

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 1992

SUNDAY DIARY

5. SECOND AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme:

The Holy Family

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

12. FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

Missionary Weekend

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

19. SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

The First Disciples

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

3.00pm United Service at
the Town Hall

6.00pm United Service at
the New Testament
Church of God.

26. THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

Signs of Glory

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion



*Village blacksmith at Badsey, by Bill Meadows
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
on January 8, 22 and 29 and at the Rectory on
January 15.

Home Groups: Tuesdays January 14 & 28; Wednesdays January 15
& 29; Thursdays January 16 & 30.

Parochial Church Council: Thursday January 23 at 7.45pm.

Saturday Night at Eight: January 11: Bob and Margaret Lunt.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18 - 25.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday January 8 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

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)
Hon. Assistant	Anthony J. Woodward 6 Barrisdale Close (654863)
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)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Chairman	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)
Hon. Treasurer	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
Hon. Secretary	Peter Marron 18 Milverton Close (492643)

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> Pat Sewell (61278)
Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)
Mums and Toddlers	<i>Alternate Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.</i> Alison Saunders (64313)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies 1	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
Brownies 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 6.45 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
Cubs B	<i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
Beavers	<i>Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.</i> Susan Ash (62657)
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 December, 1991

Keeping Sunday Special

Whether or not shops should be allowed to open on Sundays is a matter which has been simmering for almost as long as I can remember. However, it has come to the boil in recent weeks as the big battalions of Tesco, Asda and Sainsburys have taken the law into their own hands by openly defying it. Almost everyone recognises that the present law regulating Sunday trading is a mess and needs reforming, but so long as it remains on the "Statute Book" it ought to be obeyed. Sadly the Government has been weak in allowing these wealthy and powerful giants to get away with it. An equally discredited law is the Community charge (Poll Tax). The Government has reluctantly recognised this and is taking steps to sort it out. In the meantime, however, they expect the young and the disadvantaged to continue to be law abiding by paying their contributions.

The "Keep Sunday Special" Campaign has produced what many believe to be a useful and positive set of proposals for reforming the Sunday Trading laws - proposals which I consider to be workable and enforceable. These are called the F.E.S.T. proposals which would give opportunities for the opening of those shops and establishments which sell goods to help Recreation, Emergencies, (i.e. chemists and small food shops) Social gatherings (e.g. Restaurants) and Travel. If you agree that these F.E.S.T. proposals could at least provide a basis for sensible negotiation leading to reforming the present law then please write and tell your M.P..

Why do Christians, and others too, want to keep Sunday special? Not because we wish to force our views upon others, and certainly not because we want to force people to come to church, though undoubtedly unrestricted Sunday trading would make it harder for those who work in the service industries to do so. For example, an increasing number of our young people are taking Sunday jobs which make it harder for them to meet with their fellow Christians at public worship. Because their Christian convictions are not yet mature they fail to recognise what so many adults have also failed to recognise, namely, that there are more important things in life than taking every opportunity you can to get as much money as you can as quickly as you can.

So why keep Sunday special? Because we benefit as individuals and as a nation from having a day each week when the rhythm changes and the pressures of daily life are eased for the vast majority of us. As modern life moves at an ever faster and faster pace this need for a regular break from the routine becomes even greater. In the days of the French Revolution Napoleon abolished Sunday, but it had to be brought back, because the health of the nation could not stand a week without a day of rest for any prolonged period. God himself set the example by resting after He had completed His work of creation and His example is well worth following. Someone once said that he visualised the days of the week as carriages of a railway train, and Sunday was the engine which pulled them along. By keeping Sunday special and different from other days we are giving ourselves the opportunity for that recreation which revives and inspires us for the work of the week. How we work this out will differ from person to person and from family to family. In our family, for instance, we have always had different meals on Sundays, worn different clothes, and made worship a top priority wherever we were.

Crux

Crux is the 16 page monthly magazine of the Manchester Diocese. Crux aims to keep people in touch with what is happening in the Diocese and beyond it. Crux tackles Christian issues from a local point of view. You may not always agree with these points of view, but you can say so through its lively correspondence pages. I always enjoy reading it and I commend it to you. Consequently I have increased our monthly order from 35 to 45 copies. Though they cost 11.5p each we leave it to individuals, as we do with the Teane Church News, as to how much they contribute to the production costs.

Finally my colleagues and our wives wish to thank those of you who so kindly sent us your Christmas greetings. We wish to send you our prayerful good wishes for 1992.

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES

Mary Jackson gives us an early reminder of a special event for the ladies of the Parish. Entitled "Faith, Fitness and Fun" the Ministry Among Women have organised a half-day meeting at St. Luke's, on Saturday 10th February from 9.30 - 2.00 p.m. Further details later.

Joyce Sutcliffe reminds us of the dates for the whole of 1992 for the Missionary Support Group - January 27th, February 17th, March 2nd and March 23rd, April 13th, April 27th, June 1st, June 15th, September 7th September 28th, October 19th, November 2nd November 23rd and December 14th. All ladies (and gentlemen) will be most welcome.

Reminder from Ron Morris

On January 21st last year, church people from all over Greater Manchester gathered in the Free Trade Hall for a service of praise and dedication, to launch "The Decade of Evangelism" in this part of England.

It is true that we must keep church services going, raise money for essential work, clear up misunderstandings, teach the young, plan special events and recruit people for tasks which need doing.

The "Decade of Evangelism" serves to remind us that the Church is not here for its own sake, but in order to communicate the Good Message about God's love in Jesus and help people to respond to that. Christians are here with Good Message which needs to be told, and there are many ways of telling it, by actions as well as words. We find it harder to do "the good message" bit, yet without it, church attendance will continue to fall, churches will continue to die, and, more important still, the state of the nation will continue to decay. So we are challenged to do something about it in the remaining part of this century, thus offering new hope to people as they move into the next century.

I hope that we at Deane will continue to put more of our thinking, planning, and action in that direction.

The LADIES GUILD have two meetings planned for January.

On the 7th Joyce Owen gives a resume of last year's events and finishes her term of office as leader of the Guild.

She has been a very conscientious and caring leader who has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into making 1991

a very special year for the ladies of the Guild. Thank you

Joyce from all of the Guild. This meeting is also an AGM

and a White Elephant. On the 14th January the guest speaker is Mrs. K. Wood of the Consumer Advisory Service. The new leaders will be commissioned in the morning service on January 19th.



THE MOTHERS UNION Janetta Makin sends greetings from all the members of the Mothers Union to the Church Family at Deane and wishes them a Happy New Year.

On the 8th January is the AGM and on the 22nd Janetta hopes to arrange a speaker - old and new members are warmly welcomed at all meetings.

Dates for your Diary



Worship January 19 - United Services in connection with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 3.00pm in the Town Hall and at 6.00pm in the New Testament Church of God in Church Avenue.

March 29 - Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10.30am
 April 19 - Easter Day
 May 3 - Confirmation Service at 6.30pm. The Bishop of Manchester
 June 21 - Deane Sermons
 October 11 - Harvest Thanksgiving

Prayer Focus - a monthly meeting for prayer in the Church Lounge on the following Wednesdays at 8.00pm - January 8, February 19, March 4 (in the context of Ash Wednesday Communion)

Home Groups - meeting fortnightly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at different times and locations.
 January 14-16, 28-30; February 11-2, 25-27

Social January 11 - "Saturday Night at Eight" with Bob and Margaret Lunt
 February 1 - Pantomime Outing
 February 9 - Classical Guitar Concert by the Hill/Wiltschinsky Duo
 March 27 - Evening Outing to Borg Castel for a meal and wine tasting.
 May 8-10 - Parish Weekend Houseparty at Rhos-on-Sea, N.Wales
 June 20 - Sermons Weekend Concert

Administration: Parochial Church Council January 23, March 23
 Annual Parochial Church Meeting: April 14

Miscellaneous: Christian Aid Week: May 10-16

Between Ourselves



Climbers who received awards on November 24 for regular attendance on Sundays were:

25 attendances :	Elizabeth Simpson
50 attendances :	Edward Cox, Elizabeth Woodward
75 attendances :	Angela Cheetham
125 attendances :	Andrew Oakes, Gary Parker



Congratulations to:

Tom and Marjorie Stokes who celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 3rd. Though officially retired both Tom and Marge are still active workers both at Christ Church, Heaton and at Deane. We thank God for them both.

Edna Barlow who has recently begun her year in office as Ladies Captain at Deane Golf Club.

Pat Sewell who takes over from Joyce Owen as leader of the Ladies Guild. Her deputy will be Maureen Edward. This will be Pat's second turn as leader.

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>
November 3	£701.55	£119.73	£821.28
10	551.57	117.62	669.19
17	518.20	114.73	632.92
24	504.96	117.55	622.51
Weekdays	-	37.90	37.90
	£2276.28	£507.53	£2783.81

The amount given in November of the previous year was £2562. This represents an increase of 8.6%

Christian Giving is not one way traffic. As a Church we are committed to giving a proportion of what we receive to Missions and Charities. This amounts to 12% of direct giving plus 33% of the proceeds of the Autumn Fayre. This is how our gifts were distributed last year:

Overseas Missions and Agencies: Church Missionary Society £1000; BCMS Crosslinks £850; South American M.S. £800; The Bible Society £375; Intercontinental Church Society £200; Missions to Seamen £100; Tear Fund £1711.

Home Missions and Agencies Church Pastoral Aid Society £850; Church Urban Fund £307 (which completes our pledge to give £2600 over a 4 year period); Church Army £200.

Local and National Societies and Charities

Childrens' Society £370; Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship £200; Scripture Union £200; Bolton Hospice £200, Bolton Samaritans £125; Bolton and Leigh Deaf Society £125; The Governors of Canon Slade £125; Shaftesbury Society £50; St Lukes Hospital for Clergy £46; Simeon Trustees £35.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL
OUR READERS**

