

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER 1991

SUNDAY DIARY

6 TWENTIETH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
Endurance

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

13 TWENTYFIRST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
12 noon Tear Fund Lunch
6.30pm Family Communion

20 LAST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
Citizens of Heaven

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion &
Thanksgiving
6.30pm Evensong



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27 NINTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme:
The Creation

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Family Communion

MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on October 23rd when it is at the Rectory.

Home Groups: Tuesdays October 1,16,29, Wednesday October 2,17,30
and Thursdays October 3,18,31.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday October 23 at 8.00pm.

Parochial Church Council: Thursday October 10th at 7.45pm.

Harvest Safari Supper: Saturday October 12th.

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)
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)

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...



24th September, 1991.

Though I personally don't go in much for marches and "demos" I nevertheless found it encouraging to be a part of the recent March for Jesus. God only knows whether as a result of it any non-believers were led to faith. What I do know is that any neutral observer could not help but notice the size of the procession, the demonstration of unity from a diverse range of 50 Churches and the joyfulness of those who were marching. I think that an annual event along those lines is much to be preferred to the individual Church processions on "Sermons Day" which are becoming less and less each year. At least 70 of our members were taking part. What do you think?

Then I found it encouraging at the Family Service last Sunday to see how many of our members are actually involved in the leadership and teaching of the children and young people committed by God to our care. Though I didn't actually count the number, I must confess that I hadn't realized there were so many. Nevertheless, there are still areas where we are weak and understaffed, and we need more helpers who are prepared to give of their time and skills in leading and teaching the young. This is an important and responsible task, and as the commissioning service so rightly reminded, the rest of us have a duty to uphold and support these people by praying regularly for them. The monthly parish prayer diary (do you make use of this?) usually suggests that we do this at least once a month.

I found it encouraging to see that last year our Harvest Appeal raised over £500 for relief work in the Third World, and we were still able to distribute about 150 harvest gifts locally. We have had bumper crops of various fruits and vegetables in our garden this summer, but I'm very conscious that this is not everyone's experience. It certainly isn't the experience in at least 16 countries on the African continent where drought and poor harvests appear to be endemic year after year. This year's Harvest Appeal, about which there is more detailed information on a separate leaflet which is freely available in Church, is on behalf of Tear Fund's long term schemes to overcome these problems by sinking wells, arresting de-forestation and teaching better agricultural techniques. A video about these schemes will be shown at the annual Tear Fund Harvest Lunch after the Family Service on Harvest Sunday.

Finally, I found it encouraging that a good number of our Pathfinder and CYFA members went on venture holidays once again this year. I gladly hand over the rest of this page to a report which 3 of the girls have written.

Roger B. Jackson.

Heve sham '91

During the week ending 18th August, 60 Pathfinders from all over the country joined together at Heve sham for a Venture holiday. We arrived on the Friday and were taken to our dorms, seeing familiar faces from the previous year.

Unpacked and raring to go some of us played an optional wide game on the field whilst others explored the grounds and made some new friends. That night was one of the optional swimming sessions to come during the week. Every night we had a talk taken from St. Mark's Gospel, each one being taken by a different leader. One particular talk by Rachel Head about the crucifixion was so moving that many of us were in tears. We went on various outings including Blackpool, Camelot, Windermere and many towns around the Lake District. New to us this year were water sports which included pony trekking and much to everyone's amusement, John

Reaney (our leader) got lost! We really enjoyed this year's Heversham and can't wait to go back next year.

Margaret Cupitt, Caroline Bleackley & Janet Hallam.



BITS & PIECES

Ron Morris writes on "The Decade and You"

The year 1991 began what has been designated as "A Decade of Evangelism" - a time when it is hoped that the Christian Church worldwide will look afresh at what it means to preach the Gospel to every nation and people.

There is much we need to pray for.

We must ask God to help us to overcome any restraint we may have about sharing the Gospel and talking about our Christian beliefs.

We need to pray for the grace to speak about our faith with real sensitivity to those of other faiths and none. We must be able to commend our own beliefs, while respecting those of others. We must know how to listen as well as how to speak.

Since the local Church is the primary instrument of evangelism, we must pray that God will renew and empower every Christian community to engage in this missionary work. We hope that the Churches of our different denominations will be able to share wholeheartedly in this work. The unity of Christians in the Gospel is in itself a powerful witness to the reconciling love of God.

We must join in united prayer to God at the opening of this Decade of Evangelism, that all of us may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to our faith powerfully, sensitively and effectively. May the blessing of God be upon all our endeavours during these coming years, for the sake of Christ and of the whole human family which He came to save.

The Ladies Guild have planned 3 meetings on Tuesday evenings this month.

October 1st Harvest Supper

October 15th "Keep on taking the pill" - a talk by Mr. Freeborn, the head of the Dept. of Pharmacy at Bolton General Hospital.

October 29th Pam McKenzie will demonstrate how to make dried flower arrangements and Christmas decorations.



The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoons October 2, 16, 30.

The Monday Afternoon Missionary Fellowship meet on October 14, 28.

Canon Slade School is one of several secondary schools which parents of children in the 4th year of Explorers may be considering for their child next year. There are several opportunities provided this month for prospective parents and children to look around this Church of England School this month. There is an Open Evening on Wednesday October 23rd from 5.30 - 9.00 pm. The Headmaster will give an introductory talk at 5.30 pm and repeat it 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm. There will be Open Afternoons on Thursday and Friday October 24th and 25th with an introductory talk at 1.30 pm and a repeat at 2.15 pm.

Church Redecoration

It is 5 years since the Church was last decorated and it is now beginning to tell. Consequently the P.C.C. has decided that the interior must be repainted throughout using an anti-fungicide emulsion paint. The Rector and Wardens will pay for this from their special account to which people make bequests for the special purpose of maintaining the fabric of the building in good order. The work will begin on Monday October 14th.



At this month's Prayer Focus to be held in the Church Lounge on Wednesday October 23rd, the "outside the Parish" focus will be upon the work of one of the missions we support through our Christian Giving Programme. The Intercontinental Church Society have produced a video of their work amongst English speaking ex-patriots and holiday-makers abroad and we shall see this before praying for its work.



IN THE NEWS

We express our sympathy to Betty Vickers on the death of her husband Arnold who has been in poor health for a long while and we wish her well as she seeks with the aid of therapy to become more mobile.

Thanksgiving



On Sunday August 25th the following parents brought their children to church to enable us to thank God with them for their birth.

David and Wendy Ball for Alexander David.
Lee Beardmore and Georgina Davies for Lee Aaron.
Tony and Elizabeth Dodd for James and Matthew.
Martyn and Susan Farnworth for Ben Alexander.
John and Beverley Lea for Rebecca Rachel.
Ian and Susan Simpson for Richard George.

Congratulations to the student members of our Church Family who because of their success in the recent A level examinations are moving to university this month.

Claire Acton is going to Birmingham University to study Theology. She will be joining Christopher Ray who will be starting his second year.

Catherine Berry joins her brother Stuart at Leeds. She will be studying Law.

Mark Tudor is also going to study Law, but at St Catherine's College, Oxford where we understand it is called Juris prudence!

Jane Willford goes to Bristol to study Modern Languages (French & Spanish). It is a long time since any of our other students went to Bristol and so we will especially look forward to hearing her news from time to time.

Each one of them confirmed their faith in the Confirmation Service in the Spring. We need to pray that their period at university, will be a time when their understanding and experience of the faith flows in step with their knowledge of their specialist subjects.

Attendance Awards were given to the following children at the Family Service on September 22nd.

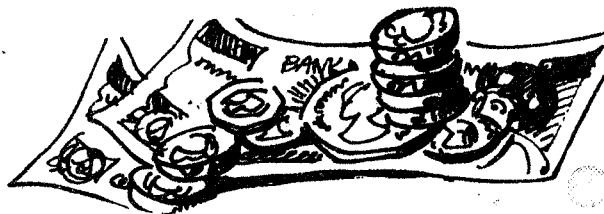
Climbers for 25 attendances: Sarah Gardiner, Anika Whittle.
50 attendances: Neil Hewitt, Andrew Woodward.
75 attendances: Richard Harrison.
100 attendances: Emma Bateson.
125 attendances: Stuart Wagner.
150 attendances: Joanne Baxendale, Joanne Cheetham.
175 attendances: Victoria Entwistle.
200 attendances: Marl Oakes.

Explorers for 40 attendances: Jonathan Bickerton, Yvonne Biney,
Jonathan Cheetham, Emma Crook,
Alexander Hilton, Jamie Parker,
Elizabeth Valentine.

120 attendances: Emma Bate.



MONEY MATTERS



Thank you to all who have contributed to the work of God through our Church by their regular giving.

	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
August 4	£536.05	£103.70	£639.75
11	570.75	226.61	797.36
18	606.84	87.09	693.93
25	509.85	175.27	685.12
Weekdays	-	116.36	116.36
	<u>£2223.49</u>	<u>£709.03</u>	<u>£2932.52</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total given was £2,233 which represents an increase in the level of giving of 32%.

Pauline Ridyard on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind wishes to thank the volunteers who collected a sum of £810.51 in the house-to-house collection in August. This is an extremely good effort bearing in mind there were fewer volunteers this year and, therefore, a small area was covered. Nevertheless this figure was still 45p up on last year's record total!

Joyce Sutcliffe wishes to thank those who are still bringing used stamps to church. She sends these off to two charities - "Aid to the Persecuted" and the "Bible Lands Society" which assists blind and disabled children in several Middle Eastern countries mentioned in the Bible. The former charity have already received £3,000 this year from the sale of these stamps and those collected by others.



..... and so there is less of an excuse for being late for the Family Service on Sunday October 27th.

**RONS' RAIDERS & BOBS' BURGLARS
Are AFTER YOU!
Help the Autumn Fayre.
9th November.**