIFTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: Those in Authority

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### 8 SIXTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Neighbour

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

### 15 SEVENTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Proof of Faith

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### 22 EIGHTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Offering of Life

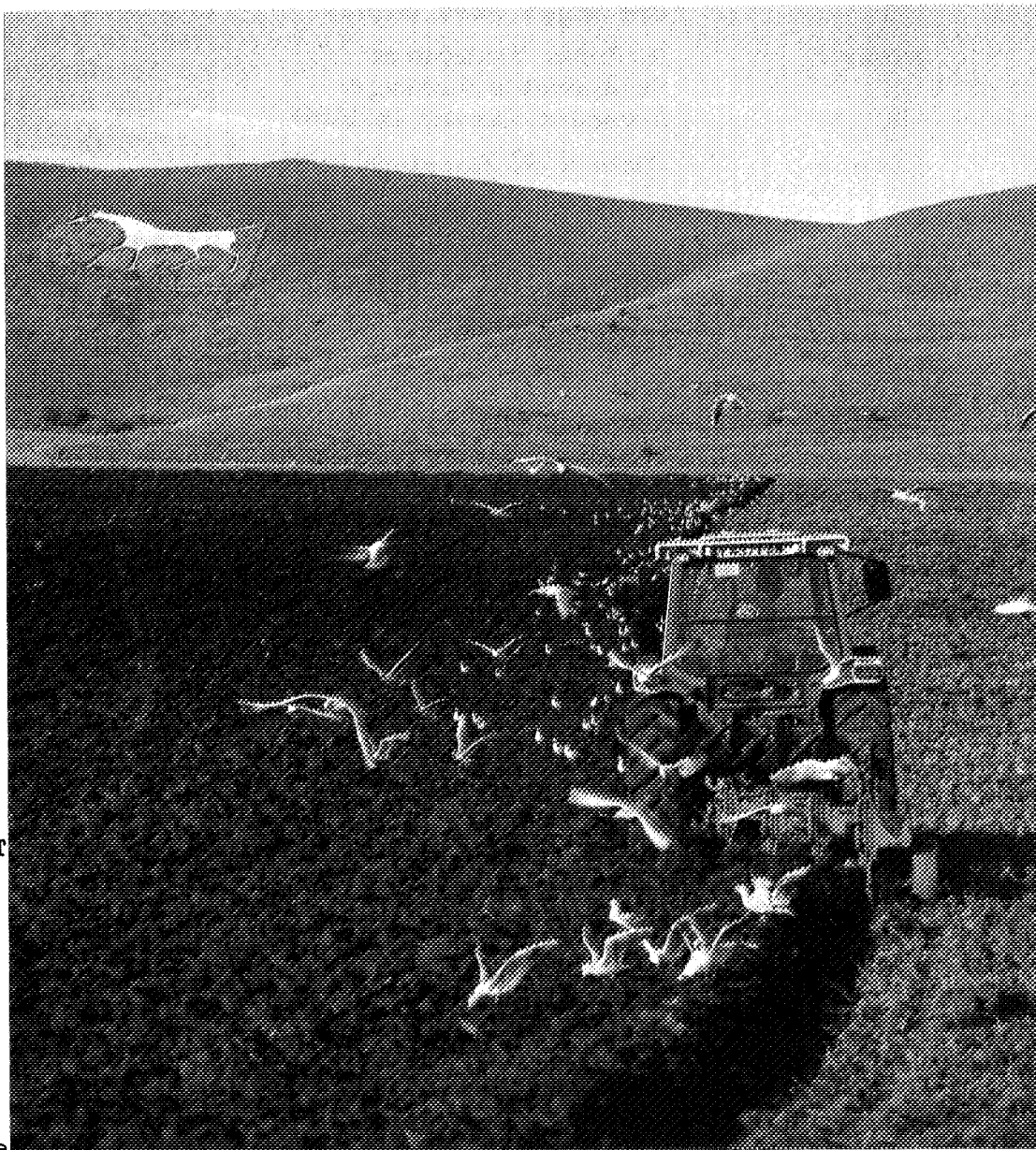
8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

Commissioning of leaders

of CYPECS and Uniformed Organisations

6.30pm Family Communion



*Ploughing, Vale of Pewsey, by Paul Felix  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge  
except on September 25th when it is at the Rectory.

Home Group: Tuesdays September 17 and Wednesday September 18.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday September 25 at 8.00pm in the  
Church Lounge.

March for Jesus: Saturday September 14 from Queen's Park to  
Victoria Square.

### 29 NINETEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Life of Faith

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion and  
Baptism

6.30pm Evening Service  
Conducted by the  
Worship Committee

## Who's Who

## What's On

<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)

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

<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)

### Chairmen of Working Groups

<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

### OTHER OFFICIALS

<b>Organist</b>	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (0942 812692)
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)

### MEMORIAL HALL

<b>Bookings</b>	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
<b>Caretakers</b>	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

<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)	

### LADIES' GROUPS

*Meet in the Memorial Hall*

<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)

### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

*Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut*

<b>Brownies 1</b>	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
<b>2</b>	<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 A</b>	<i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
<b>B</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...



31st August, 1991.

I was recently most encouraged to read an article in one of the free papers entitled "Speaking out on Family Life". It was written by Tom Sackville M.P. who represents one of the two parliamentary constituencies within our extensive parish. I have written to tell him so.

Thoughtful people, and I hope that includes all Church members who read this monthly newsletter, cannot help but be concerned about family matters and moral issues. There have been some alarming trends in recent years such as the increase in illegitimate births (now 1 in 4), the failure of first marriages (1 in 3) and of second marriages (1 in 2) and the fact that many couples who approach us about marriage nowadays are in fact asking us to legitimise their existing 'common law' relationships which have been going on for years. In addition we have the high incidence of crimes of robbery from homes and the stealing of vehicles to say nothing about the abuse and misuse of drugs.

It would, of course, be completely unfair to place the blame for this decline in family life and morality upon the politicians of any one party. Moreover, the situation will not be cured, and the problems will not be solved by the passing of new and harsher laws. However, those who frame the laws in parliament do have an important role to play for good laws can at least curb the moral decline, and bad laws will only make the position worse. For this reason I welcome the meeting that has been called within the Bolton West Constituency on Friday September 20th at 8.00 p.m. in Church Road Primary School Halliwell. The purpose of this meeting will be to enable the prospective parliamentary candidates from the 3 main political parties - Tom Sackville M.P. (Conservative) Clifford Morris (Labour) and Barbara Ronson (Liberal Democrat) - to speak for 10 - 15 minutes on subjects such as marriage, sexuality, and the value of life. This will be followed by a question and answer session. Hopefully, as well as showing the speakers the importance which Christians attach to the protection of family life, the meeting should provide those attending with a clearer idea of where to cast their votes in the General Election which is due within the next 9 months. I am planning to attend and I warmly commend it to you.



I hope I don't need to remind you of the March for Jesus on Saturday 14th September about which I wrote last month. I see this as an important occasion for demonstrating in Bolton that Christianity is not a lost cause. I hope you will join with me in identifying yourself with our fellow Christians from other congregations in the town by joining in the March from Queen's Park, and by taking part in the short Open Air Service in Victoria Square. If it really is impossible for you to take part in the March then do please pray for it that it may be an effective form of Christian witness to the town. In addition

to praying for the event on Sundays in Church there will be a united gathering for prayer at the Claremont Christian Centre on St. George's Road, Tuesday, September 10th at 7.30 pm.

Roger B. Jackson.

## From Joyce Sutcliffe on Romania

Towards the end of September another party from St. Peter's Halliwell is returning to Romania to visit the 3 orphanages with which they have formed close ties. To each orphanage they are taking the gift of an industrial washing machine. But a washing machine without soap powders is about as useless as having a brand new car but not being able to afford to buy the petrol to put in the tank. Consequently they are anxious to take with them as much washing powder and liquid as possible. Joyce will be very happy to receive any gifts that you may like to make for this purpose.



# BITS & PIECES

Ladies Guild Because of the Bolton Holiday Week there is only one meeting this month. On Tuesday evening September 17th W.P.C. Ann Coleman will speak on "Personal Safety". As this ought to be a matter of interest to all women a special invitation is extended to non-members.

Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoons September 4th and 18th.

Missionary Support Fellowship meet on Monday afternoons September 2nd, 9th and 30th.

Good News for Boys A Beaver group for boys aged 6 - 8 years is to be launched this month on Thursday evenings from 5.30 - 6.45 pm. The leaders are Susan Ash and Frances Barlow and enquiries should be directed to Susan on Bolton 62657. It had been hoped to re-start the Scout troupe for older boys but sadly it has to remain in abeyance until a leader can be found. We already have someone who is willing to assist.

## "Radio Cracker"

Here are 3 disturbing facts:

- FACT There are up to 500,000 teenage prostitutes in Brazil. Some as young as 12.
- FACT More than 30% of the World's population are young people under the age of 15.
- FACT Water is essential to life, yet the water available to about 2 billion of earth's inhabitants is contaminated. It is believed to cause 25 - 30 million deaths a year, about 69% of them being children under 5.

It makes you think doesn't it? But does it make you act? Two Christian organisations with a good track record for action - Oasis Trust and Tear Fund - are tackling these issues but they need our support. To raise money for Third World youth needs they are launching an exciting new project called "Radio Cracker". About 100 towns throughout the U.K. are setting up local radio stations to broadcast for the period November 24th to December 24th. It will be manned by young people and will have a strong Christian basis. Its aim is twofold:

- i to encourage young people to put their faith into action and to become more aware of Third World issues.
- ii to raise money for young people in the Third World by sponsorship, advertising and donations.

A number of local Churches have taken the lead and there will be a local launch of this project with a concert in St. Peter's Church Halliwell on Saturday September 7th at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £1.50 and are available from the clergy and Pathfinder and CYFA leaders.

Then on Sunday September 15th at 8.00 pm in the Theatre Church Astley Bridge, there will be a "Talent Shop" where you can come and hear about all the different jobs and see where you can fit in.

## Vocation Conferences

A series of 3 parallel conferences have been planned in different areas of our diocese for anyone who might be thinking of "testing the water". Nowadays there are several different patterns of ordained ministry, not only in our diocese but throughout the Church. At these conferences the focus will be upon stipendiary, non-stipendiary and local ordained ministries. The dates and venues are as follows:

- October 5th at Holy Trinity, Fallowfield, South Manchester
- October 12th at Christ Church, Chadderton, Oldham.
- October 19th at St. James, Woolfold, Bury.

Anyone interested should contact the Rector.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM .....

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Ron Morris who asks "Who really cares?"

As many Russians rejoice in their first democratically-elected President and the citizens of Leningrad decide whether or not to revert to the city's old name of St Petersburg, it does seem as if Russian Communism is embarked upon a terminal decline. The rule of the communist tsars, like that of their aristocratic predecessors, is coming to an end, to be succeeded by what?

The dreams of some appear already to be nightmares. Not all can cope with the heady brew of freedom from the old tyranny. Like the Israelites of old, the challenge of the desert seems more like a death sentence than the road to the promised land "Were there no graves in Egypt that you had to bring us out here to die?" The journey of hope begins to look like a despairing trek.

Let us pray that Christianity becomes the answer to all their problems.

(NB: This article was actually written before the unsuccessful "coup" attempt to dispose of President Gorbachev.)

The Social Committee who have planned a Harvest Safari Supper on Saturday October 12th. A 5-course evening meal is being prepared, and each course is consumed at a different destination. An open invitation is extended to all to join in with what promises to be a good night out. Tickets costing £5 each are now available from Brenda Dixon and members of the Social Committee. These give details of the menu and the venues.

## Christian TRADING SHOP

which is situated in Knowsley Street opposite the Market Place Shopping Centre.

Our aim is to be fair to the PEOPLE who produce the goods we sell. They are mostly from the poorest countries of the world. We are concerned about their wages and working conditions and hope their trade may help them work their way out of poverty. We also aim to be responsible stewards of our PLANET, not destroying our rainforests or polluting our environment.

We buy from suppliers who share these aims; Traidcraft, Tearfund and Oxfam Trading and many smaller, less well-known groups and co-operatives.

And what about PROFITS? The shop's constitution prevents it from distributing any surplus to its own members and it pledges to reinvest any profits to further its aims.

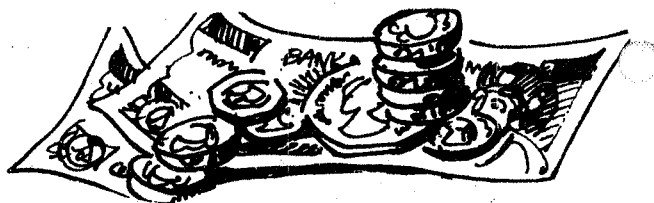
So if its TEA or a T-SHIRT, COFFEE or a CARD, BEANS or BASKETS, POTS or PAPER you need and if you want to know that your purchase can help a producer out of poverty and can be working to make a fairer world, this is the shop for you!

WANT TO KNOW MORE ?

Come along to our OPEN EVENING and AGM at the shop on FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH at 7.30 pm for shopping, information, quiz, displays and supper, or call in any day Monday - Saturday 9.30 am - 4.30 pm.

\*\*\*\*\* Can you spare 4 hours a week or fortnight to work in the shop? \*\*\*\*\*  
Volunteers are always welcome.

## MONEY MATTERS



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

	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
July 7	£539.85	£ 85.46	£625.31
July 14	676.00	125.30	801.30
July 21	415.20	164.39	579.59
July 28	571.92	154.45	726.37
Weekdays	-	95.58	95.58
	<u>£2,202.97</u>	<u>£625.18</u>	<u>£2,828.15</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount donated was £2,273 and so this represents an encouraging 24% increase in the level of giving to compensate for the very poor figures in the earlier part of this year.

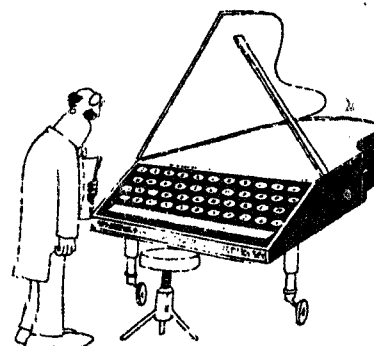


We offer our good wishes to Neil McCaughtrie and Deborah Pope, members of the current Believing and Belonging Group, whose wedding takes place on September 7th.

We are pleased to hear of Adrian Jackson's engagement to Elizabeth Povey. They are both members of Christ Church, Bedford, where they are about to take over the leadership of the CYFA group. Liz teaches modern languages in Bedford. They plan to marry at the end of term in Bedford just before Christmas.

### Wanted - Pianists for Explorers

Over the past four months the Explorers and their leaders have greatly appreciated the help they have received from 4 members of the congregation - Jane Hampson, Margaret Rutter, Barbara Undy and Carolyn Wilson - who have played the piano on Sunday mornings. A new list is now on the notice board and volunteer pianists are encouraged to fill in one or more of the vacant spaces.



Needles click and clack,  
A pot dog comes off a rack.  
Bit early yet to bake though !

What's the fuss about our Jack,  
That ..... Autumn Fayre's not back ?  
YES, give it some thought NOW.