

THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1992

## DIARY

### 1. EIGHTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Fall

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family  
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### 8. SEVENTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: Remembrance

8.00am Communion

10.30am Remembrance  
Service

6.30pm Family  
Communion

### 15 SIXTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: Promise of  
Redemption

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family  
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

### 22 FIFTH BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Remnant  
of Israel

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family  
Service

6.30pm Family  
Communion

### 29: ADVENT SUNDAY

Theme: Hope

8.00am Communion

10.30am Advent Carol  
Service

6.30pm Christingle  
Service.



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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Except on November 11th when it is at the Rectory

Home Groups Tuesdays November 3rd and 17th and Wednesdays  
November 4th and 18th

Prayer Focus Wednesday November 25th at 8.00pm

Autumn Fayre Saturday November 14th at 2.30pm

"Building Relationships" - an evening of workshops at St.

Mary's Deane Primary School, Monday November  
9th, 7.30 - 10pm.

## 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)

**Honorary 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:** Craig Mochrie  
4 Laxford Grove (652324)

**Honorary Treasurer:** Keith Acton  
3 Mallowdale Close (42723)

**Honorary Secretary:** Peter Marron  
18 Milverton Close (492643)

### CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

**Mission & Unity:** Michael Saunders  
**Pastoral:** Joyce Sutcliffe  
**Worship:** Roger Jackson  
**Buildings & Fabric:** Terry Oakes  
**Social:** Brenda Dixon

### OTHER OFFICIALS

**Organist:** Jim Needham  
130 The Pewfist  
Westhoughton (0942 812692)

**Flowers:** Mary Jackson  
234 Wigan Road (61819)

**Verger:** Betty Calderbank  
32 Junction Road (655375)

**Archivist:** Rodney Howard  
42 Elswick Avenue (652417)

### MEMORIAL HALL

**Bookings:** Ron Morris  
13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)

**Caretakers:** David and Eunice McCormick  
34 Junction Road (654503)

## WHAT'S ON

**Creche:** under 3 years  
**Scramblers:** 3 to 5 years  
**Climbers:** 5 to 7 years  
Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on  
Sundays at 10.30 a.m.  
Pauline Ridyard (651157)

**Explorers:** 7 to 11 years  
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)

**C.Y.F.A.:** 14 to 18 years  
Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.  
Alan Cheetham (61152)

### LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

**Ladies Guild:** Alternate Tuesdays  
at 7.45 p.m.  
Pat Sewell (61278)

**Mothers' Union:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 2.00 p.m.  
Janetta Makin (658270)

**Mums and Toddlers:** Alternate Thursdays  
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)

**Rangers:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 7.30 p.m.  
Judith Ashcroft (657430)

**Cubs:** A Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.  
Wendy Gooding (653277)  
B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.  
Marjorie Oakes (64362)  
Pat Boydell (61450)

**Beavers:** Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.  
Susan Ash (62657)

**Rainbows:** Fridays at 6.30 p.m.  
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

31st October 1992.

For over 30 years now the Church of England has dithered over the question of whether or not women should be ordained to the priesthood. The time has now come for the final decision to be made at the meeting of the General Synod in London on Wednesday, November 11th. What is certain is that the majority are in favour; what is not certain is whether the majority will be big enough to get the 2/3rd support that is required in all 3 houses (Bishops, Clergy and Laity). Whichever way the vote goes some people will be hurt, and we must seek to help them. A few may find the result intolerable and leave our church to take their allegiance elsewhere. I personally do not feel strongly either way for I recognise that both sides can make a good case. I will accept the decision and work with it, and I suspect that this is how the majority of us will react.

Those who are against the ordination of women to the priesthood claim that this does not mean they are against women's ministry as such. However, they do need to come to terms with the fact that many women will feel undervalued and frustrated if the Synod says "No". Moreover many inside and outside the church would seriously question whether the C of E has the capacity to respond to the demands of contemporary society. In the event of a "No" vote it will be essential that attention be given to a career structure for women in ministry so that able, God-fearing women may fill certain posts. Though this wouldn't satisfy all, at least it would be a sign that our Church, even in saying "No", does value the distinctive gifts of all its members, women as well as men, and desires to use them.

If, on the other hand, there is a "Yes" vote on November 11th there will still be a delay of one or two years before it can actually come into practice. This will give a reasonable length of time for detailed discussion with those who will be hurt by this decision and whose consciences will be disturbed. They too will need to be encouraged to see that there is still a place for them in the life of our church. After all the C of E is a comprehensive church and there is no need for any to feel marginalised because they cannot accept the ministry of women priests.

Our bishops encourage us to use the following prayer that our church may discern God's will.

Guide, O God, the Church of England through this time of decision concerning the ministry of women; grant that convictions strongly held may be voiced and heard with charity; give wisdom to the members of General Synod; and when the decision is made surround with your love those of our brothers and sisters to whom it causes pain. Give to your whole Church the spirit of truth and peace, that celebrating your gifts in each other we may serve you in humility and joy. We ask this for the sake of our great High Priest, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Finally, it is good to remind ourselves that decisions made by Synods and Church Councils - even the most prayerful ones - may in the end prove to be mistaken! Consequently, whichever way the vote goes there is no place for being triumphant about the result. We need to be especially sensitive to our capacity for getting things wrong and thus recall the need always to be humble and gentle towards each other.

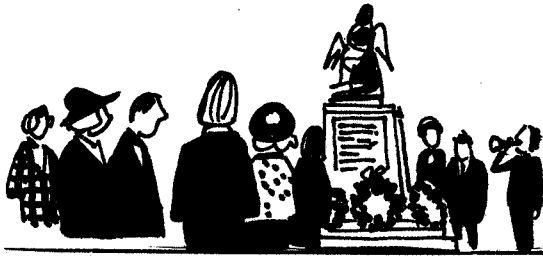
Roger B. Jackson.

P.S. If there is a "Yes" vote, who knows, Michael Saunders' successor could be a woman as could the next Rector of Deane!

# November



This promises to be a very busy month. Here are some special events and dates for your diary.



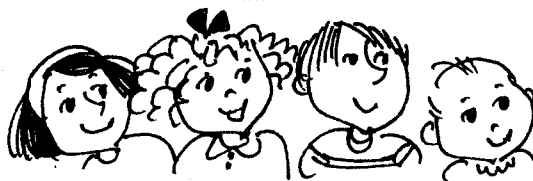
Remembrance Sunday is November 8th when the annual Service of Remembrance will be at 10.30 am. In the evening service we will remember with thanksgiving the life of Major Crook in whose memory we will dedicate a set of alms dishes.

'Building Relationships' is the title of an evening of workshops on Monday November 9th to be held in our own St. Mary's C.E. Primary School. Book your place through Mary Jackson.

There are two OPEN EVENINGS for prospective parents and pupils who are considering which secondary school they should choose next year. Our local Deane School opens its doors on Tuesday November 10th from 6.30 pm. On the following evening from 5.30 pm to 9.00 pm Canon Slade School at Bradshaw Brow will be open to the public.

This year's Autumn Fayre is to be held on Saturday November 14th. Last year we raised the record total of £3,144 and our aim this year is to beat that figure. But we can only do it by drawing on everyone's talents. If it is not too late, please start sewing, knitting, pickling, bottling, rooting out those unwanted toys, books, jewellery and items suitable for the 'white elephant stall' - but no clothes. Can you find any tablets of soap or plants? Resolve to make a few cakes. Then pester your friends and neighbours for a tombola prize. Above all plan to be there yourself. Remember, remember the fourteenth of November!

## CHRISTINGLE



We mark the beginning of ADVENT on Sunday November 29th with two special services. In the morning we have an ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at 10.30 am. with readings and music for the occasion. In the evening we have a CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at 6.30 pm. The first Christingle Service was held on Christmas Eve 1747 in Moravia. 'Christingle' means 'Christ Light'. Darkness and Light are recurrent themes at Advent and Christmas and the Christingle can be a helpful visual aid to tell us of God's gifts to the world and the light which He has shed in dark places.

The Mothers' Union hold their regular meetings on Wednesday afternoons November 4th and 18th

The Ladies' Guild have planned a rummage sale for Tuesday November 3rd, and then at their regular fortnightly meetings on Tuesday evenings they have a 'Second Image Fashion Show' on November 10th, and a visit from Mr. W. Houghton on November 24th to demonstrate the first aid work undertaken by the St. John's Ambulance.





## IN THE NEWS

The announcement of the appointment of Tony Woodward as the first Vicar of the newly constituted parish of St. Thomas and St. John Lostock evoked a spontaneous round of applause in both congregations. We are, of course, delighted that he has now sufficiently recovered from his serious breakdown in health to be able to return to the parochial ministry. We are equally pleased that he and Eleanor and their two children will remain in the district as our close neighbours.

Tony has written saying "the counselling I received was an enormous help to get my problems in their right perspective, but the time came when prayer and love were more important. It was our return to Deane a couple years ago that gave us as a family both these things. We needed to discover 'normality' once again and thankfully this was soon to come. Andrew and Elizabeth settled well into their new schools and Eleanor and I were warmly received into the congregation at Deane. What I confess surprised me was the extent of the regard the congregation had for us! It was genuine and practical, but not over-bearing. We really do thank God for you, for your prayers and for all you have done for us.

When it seemed at one time that I would never be well enough to do anything with my life, let alone return to the ministry, our whole world appeared to collapse. But God's grace was so abundant that He began the process of healing which has brought us to the point where we are now looking forward to serving Him at Lostock.

As a result of these last four years both Eleanor and I are stronger, more aware of the depth of the Lord's love for us and more appreciative of the value of the friendship we can have with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Above all else we have discovered that when everything appears black and hopeless it is then that Jesus' presence becomes strongest"

Tony's service of Induction and Institution at Lostock is on Thursday November 12th at 7.30 pm.

The family of the late Jack Dawber would like to say 'Thank you' to his many friends at Deane Church for their prayers, kind thoughts and concern in his illness and attendance at his funeral service. Thankyou too for the messages of sympathy, cards and donations totalling £322 to the Roof Appeal. A special thanks to Roger, Michael and Tony for the beautiful service they conducted. God bless you all.

**THANK YOU!**



We express our sympathy to Terry Oakes on the death of his father. All three Churchwardens have lost their fathers during their term of office.

Attendance Awards have been presented at recent Family Services to the following children in...

<u>Climbers</u> for 25 attendances	Harry Young
50 attendances	Elizabeth Simpson
75 attendances	Edward Cox, Heather Crook, Neil Hewitt
100 attendances	Elizabeth Woodward
175 attendances	Stuart Wagner
<u>Explorers</u> for 40 attendances	Stacey Smith, Wendy Whittaker



Sheila Acton who is one of several voluntary workers from our congregation at Bolton Hospice asks 'Are you a qualified driver?' Are you able to give about three hours per week of your time? Bolton Hospice urgently require drivers to transport patients from home to the Day Centre (9.30 am) and then back again to their homes (3.30 pm) Ideally we wish to give a personal service to our patients so we are looking for a firm commitment for a number of weeks/months if possible. We also need a pool of volunteer drivers that we may call upon for occasional help i.e. to cover holidays for regular drivers or to bring patients in for assessment.

If you feel you could manage this commitment and have a clear driving licence please telephone Bolton 364375 and we will send you an application form.

# MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to all who contribute to God's work through our Church by their Regular Weekly Giving.

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Envelope</u>		
September 6	£398-65	63-96	£462-61
13	768-15	110-99	879-14
20	575-36	219-86	795-22
27	631-56	129-16	760-72
Weekdays	-	206-79	206-79
	<u>£2373-72</u>	<u>£730-76</u>	<u>£3104-48</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2867 which represents an increase of 8.2% which is above the level of inflation.

In acknowledging our contribution of £475 to the recent Somalia Appeal Tear Fund inform us how they have been allocating grants. £40,000 has been given to assist farmers in the north whose livelihoods have been destroyed; £50,000 has been allocated to the Mission Aviation Fellowship towards the cost of a Cessna aircraft for use by relief workers in remote areas; £65,000 has gone to providing relief supplies to 5,000 refugee families camped along the Kenya/Somalia border.

The Appeal has now passed the £59,000 mark and the committee gratefully acknowledges the following donations received in recent



The Ladybridge Residents Association	£100.00
In Memory of Jack Dawber	322.00
Legacy from the estate of the late Mrs Edith Mayoh (formerly Isherwood)	500.00
Hairdressing Demonstration by Mike Foster	166.50
Coffee Evening held by Sandra Scruton	70.00
Proceeds from Brenda and Bill Dixon's Dinner Parties	150.00

## Dinner Parties

Brenda and Bill Dixon are holding Dinner Parties at their home on Saturday evenings. Cost £10.00 per head - bring your own wine. Why not make up a party of EIGHT have a super 6 course plus meal and be waited on by Brenda and Bill? (They have already entertained 3 parties and have 2 more booked in and their aim is to raise £1,000 over the next year - our thanks to Brenda and Bill)

The Rosemere Operatic Society have very kindly offered to give a part of the proceeds from their concert in the Town Hall on Friday November 13th to our Roof Appeal. Tickets for this can be obtained from Pauline Ridyard (Tel. 651157) or Stan Wilson (Tel. 492034)

Grand Raffle Because the Time Share Apartment in Spain did not reach the reserve price at the recent Auction the Appeal Committee have decided to arrange to raffle it along with several other attractive prizes. Members of the Electoral Roll have been sent 2 books of 5 tickets in the hope that they will be able to sell them at £1 each. If you have not received a book of tickets or are able to sell more please contact Don Morgan (Tel. 652855) or Stan Wilson.