

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 1993

SUNDAY DIARY

3. SECOND AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme : The Holy Family

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

10. FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme : The Baptism of Jesus

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

17. SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme : The First Disciples

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

24. THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme : Signs of Glory

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

3.00pm United Service at
the Town Hall

6.30pm Family Communion

31. FOURTH AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme: The New Temple

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

6.30pm Songs of Praise



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion : Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge,
except on January 13th when it is at the Rectory
Home Groups: Tuesdays January 12th and 26th and Wednesdays January 13th
and 27th

Parochial Church Council : Monday January 18th at 7.45pm

PRAYER FOCUS : Wednesday January 6th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

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

WHO'S WHO

WHAT'S ON

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 (842723)

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

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)

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.
Michael Saunders (64313)

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: 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

12th December 1992

The Royal Family have been very much in the news this week. The mass media have had a "field day" first with the good news of the marriage of Princess Anne to Cdr. Tim Lawrence which took place quietly to-day at Balmoral, and then with the very sad news of the legal separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales. I don't wish to comment on either situation since to do so would only be superfluous in view of all that has been said and written. Instead I want to ask the question "what are the factors that make for a good marriage, and what are those which lead to difficulties and breakdown?" Here are three suggestions:-

1. Our expectations must be earthed.

I suppose that in some cases romance may be like a fairy tale, but marriage is certainly not. During our courtship and engagement there are bound to be differences of opinion and disagreements which may even lead to rows. Now a wedding ceremony is not going to suddenly bring all this to an end as though a magic wand had been waved. Even if it takes place in a beautiful medieval church like our own this is no guarantee of success in marriage. There will still be difficulties so we must not allow ourselves to be taken by surprise when they come. Instead we need to make a determined effort to work at and to work through these problems together. Half hearted efforts are of little value. One of the questions which I ask couples who come to see me about marriage when one or other of them has had a previous failure in marriage is this "What steps did you and your former partner take to work at your relationship?" I'm not impressed when it is fairly obvious that they had "thrown in the towel" at a very early stage.

2. We must make time for each other.

It never ceases to amaze me how couples who spend so much time in each others company before marriage can so easily take one another for granted once "the knot has been tied". It doesn't matter how busy our lives may be; it doesn't matter how different are our interests, we owe it to one another to be with each other not just at the "fag end" of the day, but in "quality time". If we fail to do this then our lives are almost bound to drift apart, and this is when suspicions arise and temptations occur.

3. Our love for each other must be genuine.

There is more to love than sexual attraction and sentimental feeling. Even more important are the ingredients of commitment and trust. When temptations occur (and who doesn't experience them from time to time?) then we need to remind ourselves of the life long commitment we made to our partner on our wedding day. However long ago that may be, and however tough the going is at present we do need to recall what we promised on that occasion. That's what I mean by commitment.

Then, whilst I never insist on a bride promising to obey her husband I must confess to having an uneasy feeling when sometimes she will dogmatically assert that in no way would she even consider that particular option. The way I look at it is this. If a man really loves his wife is he likely to ask her to do anything which is not good for her or for their mutual benefit? And if she really loves her husband and knows that he loves her can she not trust him not to take advantage of her in this respect? Genuine love involves a deep trust.

In the foregoing there is nothing original or revolutionary; its all common sense really. However, even people like the Royal Family, who presumably are blessed with an above average amount of common sense, can fail in their marriages. At the end of the day we need humbly to admit that when common sense fails we require the help of God to enable us to have expectations which are earthed in realism, to ensure that our time with our partner is quality time and that our love is accompanied by commitment and trust. Here's a prayer for our own marriages and those of others:

"Heavenly Father, you know that when we make promises to each other in marriage we intend to keep them, and yet so often we fail. You know that small differences of opinion can so easily become great rifts. We confess that we are often not humble enough to be honest with each other, and soon there is a barrier and we begin to drift apart. Give us your courage to share our failures, our fears, our mistrusts and doubts with each other. Renew within us a fresh awareness of love, joy, trust commitment and forgiveness for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen".

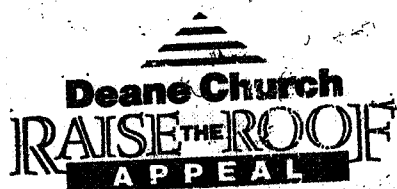
Roger B. Jackson.

MONEY MATTERS

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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
November 1	£ 701.15	£ 93.71	794.86
8	594.31	138.71	733.02
15	589.72	102.68	692.40
22	450.95	107.13	558.08
29	546.70	153.45	700.15
Weekday	-	67.85	67.85
Standing Orders	145.00	-	145.00
	<u>£3027.83</u>	<u>£663.53</u>	<u>£3691.36</u>

In the corresponding period of the previous year the amount given was £2784



Total banked to date	£62.485
Money pledged	6.252
Tax to be recovered	3.325
	71.962

THE ROOF IS FINISHED - THE APPEAL TARGET ACHIEVED

When your Appeal Committee first met in February I must admit none of us expected to achieve our target by the end of the year.

However, the response from the congregation and from friends and well wishers in the parish, together with those who have organised fund raising events has enabled us to reach our target. We have had enthusiasm, and fun, but most important of all we have been able to work together to the glory of God. The above figures show that £6,252 has been promised by those making weekly, monthly or annual gifts and covenants over the next three years and this will enable us to recover a further £3225 in tax over the same period. Because part of the work has not 'attracted' VAT there is a small surplus. This will be used to pay for ongoing maintenance on repairing stonework and stained glass windows and of improving our security. Consequently, we do wish to encourage those who are contributing to the Roof Appeal to continue doing so through their weekly, monthly and annual gifts. You can rest assured that all such monies will be earmarked for maintaining the building and fabric.

A new roof for Deane Church was planned through the vision and commitment of the late Harry Ridyard, implemented and monitored by Terry Oaks and paid for all those who contributed to the appeal.

TOGETHER WE DID IT THANKS BE TO GOD

Stan Wilson, Appeals Chairman.

2,598 tickets were sold for the Time Share Raffle. After expenses the Appeal benefited by £2254. We are grateful to our 67th Brownies for raising £68.18 and to Pat Roberts whose decorated Christmas cake in the shape of a Crinoline Lady has so far raised £45 for the Appeal.

UPDATE

FROM MAINTENANCE (1992) to MISSION (1993)

1992 was a year when the focus was upon the maintenance of the fabric of our church building, particularly in providing a completely new roof cover in stainless steel. The work has not only been completed ahead of schedule, but paid for as well. I am especially grateful to God for the professional skills of our three churchwardens who humanly speaking, have made this possible.



Stan Wilson and his Roof Appeal Committee have done a splendid job in making our need so widely known that many individuals and groups within the wider community have organised unsolicited efforts on our behalf. Terry Oakes has very quietly and efficiently been monitoring the actual work on the roof in his regular meetings and correspondence with the architect and contractors. Keith Acton assisted by Sid Harris has emphasized the priority of direct giving and their organising of the finances have enabled the bills to be paid on time.

(It's a very poor Christian witness when Churches are dilatory in paying their bills). Of course, the maintenance of a building as old as Deane Church is an ongoing process, and it hasn't ceased because the roof has been renewed. The most recent report from our architect estimates that we should reckon on spending about £5,000 per year over the next 5 years on maintenance.

1993 must be the year when the focus is on mission. We have invited Helen Franklin, a children's evangelist on the staff of Scripture Union to lead a mission to children from April 25 - May 2nd. Though it will be launched in the Family Service in Church on April 25th the main meetings will be held on the following 5 evenings in our St. Mary's Primary School. All children of primary school age will be welcome whatever primary school they attend. I must emphasize that Helen is not coming to do our mission work for us by proxy. She is coming to work alongside us in our outreach to the children in our parish. On the practical level we will require a considerable number of people to assist - some in an upfront capacity with the children, others in matter-of-fact jobs out of the public gaze... Michael Saunders' committee are drawing up a schedule of job descriptions of what is required and I pray that we will have a good number of helpers.

In September (19th-26th) Tony Porter will lead a varied team of members of his Church at Holy Trinity, Platt (near Manchester City's ground). One of them is the manager of the Souvenir Shop at that other football shrine - Old Trafford. In addition to conducting the services on the two Sundays they hope to be invited into a number of house meetings in midweek and to be able to go into our local secondary school as well as addressing separate meetings for men and women. Tony demands of his team a deep level of commitment and I shall be looking for hospitality (bed & breakfast) for them during this period.

I have invited Tony because he has a direct, no-nonsense approach in his presentation of the Christian message, but he is particularly sensitive to the needs and feelings of the people with whom he comes in contact. As an Oxford hockey blue he is very keen on sport and plays a leading role in the organisation "Christians in Sport". There will be an opportunity to hear him and some members of the team in the special morning service on January 31st.

As maintenance is an ongoing process so is mission; it must continue beyond 1993 into the Decade of Evangelism and beyond into the next century. We prayed about the Church roof, asking God to touch our hearts and pockets to enable us to pay the bills. That prayer has been answered. We must pray about this year of mission both as individuals and with others. On Sundays after the morning service at 11.45 am Joyce Sutcliffe will be leading a short time of prayer in the Choir Vestry for these missions. Do join her if you can.



Roger B. Jackson.

THIS YEAR'S DATES



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| January | 5 | Annual General Meeting of the Ladies Guild |
| | 6 | Prayer Focus |
| | 18 | Parochial Church Council |
| | 24 | United Service at the Town Hall in connection with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| | 30 | Parish Pantomime Outing |
| | 31 | Special Service conducted by Tony Porter and members of Holy Trinity Platt |
| February | 3 | Prayer Focus |
| March | 15 | Final meeting of the present Parochial Church Council |
| | 30 | Mens' Dinner : Speaker - Noel Procter of Strangeways Prison |
| April | 4 | Noel Procter preaching at the Evening Service |
| | 6 | Annual Parochial Church Meeting |
| | 8 | Maundy Thursday Agape |
| | 9 | Good Friday Communion Service |
| | 23 | Evening Outing to Borg Castel |
| | 25 | Childrens' Mission begins and continues until May 2 |
| May | 6 | Local Elections |
| | 7 - 9 | Parish Weekend Houseparty at Rhos-on-SEa |
| | 14 | Licensing of Christine Kilsby as a Reader at the Cathedral |
| | 16 - 22 | Christian Aid Week |
| | 20 | Ascension Day Communion Service |
| | 23 | Confirmation Service at St Andrews |
| June | 19 | Safari Supper |
| | 20 | Deane Sermons |
| Sept. | 19 | Adult Mission begins and continues until Sept. 26th |
| October | 1-3 | Flower Festival and Harvest Thanksgiving |
| | | Preacher : Canon Michael Seward of St Paul' Cathedral |

BITS & PIECES



At the Evening Service on November 1 we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their children:

Eddie and Fiona Ashton for their son Robert
Gary Gilmore and Lindsey Newton for their daughter Chezelle

Songs of Praise, Sunday January 29th at 6.30pm.

One reason for the popularity of this kind of programme on TV is that ordinary people having chosen a hymn then tell the interviewer what it means to them. The Worship Committee invite you to choose a hymn, psalm or song for this special service and at the same time be willing to give a reason for your choice.

