DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JULY 1992

SUNDAY DIARY

5 FOURTH AFTER PENTECOST Theme: The Church's Mission to the Individual

8.00am Communion 10.30am Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong

12 FIFTH AFTER
PENTECOST
Theme: The Church's
Mission to the People

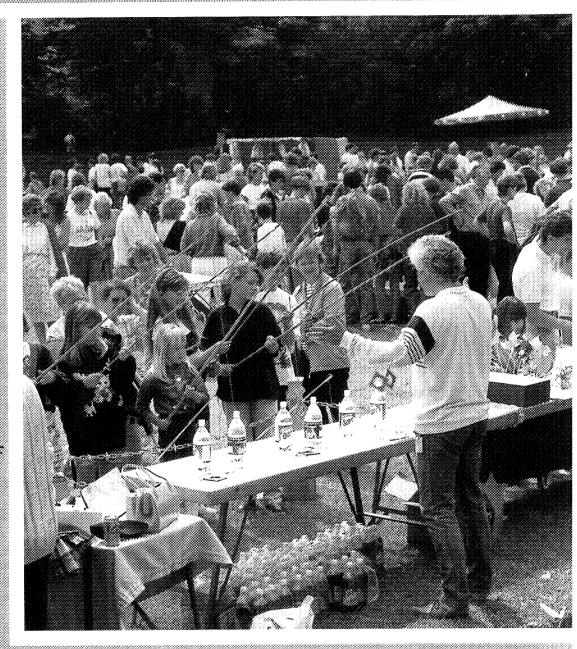
8.00am Communion 10.30am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Family Communion

19 SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST Theme: The Man

8.00am Communion 10.30pm Family Communion 6.30pm Evensong

26 SEVENTH AFTER
PENTECOST
Theme: The More
Excellent Way

8.00am Communion 10.30am Family Service 6.30pm Family Communion



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HID WEEK DIARY

<u>Communion</u>On Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except on July 22nd when it is at the Rectory.

<u>Prayer Focus</u>: Wednesday July 29th in the Church Lounge.

Church Council Monday July 13 at 7.45pm
Car Rally/Treasure Hunt: Saturday evening July

WHAT'S ON

Roger B Jackson Rector:

The Rectory

234 Wigan Road (61819)

A Robin Hazlehurst Vicar:

St Andrew's Vicarage

Crescent Avenue (651851)

Michael W Saunders Curate:

281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

Anthony J Woodward Honorary

Assistant: 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 Craig Mochrie

4 Laxford Grove (652324) Chairman:

Honorary Keith Acton

Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)

Peter Marron Honorary

Secretary: 18 Milverton Close (492643)

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Michael Saunders Mission & Unity:

Pastoral:

Jovce Sutcliffe Roger Jackson

Worship: Buildings & Fabric:

Terry Oakes

Social:

Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

Jim Needham Organist:

130 The Pewfist

Westhoughton (0942 812692)

Mary Jackson Flowers:

234 Wigan Road (61819)

Betty Calderbank Verger:

32 Junction Road (655375)

Rodney Howard Archivist:

42 Elswick Avenue (652417)

MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings: Ron Morris

13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)

Caretakers: David and Eunice McCormick

34 Junction Road (654503)

under 3 years Creche: 3 to 5 years Scramblers:

5 to 7 years Climbers:

Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on

Sundays at 10.30 a.m. Pauline Ridvard (651157)

7 to 11 years Explorers:

Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before

going to the Memorial Hall.

Eric Downs (653049)

Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years

Worship in Church on Sundays

Club Night in the Memorial Hall on

Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.

David Dewhurst (651347)

14 to 18 years C.Y.F.A.:

Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.

Alan Cheetham (61152)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Alternate Tuesdays Ladies

Guild:

Toddlers:

at 7.45 p.m.

Pat Sewell (61278)

Mothers' Alternate Wednesdays Union:

at 2.00 p.m.

Janetta Makin (658270)

Alternate Thursdays Mums and

at 1.30 p.m.

Alison Saunders (64313)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies: 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.

Jean Hanley (654010)

2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.

Lily Jarrett (63511)

Guides: Mondays at 7.15 p.m.

Carol Baxendale (62106)

Alternate Wednesdays Rangers:

at 7.30 p.m.

Judith Ashcroft (657430)

A Thursdays at 6.45 p.m. Cubs:

Wendy Gooding (653277)

B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362)

Pat Boydell (61450)

Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. Beavers:

Susan Ash (62657)

Fridays at 6.30 p.m. Rainbows:

Margaret Latchford (657101)

The Rector writes

26th June, 1992

I don't buy a Sunday newspaper for, amongst other reasons, I find that there is more than enough in the extra large Saturday edition of the paper I take to keep me going well into the following week! This means, therefore, that I have not read the extracts from Andrew Morton's recent book about Princess Diana which are being serialized in the Sunday Times. Consequential I have no idea what is true and what is nothing but rumour about the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales; nor do I want to know.

What I do know is that as a country we owe them both a great deal of gratitude. Prince Charles has not been afraid to challenge the establishment. He is far from being stuffy and remote. He has had the courage to be wonderfully outspoken about the plight of the disadvantaged in to-days society, especially those who live in areas of urban deprivation. He has spoken some plain common sense about modern architecture and alternative forms of medicine. The Trust which he established has done great work in helping and encouraging young people. Similarly Princess Diana has shown a genuine compassion for the sick, and in particular those affected with the Aids virus. Whereas many 'medics' want to keep as for away as possible from such victims she has overcome her innate shyness in meeting them and shaking hands with them. This caring attitude, together with her stunning beauty, have endeared her to many of us.

Indeed the Christian marriage Problems are common to most, if not all, marriages. service is realistic enough to warn us to expect difficulties. At the heart of the ceremony the bride and groom make their vows to one another in these unforgettable words for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. the best of relationships there are times of ill health as well as good health, occasions when you are inclined to think you are worse off than better off. doesn't surprise me one bit if Charles and Diana have their tensions and disagreements; But it must be especially difficult for them to resolve they are human after all. their problems under the fierce spotlight in which our Royal Family have to live. Those who have subjected them to all this recent publicity must have known that it would only tend to aggravate rather than help any difficult situation. Did they intend this? almost intolerable strains upon the couple concerned. It is money they are after from increased sales. In to-day's fierce media competition neither the press nor the T.V. companies can afford to miss out. What is so hypocritical is the way in which the media defend themselves with all the Who believes that the editors and cant and humbug about freedom of expression. proprietors of our national newspapers are inspired by lofty ideals?

In to-day's society, alas, not many ideals are left. It is claimed that the marriage relationship between our future King and Queen differs from that of ordinary people, and that, therefore, the public have a right to know if they have problems. May be; but surely that does not include the recent invasion of their privacy. The press has shown a conspicuous inability to control and regulate its own conduct. Consequently new laws are required to protect the privacy of individuals. Doubtless the press will condemn these as censorship, but I believe the majority of us will regard them as necessary to ensure everyone's right to some degree of privacy.

The Scriptures encourage us top respect those set in authority over us (see Romans Ch. 13 v 1-7; 1 Peter Ch. 2 v. 13-17). One way in which we can obey this teaching is by praying for the Royal Family and Her Majesty's government. It is a feature of our C. of E. services that they make provision for such prayers to be offered. I would like to encourage those who lead our intercessions each week not to neglect this aspect of prayer. Our Royal Family do need our prayers at a time such as this.



THANKS AND WELL DONE

The Gift Weekend swelled the appeal to over £43,000 and the Appeal Committee is greatly encouraged by the excellent response from our regular congregation and our friends who have supported us following the recent distribution of the Appeal Leaflet to parts of the Parish (further areas will be covered following Bolton Holidays).

The response, considering the uncertain times we live in, high unemployment, redundancy, threat of redundancy for those in work, and pensioners affected first by high inflation and then lower interest rates, is all the more commendable.

The Appeal Committee is considering several large fund raising events to help meet our target - an Auction in the Autumn this year, (so begin to search out those items you no longer use) a fun day in the Spring and a Flower Festival in the Summer of 1993.

We thank God for his Blessings on us, and ask that you will continue to remember in your prayers all those involved in the work on the Church Roof and the organising of the Appeal.

Stan Wilson, Appeal Chairman.



When St. Paul encouraged the Christians in Corinth to give generously to his appeal fund for poverty stricken Christians in Jerusalem he used as an incentive the example of how the poor Christians in Macedonia had already donated to the fund. Here are three examples of anonymous donations received by the treasurer of our "Raise the Roof" appeal from people who do not attend Church.

- 1. A pensioner who has a part-time job came to the Rector and donated the whole of his month's earnings to the appeal.
- 2. A man whom Mrs. Armstrong of the Memorial Hall Playgroup thought was a tramp begging for money actually came to donate 50p to the fund!
- 3. A very elderly gentleman handed in an envelope at Church on the Saturday of the Gift Weekend saying "There's £250 in there. If I live till Christmas I will give another £250. If I die before then I have instructed my daughter to give £250 on my behalf."

St. Mary's C.E. Primary School Parents Association are holding a Summer Fayre on Saturday July 18th from 1.00 pm. in the school grounds.



IN THE NEWS



On Sunday 14th June we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their children.

Paul and Lynn Carroll for Jennifer Ian and Elizabeth Gardiner for Claire Ian and Jane Hampson for Lucy Anthony and Monica Yakiah for Joseph Malcolm and Michelle Venn for Emma

Following the death of Keith Acton's father, Keith Sheila, Claire and Richard wish to thank all their friends in the Church Family for their prayers, cards and support during his father's illness and their subsequent bereavement. Your support has meant a lot at this sad time.







The Social Committee is organising a <u>Car Rally and Treasure Hunt</u> on the evening of Saturday July 25th. Cars will leave the Memorial Hall between 5.45 and 6.30pm. The cost is £2 for adults and £1 for senior

citizens and children and this price includes refreshments and prizes. If you would like to join in on what promises to be an enjoyable evening, please sign the list on the Church notice board. There will be vacancies in cars for those without transport of their own.

The Mothers Union meet on Wednesday 1st July and on July 15th when they have a Strawberry Tea.

<u>The Ladies Guild</u> have invited Mr Ackers to give an illustrated talk on "English Gardens on Tuesday 21st.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a temporary break in our home group meetings due to circumstances beyond our control ... The Summer! Normal service will be resumed on September 23 with a new series of meetings looking at 1 John.

Please do not adjust your set.



REGULAR CHRISTIAN GIVING

Thank you to all who contribute to God's work through our Church in the weekly giving.

		Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
May	3	£657.90	£245.93	£903.83
	10	502.40	69.56	571.96
	17	602.98	69.56	672.54
	24	499.29	149.27	648.56
	31	670.95	121.86	792.81
Weekdays			89.12	89.12
		£2,932.52	£745.30	£3,678.82

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,336.00. This year's figure represents an increase in the level of giving of 10.8% which is well above the current rate of inflation

This year's <u>LENT APPEAL</u> realised £322.00 which has been divided equally between the Church Missionary Society and the Church Army for its new Training College in Sheffield.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Phil Ray reports that the total amount collected by members of our Church is of the order of £1,600.00. Though this is an excellent amount, reflecting the hard work of our collectors and the generosity of the donors, it neverthelss falls short of last year's record collection of £1,751.00.

One reason for the higher figure in 1991 may be that Christian Aid Week was preceded by much publicity for several disaster situations and this probably made people a little more aware of the desperate situation faced by many of our fellow human beings whom the Relief Agencies are seeking to help.

An additional piece of good news is that during Christian Aid Week our local secondary school, the Deane School, raised about £200.00.

And Finally.....

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's horsepower...

