

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1993

SUNDAY DIARY

6. FIRST AFTER PENTECOST "Trinity Sunday"

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family
Communion
6.30pm Evensong

13. SECOND AFTER PENTECOST Theme: The People of God

8.00am. Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family
Communion

20. THIRD AFTER PENTECOST "SERMONS SUNDAY"

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
The Archdeacon of
Bolton
2.30pm Family Service
Canon Michael
Botting
3.00pm Procession of
Witness
6.30pm Evening Service
Canon Michael
Botting

27. FOURTH AFTER PENTECOST Theme: "The Freedom of the Sons of God"

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family
Communion



*Guards leaving Buckingham Palace, by Dennis Mansell
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge
except on June 9th when it is in Church

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesday June 1/2, June 15/16

Prayer Focus: Wednesday June 23 at 8.00pm

"J Team" Video Evening: Monday June 14 at 7.00pm

Safari Supper: Saturday June 19th 6.45-11.00pm

Welcome to the Bishop of Manchester: Friday June 4th
at 7.30pm in Bolton Parish Church

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)

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 Craig Mochrie
Chairman: 4 Laxford Grove (652324)

Honorary Keith Acton
Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close

Honorary Peter Marron
Secretary: 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)

Covenant Sid Harris
Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)

MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings: Keith Holden
3 Beaumont Drive (653075)

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.
Michael Saunders (64313)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Ladies Alternate Tuesdays
Guild: at 7.45 p.m.
Marjorie Oakes (64362)

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

Mums and Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.
Toddlers: 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.
Carole 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.
Frances Barlow

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...



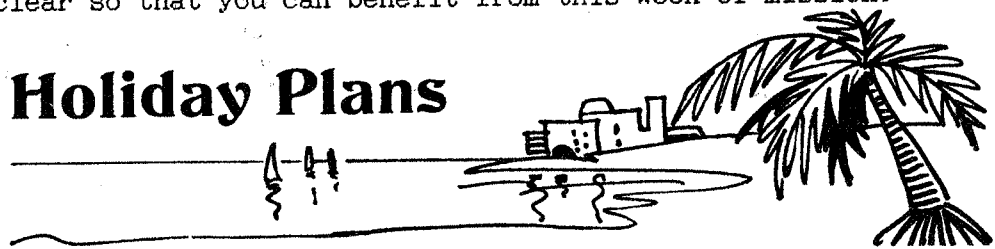
29th May, 1993

Since the publication of the last issue of this newsletter the mission week for children led by Helen Franklin of the Scripture Union has been and gone. We deliberately chose as our venue the St. Mary's School because its catchment area is one where we have very few Church members and from where even fewer children come to our organisations on Sunday and midweek. Though the mission was open to all primary school children in our parish the majority who attended did come from this particular area. It was most encouraging to see so many of them, and even more encouraging to see them enjoying what for many of them would be their first contact with something organised by the Christian Church. At this stage it would be very hard to say how successful or effective the mission was, but I believe it is a real plus if this initial contact with something associated with the Church was perceived as fun since so many people associate the Church with boredom.

Equally encouraging was the large number of Church members (about 100 altogether) who committed themselves to helping during the week in some capacity or other, and again to see them so obviously enjoying the fun and sharing the enthusiasm of the children. I guess that for a number of us this was a completely new experience. If the faith we profess is not something we can enthuse about, and if it is not something we want to pass on and share with others it is questionable whether such a faith is worth having!

In 3 months time the next phase of our year of mission will be held from September 19-26 when we shall be joined by a team of adults from Holy Trinity Church, Rusholme and their vicar, Tony Porter. They are sufficiently enthusiastic about their faith that they are prepared to give up a week of their holidays in order to share with us their experience of Christ. This they will have opportunities of doing as they stay in our homes for bed and breakfast (we will be looking for hospitality in due course), at home meetings on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and at a Ladies Evening on the Thursday and at a Men's Dinner on the Friday evening. Do please book these dates in your diary now and keep them clear so that you can benefit from this week of mission.

Holiday Plans



Last year there was a certain amount of interest shown in the possibility of a parish holiday to the Holy Land, but we didn't proceed owing to having a very full Church programme with two missions and a flower festival. I would be interested to discover the degree of support there would be for a comprehensive 11 day tour of the Holy Land, departure from Manchester either on Monday June 27th or Monday October 3rd. The cost would be of the order of £900. It would include scheduled day flights by El Al Israel Airlines from Manchester Airport, accommodation at 3/4 star hotels, full board, the services of a local fully qualified guide, all entrance fees, taxes, insurance and gratuities, excursions in luxury air-conditioned coaches and a copy of the excellent 150 page guide book. The tour includes visits to all the principal New Testament sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and the Sea of Galilee. I must confess to being somewhat hesitant in encouraging people to spend so much on a holiday, but I suspect it will not be too much higher than the total that many people spend on other holidays. Mary and I had the privilege of going on a similar tour out of season at a very much reduced price, and we wouldn't have missed the opportunity of going to the Holy Land. It has been unforgettable. If you are interested, without committing yourself at this stage, do please let me know by the end of the month.

Roger B. Jackson.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM



Philip Gore who has submitted a prayer he has found helpful by Brother Bernard, an Anglican priest, who is a member of the Society of St. Francis and represents the religious communities on the General Synod.

BROTHER BERNARD'S PRAYER

Lord, I want to love you, yet I'm not sure.
I want to trust you, yet I'm afraid of being taken in.
I know I need you, yet I'm ashamed of being called a hypocrite
I need my independence, yet I fear to be alone.
I want to belong, yet I must be myself.

Take me Lord, yet leave me alone.
Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.
O Lord, if you are there, you do understand don't you?
Give me what I need but leave me free to choose.
Help me work it out my own way, but don't let me go.
Let me understand myself, but don't let me despair
Come unto me, O Lord - I want you there
Lighten up my darkness - but don't dazzle me
Help me to see what I need to do and give me strength to do it
O Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.

The Flower Festival Committee

Flower Festival

To mark the successful restoration of the Church roof, some of the stonework and stained glass windows, a weekend of celebration is to be held from October 1-3. The main event will be a Flower Festival and we are looking for sponsorship of the main displays and for the smaller ones on the window ledges and pew ends. The rates for these will be:

£50 for a main display, £25 for a window ledge and £5 for a pew end. A plan of the Church showing the pews and window ledges is on display and dedication slips. When completed these should be handed to Sid Harris.



The Local Organiser of the Volunteer Reading Help



Volunteer Reading Help is a scheme which links volunteers from the local community with primary school children whose teachers feel would benefit from one-to-one help within their school. At present some 36 volunteers are helping in this way in 14 primary schools in Bolton and there are a further 28 schools looking for helpers. Sheila Morgan is one of the volunteers and she would gladly advise anyone willing to help, but offers of help should be made to Margaret Dempsey by phoning 373688 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9.30 and 1.30 pm.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS



Baptism

We welcomed into membership of Christ's Church on May 23rd Lauren Marie Hitchin.

Confirmation In the annual service conducted this year by the Bishop of Bolton in St. Andrew's Church, Over Hulton on May 23rd the following confirmed their faith in God and were confirmed in their membership of God's Church.
Paul and Lisa Dewhurst, Michael Kirkby, Fred Parker, Marjorie Oakes, Julia Silverstone, Susan Simpson, Alan Smith.

Attendance Awards have been presented to the following members of our
Climbers for 25 attendances: Christopher Saunders, Matthew Schindler
50 attendances: Francesca Hesketh
75 attendances: Timothy Atkinson, Elizabeth Simpson
100 attendances: Edward Cox, Neil Hewitt
Explorers for 120 attendances: Jonathan Bickerton, Jonathan Cheetham.
Alexander Hilton, Jamie Parker.
200 attendances: Martin Wagner

Sympathy. During the past month we have been saddened by the sudden deaths of several of our members:

Olive Williamson of Wigan Road was affectionately known as "Auntie Olive" to the children (and not a few grown-ups too!) who lived near her. Though she and Geoff had no children of their own they loved children and children knew it.

Betty Dootson of Hunger Hill had struggled with poor health for most of her life and yet she reached her "four score" recently. As the Rector pointed out at her funeral Betty was a good example of what St. Paul was referring to in his correspondence with the Christians at Corinth. "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day" (2 Corinth. Ch. 4 v 16) Physically she was weak and frail, but spiritually she was much stronger as a consequence of her daily Quiet Time with her Lord.

Kathleen Briddon came from Chesterfield to live with her daughter, Chris Barnes, in very recent times. Like Betty she too was very weak and frail in her old age, but when she felt strong enough she would come to Church and to the Mother's Union of which she had been a member for many years.

Rodney Howard who was a deputy head teacher under Ken Allan has kindly submitted this appreciation.

Ken Allan, who died at the end of April after an illness of several months, will be greatly missed by the parish in general and by St. Andrew's in particular.

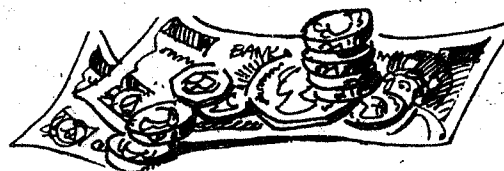
A proud native of North Yorkshire, he spent the war in the Royal Artillery and then embarked on a career in education. Having taught in Yorkshire, (where he coached Geoff Boycott) and in Hertfordshire he was appointed Headmaster of Ashton in Makerfield Grammar School in 1958 and remained there until 1980.

In retirement Ken played a very active part in the life of the parish as a leader, Church councillor and as Chairman of the Governors of St. Andrew's Primary School. He has been helped and supported in everything he did by his wife Mary, herself a distinguished and enthusiastic musician.

Ken believed that one got out of life what one put in: he had a wide range of interests and was active in many areas.

His many friends, at both ends of the parish, give thanks for his life and extend sympathy to Mary, Richard, Kate and their family.

CHRISTIAN GIVING



Thank you to all who have given to the work of God through their weekly contributions

	Planned Giving	Loose Offerings	Totals
April 4	776.27	125.47	901.74
11	682.92	217.40	900.32
18	459.30	74.99	534.29
25	527.43	156.77	684.20
Weekdays	-	201.92	201.92
Standing Orders	121.25	-	121.25
	<u>£2567.17</u>	<u>£776.55</u>	<u>£3343.72</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3148

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This year's **LENT APPEAL** realised £400 and represents the gifts of 46 individuals, families and groups. It has been divided equally between the general fund of the Church Missionary Society (C.M.S.) and Crosslinks as a contribution towards the cost of completing the home of Stephen and Stella Brooks in Portugal. For several years they have been living in a half-completed house, and as their 3 children have been growing, so conditions have become intolerably cramped. In addition to our £200, St. Andrew's, Over Hulton have been able to send a donation in excess of £600.

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Sid Harris, our Covenant Secretary, wishes to remind us that this month is the first anniversary of the "Raise the Roof" appeal which now stands at more than £66,000. Those members who made annual covenants are invited to donate their second instalment now.

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We are most grateful to the family of the late **Jean Macdonald** who have given in her memory the new training video material entitled "Marriage in Mind" for use in our marriage preparation groups for couples getting married in our Church.

BITS & PIECES



The Social Committee have planned another **Safari Supper** on Saturday Evening June 19th. There is accommodation for the first 40 travellers when we visit 5 different homes for different courses of the meal. This is a most enjoyable evening which is highly recommended. There have been no reports of indigestion on previous safaris, so don't be slow in purchasing your ticket for £5 from Committee Members.

The Ladies Guild have a visit from Mr Lomax, a chiropodist on Tuesday June 8th and from Mrs Oakland who will speak about "The view from my window" on June 22nd.

The Mothers Union have invited the Revd. Robin Hazlehurst to be the speaker on Wednesday June 2nd and on June 16th they have their annual "Strawberry Tea".