

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1991

## SUNDAY DIARY

### ADVENT SUNDAY

Theme: The Advent Hope

- 8.00am Communion
- 9.30am Family Communion
- 6.30pm Evensong

### SECOND IN ADVENT

Theme: The Word of God

- 8.00am Communion
- 9.30am Bible Sunday Service
- 6.30pm Family Communion

### THIRD IN ADVENT

Theme: The Forerunner

- 8.00am Communion
- 9.30am Family Communion
- 6.30pm Evensong

### FOURTH IN ADVENT

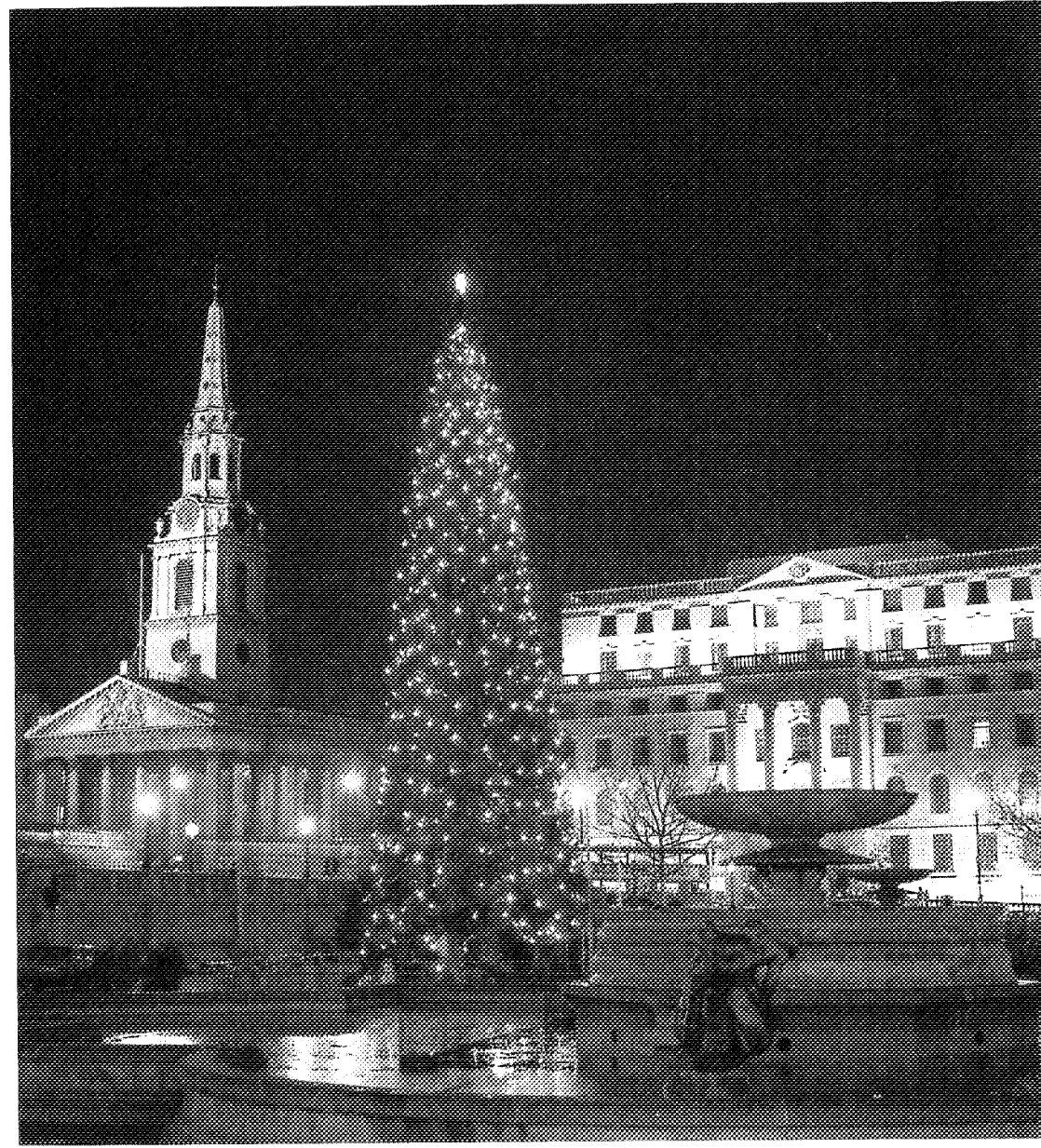
Theme: The Annunciation

- 8.00am Communion
- 9.30am Family Carol and Parade Service
- 6.30pm Agape Meal in Church Lounge

### FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Incarnation

- 8.00am Communion
- 9.30am Family Communion and Baptism
- 6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols.



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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge on December 4th and 18th and at the Rectory on December 11th.

Home Groups: Tuesday December 10th, Wednesday December 11th and Thursday December 12th.

Parochial Church Council: Monday December 2nd at 7.45pm.

Bolton Chamber Choir: Saturday December 14th at 7.30pm in Church.

Christmas: 11.30pm Midnight Communion  
8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion

## 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 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

30th November, 1991

It is now a little over 2 months since I suffered my heart attack in Rhodes. I am now making steady progress, doing a daily routine of exercises designed to strengthen the heart. Though I am officially still on sick leave I have been able to do a certain amount of administration at a leisurely pace. I hope that my first public duty will be to officiate at the wedding of our Son, Adrian, and Elizabeth in Bedford on December 14th and thereafter to let the clutch out gently over the Christmas period. I am especially grateful to those who have so willingly stood in for me during my period of convalescence. The support especially of my fellow clergy and lay readers has been such that I have not had to worry or feel guilty at being off work so long.

A period of convalescence has given me an opportunity to reflect, and on reflection I can list a number of positive things that have come out of this experience.

1. First and foremost it has given you the opportunity to show your love and concern for Mary and myself at our time of need. Your phone calls, your letters and your cards have been a source of real encouragement and support to us both. Your generosity far exceeded the expectations of our wardens for after Alison's air fare (£250) had been paid there was still over £500 in the 'Kitty'! Since Mary and I do not believe it is right for us to gain financially as a result of my illness we would like you to know what we are doing with your gifts. To begin with we have set aside the first 1/10th to give to medical charities both here and abroad including the hospital in Rhodes. Some is being used to defray the extra expenses incurred, but this is relatively small since most of these were covered by the holiday insurance. Incidentally never again will I resent having to pay these premiums which always make a package holiday that much dearer than it appears in the glossy brochures. The Insurers have been excellent. The majority of your gifts is being to pay for improvements at the Rectory e.g. the heating system, the electrics and the telephone.

2. My illness has provided Tony Woodward with the incentive to venture to return to active ministry again after his severe Breakdown in health. Though it may not have been noticeable to us each new thing he has done has been a hurdle for him. However, with God's help he has surmounted these hurdles successfully. It may be sometime before he is able to return to full time ministry again, but in the meantime he is using his considerable practical skills to earn something to supplement his pension allowance from the Church Commissioners. If you have small jobs about the house for which you cannot get a tradesman to come to do for you then don't hesitate to give Tony a ring (654863) for he may be able to help you.

3. It has enabled me to appreciate the importance of hospital ministry. For well over 20 years now I have been a part-time hospital chaplain, but I must confess that at the end of my visiting round I have sometimes wondered whether it has been worthwhile and whether any good has been achieved. One of my more memorable experiences in the Coronary Care Unit of an overseas hospital was to be visited on several occasions by a retired Swedish Lutheran minister who spends 7 months each year as a chaplain on Rhodes. It was a delight for us both to be able to pray together on each of these occasions.

4. Last, but by no means least, I had the opportunity to watch the final stages of the Rugby World Cup on T.V. and to do so with a clear conscience! Through the BBC World Service I was able to follow the earlier stages of the competition whilst still in Greece. I would certainly wish to echo Terry Waite's praise for the BBC World Service. One of the best presents I have received in recent years has been a small short wave radio which enables me to hear the news and the sports results wherever I happen to be on holiday.

Christmas is fast approaching and so Mary joins me in sending you our best wishes for this happy season of the year. Sadly it is not happy for everyone and so I encourage you once again to be generous in your support of our Tear Fund Christmas Appeal for those for whom this Christmas will not be a 'Happy Christmas'.

Roger B. Jackson.

# money matters

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

	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
October 6	£442.95	£118.04	£560.99
13	747.29	193.66	940.95
20	393.36	129.55	522.91
27	554.02	130.59	684.61
Weekdays	-	133.92	133.92
	<hr/> £2137.62	<hr/> £ 705.76	<hr/> £2843.38

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2394 and this represents an increase in the level of giving of 18%

Over the past year the amount of money given in the weekly collections has come from the following sources:

From occasional services e.g. weddings and funerals	2.6%
From loose collections on Sundays and Wednesdays	16.6%
From planned giving envelopes (220)	80.8%

The average amount given per envelope per week has been £2.35. From this analysis it is plain for all to see that it is through the Planned Giving envelopes that the overwhelming majority of our weekly income comes. Nevertheless there are still many who, though they regard themselves as members of Deane Church, choose not to use this scheme. This is a great pity because, human nature being what it is, most of us need a weekly envelope to remind us of our obligation to give to God's work on a weekly basis and not just when we attend Church fortnightly, monthly or whenever. The new set of envelopes for the year December 91 - November 92 come into use this month, and so it is not too late to join the scheme. All you need to do is to sign the list in Church and you will receive your envelopes in time for the next Sunday.

For many years now it has been the policy of our Church to give a definite proportion of our income to missions and charities for it is hypocritical for a Church as a body to encourage its individual members to give if it is not setting an example. Our Church Council has earmarked £6,493 for this purpose in addition to what has already been specifically donated by individuals and organisations. How this 'global sum' is to be shared will be determined by those who attend an 'open meeting' for this purpose on Sunday December 1st at 2.30 pm in the Rectory.



We wish to thank all those who contributed in some way to this year's Harvest Appeal. A total sum of £438 plus £30 from St. Mary's Primary School has been sent to Tear Fund for their long term project for improving the harvests in many countries in the African Continent.

The final date for material to be included in the next issue of the Deane Church News is Friday December 13th. Copy to Pat Sewell please.



# MOVING REPORT

We hear that Mark Russell-Smith has been awarded an M A Degree by Edinburgh University. At the present time he and his family are based in York. He feels that for the next 5 years or so they

ought to remain in the U.K. before returning to overseas service. He seeks our prayers for the right post to become available.

Susan Simkiss (ne Dobson) writes from Tottenham to inform us of the special birthday present she received on September 30th - the birth of their son, Nathan. Susan and John are now fully employed fostering two teenagers who are both mentally and physically handicapped and therefore have profound learning difficulties. The local council have provided them with housing accommodation which should ensure a degree of permanence, after 7 moves in their short marriage.

News has come from further afield, from Supamas Singsatit, the child from Thailand, whom we sponsor through Tear Fund. He has sent his Christmas greetings in very good time.

We were very sorry to hear of the sudden death of one of our former Pathfinder leaders, Michael Caddy, from a heart attack whilst at the Comprehensive School which he founded in Plymouth 12 years ago. The Rector has written to Helen and their 4 sons to express our sympathy. We offer our condolences to Brian Bird and his family on the death of his father Harry. Mr Bird was the school crossing keeper for a while and celebrated his diamond wedding with Lucy in 1988.

Eric Downs who is a member of the same prayer triplet as the Rector, has also suffered a heart attack. He is now out of hospital and writes - "What a great pity that it is only in times of illness, death or other affliction do we fully realise and appreciate just how big, how loving, and how prayerful God's family is. Mildred and I have been overwhelmed by the sheer number and sincerity of well-wishers, of the letters, cards, flowers and grapes, phone-callers, visitors and offers of help and even considerate counselling of Mildred in those very early uncertain days when she was so obviously worried sick for me and the future. For fear of omitting anyone from our personal thanks, may we take this opportunity to record our gratitude to each and everyone of you. Above everything else we can all thank God for his caring family at Deane".

THANKS A MILLION - Pauline and Harry Ridyard write - during and after the recent interior decoration of church extra effort was needed to clean and tidy. We are indebted to all those who made this effort especially Sheila Morgan and Bill and Betty Calderbank.

VERY MANY THANKS The final sum raised by this year's AUTUMN FAYRE was over £3144. We are especially grateful to the organisers, and to all who have assisted during the year, also on the day, to make this excellent result possible. It even surpassed last year's record figure by over £300.

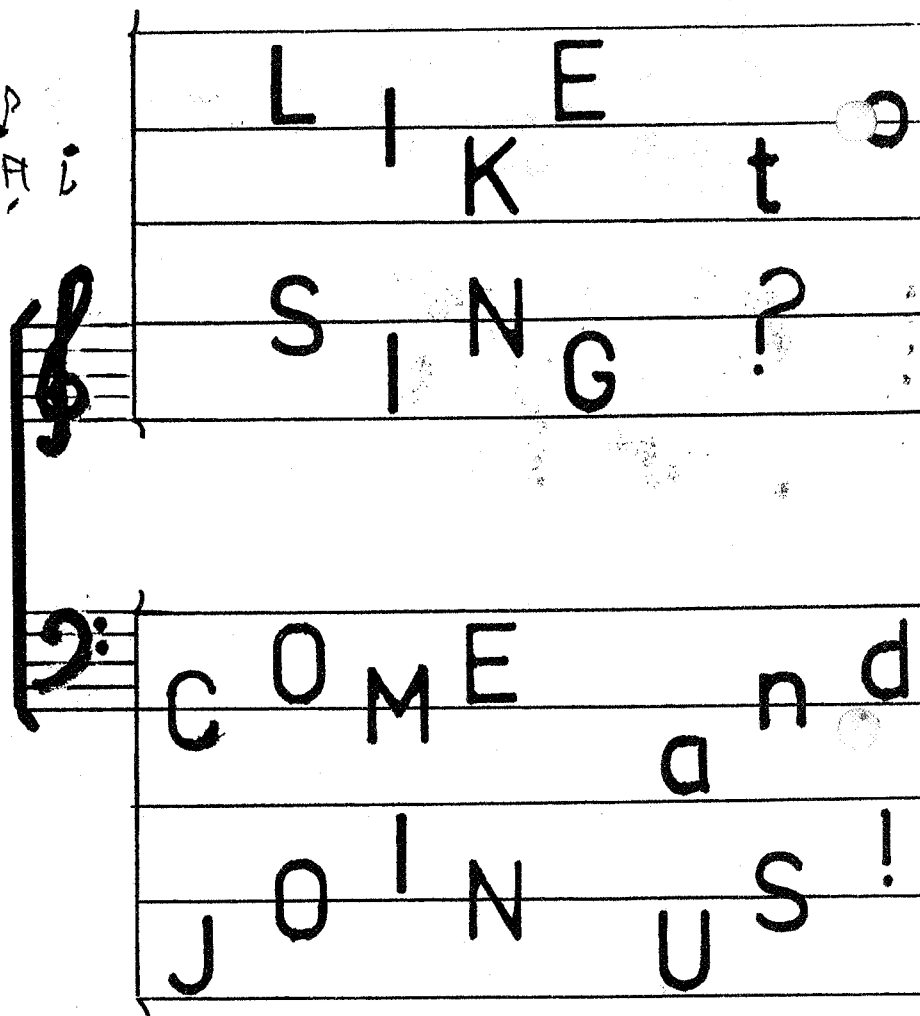
The MOTHERS UNION are holding their Christmas party on 4th December at the Cafe Vienna, Wigan Road at 2.0pm, and on 18th December they will be singing Carols.



THE LADIES GUILD only have one meeting this month and this is their Christmas Party at the Octagon Theatre for a Buffet Supper and a visit to the Music Hall. Joyce Owen would like to remind members of the White Elephant and AGM on Tuesday 7th January.

THE NEWLY BUILT BOLTON HOSPICE IS DUE TO OPEN IN JANUARY 1992. AN OPEN WEEK IS PLANNED WHEN INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ARE INVITED TO TAKE A CONDUCTED TOUR ROUND THE HOSPICE FREE OF CHARGE. ALL DETAILS OF TIMES & DATES FROM BOB BENYON 63886 - THERE WILL ALSO BE REFRESHMENTS AND A CHRISTMAS STALL.





The Choir and Music Group extend a warm invitation to anyone who enjoys singing to join us, on a regular basis, in leading the music in our worship at Deane. No special skills are required (although some sight-reading ability would be a distinct advantage!) and - THERE IS NO AGE LIMIT! Both young and young-at-heart are equally welcome. It can be hard work, but it is also enjoyable and rewarding. We often have fun, too!

The robed choir rehearses after the morning service on Sundays between 11.45am and 1.00pm, and the Music Group on Thursday evenings between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. If you would like to know more about us, contact Jim Needham, for the choir (Tel. [0942] 812692), and Ray Howarth for the Music Group (Tel. [0204] 652602) or in Church on Sundays.

[The choir is currently rehearsing for the Festival of Lessons & Carols. If you would like to join us just for this one occasion, please contact Jim Needham]

**COME ON, YOU MEN - WHERE ARE YOU?**

PS. If you play an instrument, the Music Group would be pleased to hear from you, too!