

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1991

SUNDAY DIARY

3. FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT

Theme
The Fall

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

0. THIRD BEFORE ADVENT

Theme
Abraham

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service *B.C.P.*
6.30pm Family Communion

7. SECOND BEFORE ADVENT

Theme
Moses

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

4. SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Theme
The Remnant of Israel

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service *F/W*
6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except on November 27 when it is in the Church.

Home Groups: Tuesdays November 12, 26; Wednesdays November 13, 27 and Thursdays November 14, 28.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 20 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Autumn Fayre: Saturday November 9 at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Annual Dinner Dance: Friday November 29 at 7.30pm for 8.00pm at Deane Golf Club.

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

<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>	
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

<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
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...



22nd October, 1991

It had been my intention to write an update and sequel to the congregational letter which I sent from my bedside whilst detained in hospital in Rhodes. However, in the event of Major Crook's death yesterday evening what I had planned can be "put on ice" for a month or so. Suffice it to say how grateful Mary and I are for your generosity to us and for your prayers for us during these recent weeks. And what a warm, spontaneous welcome we received both when we returned to our home at a late hour on October 16th and subsequently in Church last Sunday! These expressions of your love have meant a lot to us.

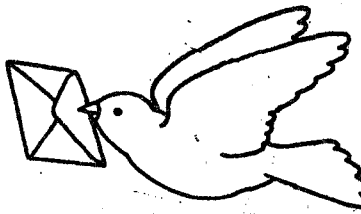
When I was invited nearly 17½ years ago to succeed Kenneth Bishop I made a list as long as my arm as to why I should remain in S.E. London. However, my brother Brandon, persuaded me to come north. "Roger", he said "you really must give this parish your most serious consideration. You will meet a man called Major Crook who is 'the salt of the Lancashire earth' ". A little while later we came on our initial visit leaving the M6 at junction 22. There we were met by this redoubtable Major Crook at an old farm barn near Kenyon. Whenever we pass this rendezvous spot we always think of Major, and we always will. Many of you have known him for a much longer period than myself and are, therefore, better able to write a tribute to him than I am, but I do want to say that in this relatively short period he has never once failed to live up to my brother's description of him being "the salt of the Lancashire earth".

In addition to his long period of service to Deane Church as a Church Councillor for 58 years, a Churchwarden for 37 years and as the very best Church Treasurer I have ever known he has also served as a school governor at Canon Slade School and at our own St. Mary's C.E. Primary School. As a trustee of several Bolton Charities he has placed his financial expertise at their disposal. However, it is as loyal Christian brother and friend that I shall always wish to remember him. We were able to share each other's confidence in the knowledge that there would be no breach. We didn't always see eye to eye, and when we differed he would invariably take the initiative in seeking to resolve our differences in private so that we could in all honesty present a united front in public. On the few occasions when this was not possible, and we voted in different ways, he was never sulky or angry, nor would he bear any grudge against me and others who differed from him. In a word Major was loyal to the "nth degree".

He was also selfless. This could be seen in his business and Church life. By trade he was a coal merchant, and in its hey day his firm supplied fuel to many of the cotton mills in Bolton and Farnworth. With the demise of solid fuel the time came when the firm was no longer profitable, but he continued trading at a loss for quite some time in order to keep his 2 remaining employees in a job. His selflessness was also to be seen in his Church life. In every Church where there is some spiritual life there is a degree of tension between the "traditionalists" and the "progressives". It is the extremists in both camps who either cannot or will not see any point of view other than their own. Major was unashamedly a traditionalist. He much preferred the old prayer book to the new one, and Hymns A & M to the Deane Song Book, but he most emphatically was not an extremist. He came to Church to worship God not to celebrate things ancient. Consequently he would not deliberately stay away when the order of service was not what he preferred.

Undoubtedly the secret of his loyalty and selflessness was his Christian faith. His daily devotional time of prayer and Bible reading, and his weekly attendance at Church beginning with the early morning communion service were Major's highest priorities in what has been a very long, busy and active life. I'm sure I'm not alone in thanking God for Major and for every remembrance I have of him.

Roger B. Jackson.



CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

...**Ron Morris**

ALCOHOL From the start, man has embraced alcohol in both grape and grain as a gift from God and a treasure from the earth. But man has also recognised its power to undo His best intentions. Religion, history, literature and art testify to alcohol impact on life and human freedom.

Alcohol, arising spontaneously from the fermentation of fruits and grains, struck ancient man as mysterious, even more mysterious, however, were the changes that overtook him when he drank it. No records exist of the first human who decided to take a drink, yet there are in the oldest recorded religious cults, solid testimonies to the frightening reality of the experience. Alcohol is something powerful, the early church makes clear, a substance with links to both pleasure and pain, good and evil, death and resurrection. Alcoholism is a sin, a purposeful immoral act and separates the sinner from his God and from the brethren in the Christian community. The Church of the late 20th Century has now acknowledged alcoholism as a physical disease - an illness which needs to be taken seriously and sympathetically.

...**Mary Jackson**

PERU a country where 61% of the population live below the poverty line, where cholera has been rampant this year; where guerilla warfare is terrorising the population with several leading churchmen having been murdered and where Bishop Alan and Vivien Winstanley, whom we met whilst they were home last Christmas, serve the Lord.

How can we help them in a practical way? Recently 2 missionaries have set up a workshop teaching a small group of women to use knitting machines. They are now producing high quality jumpers and cardigans, in a variety of designs, sizes and colours - some plain, some patterned - and are offering them for sale through churches in this country. Made in beautifully soft and warm Alpaca wool these garments are not cheap but are very good value. Six samples can be seen in church on Sundays or by contacting Mary Jackson (61819) or Olive Plant (63730). Further designs can be seen in their catalogue and which can be ordered for you. If you are in need of a woolly for winter, or an idea for a Christmas present, please consider buying one of these, and help the under privileged in Peru at the same time.

...**Marjorie and Tom Stokes**

It is 40 years since we first came to a Harvest Festival at St.Mary's, and every year our church has shown a beautiful display of flowers, fruit and vegetables. This year, we thought the flowers were more lovely than usual - maybe because of the sunny Autumn days, with which we have been blessed. Our minds went back to the hot dry month we spent in Swaziland, near the Mozambique border. We travelled through miles of wizened grass with thorny thickets here and there, and a few shady trees, rather far between. How much worse must it be in the northern parts of Africa, which have had little rain and the people have been bedevilled by civil strife and war! Let us hope we can continue to help them through Tear Fund and other agencies, not only by providing immediate food and seeds, but with the sinking of more wells and irrigation projects. As we give thanks to the Creator and Giver of all good things, let us remember God's words to Noah "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between Me and the earth"

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NEWS FROM ROUND AND ABOUT THE PARISH

Joyce Sutcliffe reports that **THE MISSIONARY KNITTING GROUP** will meet on November 11th. We continue to knit childrens' jumpers, hats and blankets and each time the St Peter's Halliwell Romanian Team leave for Romania, they take with them a number of items which the ladies have knitted. We are at present getting very low on wool and would be glad to receive any balls of yarn you could let us have.

Brenda Dixon takes a lighthearted look at the **HARVEST SAFARI SUPPER** arranged by the Social committee - she writes - "Forty one hungry hunters set off on Safari, tracking as far as Westhoughton in search of pate and grapefruit. The trail then headed towards the Ladybridge Maze looking for the Cock-a-Leeki soup. From there we made for the heart of Deane where beef had been casserolled and jacket potatoes went off with a bang. Hot foot to the Church Lounge for wild fruit pies, trifle, cheese and biscuits and a cauldron of coffee. All this for £5 - how do we do it? Come along next time and find out. Thank you to all the slaves and Hunters from Big Chief"

Tickets are now available for the **CHRISTMAS BUFFET/DANCE** to be held at Deane Golf Club on Friday 29th November 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Price £8.50 per ticket - first come first served!

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking part in a DIY Family Concert which is likely to be performed on a Friday or Saturday evening at the end of January or beginning of February next year. A number of the organisations have expressed their interest to participate, however, we still require more people of all ages. So if you wish to reveal your secret talents and take the stage, would you kindly give your name to any member of the committee before 1st December.

THE MOTHERS UNION meet on November 13th when Mrs Forrest from Horwich Parish Church will speak to the ladies and on the 27th Mrs Lawton will speak about District Nursing. Please note that in future all meetings will commence at 2.00pm and Janetta Makin would like to extend a warm welcome to any ladies - mother or not - to join the fellowship of the Mothers Union in the Memorial Hall.

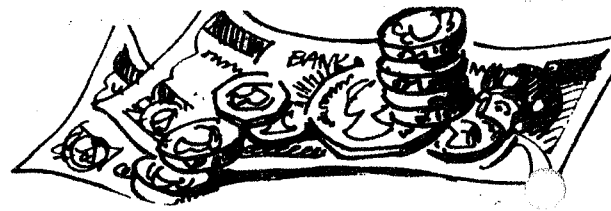
THE LADIES GUILD have a varied programme for November -

- 5th Jumble Sale
- 12th Life as a Hospital Chaplain
with the Rev John Daulman
- 26th Carols, Wine and Mince Pies



Joyce Owen would like to remind Ladies of the Christmas outing on December 10th to the Octagon Theatre for a Buffet Supper and Music Hall - please put your name on the list as soon as possible - the places are filling up fast!

In order to foster closer relationships with the other Christian Churches in this locality, once a quarter we shall have a visiting preacher from one of these Churches, and in return one of our Clergy will preach there on another Sunday. Our visiting preacher this quarter is Philip Buckland the minister of Melbourne Road Methodist Church. Philip is a South African and with his wife Brenda and their two sons he came to this country on an "exchange pastorate" just over 16 months ago. He will speak at the Family Service on November 24th. One of our Clergy will go to Melbourne Road the following Sunday.



MONEY MATTERS

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

	<u>Planned Giving</u>		
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
September 1	£ 478.37	£ 61.15	£ 539.52
8	582.23	85.72	667.95
15	493.99	96.48	590.47
22	715.61	214.88	930.49
29	502.12	145.74	647.86
	<u>£2772.32</u>	<u>£603.97</u>	<u>£3376.29</u>

This represents an average donation from each member of the congregation of £2.20 per person per week.

Thanksgiving

On Sunday October 20 the following parents brought their children to church to say thank you to God for their birth

Ian and Julie Cooper for Jessica Louise
Mark and Susan Slater for Luke Adam.



Baptism

On Sunday September 29th we welcomed into membership of God's family here at Deane:

Emma Jane Martindale, 2 Horridge Fold Avenue, Over Hulton

AUTUMN FAYRE
Roll UP 2-30 PM. Roll UP
Sat. 9th Nov 1991

Help us to beat last year's total by supporting the stall-holders as listed below. One third of the proceeds are sent to help overseas charities, so please help in whatever way you can

Bottles and Jars	-	Sunday School
Knitted and Sewn	-	Mothers Union
Plants	-	Harry Ridyard
Books	-	Edna Barlow
Stationery	-	Susan Ridyard
Tombola	-	Carol Wheeldon
Cakes	-	Nellie Woodward
White Elephant	-	Cub Scouts
Toys	-	Brownies
Soap	-	Irene Ashley

Any other ideas or offers of help to BOB BENYON OR RON MORRIS