

THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1993

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 7. 7th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: Abraham

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Communion

### 14. 6th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: Moses

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Communion &  
Remembrance Service  
6.30pm Evensong

### 21. 5th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme:  
The Remnant of Israel

8.00am Communion  
10.00am Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 28. ADVENT

Theme:  
The Advent Hope

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Communion



*Floods in Worcester, by Bill Meadows  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except on November 10th when it is at the Rectory.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 24th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Mission Follow-on Groups: Tuesday November 2nd, 16th & 30th at 8.00pm; Wednesdays November 3rd & 17th at 10.50am and 8.00pm; Wednesdays November 10th & 24th at 1.30pm.

## 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:** Charles D Moore  
281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

**Reader:** Christine Kilsby  
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

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

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 (842723)

**Honorary** Leslie Kilsby  
**Secretary:** 1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

### CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

**Mission 1993:** Roger Jackson  
**Pastoral:** Sheila Morgan  
**Worship:** Philip Gore  
**Buildings & Fabric:** Mike Kirkby  
**Social:** Brenda Dixon

### OTHER OFFICIALS

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

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

**Vergers:** 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.

### CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45 a.m.  
Jim Needham (0942 812692)

### MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.  
Ray Howarth (652602)

### 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:** Julie Cooper (660946)

### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

**Brownies:** 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.  
Janet Madden (665896)  
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.  
Francis 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.

Good Will Sunday and the distribution of the new sets of Christian Giving Envelopes prompts me to write about MONEY. I am, of course, aware of the fact that this will cause at least some of you to turn over the page straightaway! This is probably because you have been "conned" into believing that the Church is always asking for money, and that it is only interested in you for what you can give. I regret to confess that in some cases such criticism is deserved, but in all honesty I don't think that could be fairly said of Deane Church in spite of its many weaknesses.

I have always maintained that the local Church as a body has no right to expect its individual members to give if it is not itself setting an example to follow. When a Church as an institution is seen only as a "receiver" soaking up money to maintain its buildings and organisation rather than as a "giver", then it is only providing more fuel for the critics amongst us. That is why every year in its budget our Church Council allocates a definite proportion of its income to missions and charities (usually about 15%). Moreover, I don't believe a preacher has any right to encourage the congregation to give to and through the local Church unless he is doing so himself. When I became a Christian I was taught to allocate at least 10% of my income to God's work, and Mary and I do this - about half of our giving goes into our weekly envelope, and the remainder we donate to missions and charities that are close to our heart. I want you to know this not because I'm proud about it, but because I'm not asking you to do what I'm not prepared to do myself.

#### The Present

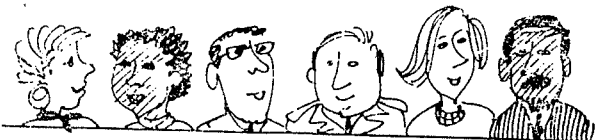
It is a very sad fact that many Christian charities and organisations are in a very poor financial state. To survive they are having to make staff redundant and close down areas of work. This is largely because the average level that Christians give is a meagre 1% of income. Where Churches teach and members respond to levels of giving approaching 10% there are no such problems. For example, during the ministry of their present Vicar the income from giving at an Anglian Church in South Croydon has increased from £80,000 per annum to £240,000 over 4 years, and that during a period of recession! I want to encourage everyone of you, myself included, to review what you give to God's work. Here are two suggestions which you may find uncomfortable:

1. Ask yourself "What proportion of my income am I giving to and through my Church - is it nearer to 1% or 10%? What should I be giving?"
2. Because for different reasons many of us are only in Church about 1 Sunday in 3 the Christian Giving Envelope Scheme, in theory at least, enables us to follow the teaching of Scripture by giving every week. When we return after a period of absence we hand in several envelopes. However, there is no evidence at all from the size of the loose collections that those who do not use the envelopes "make up" for the last weeks. Therefore, I want such members to ask themselves "Is there any good reason why I don't commit myself to giving regularly using the envelope scheme?" If the answer is "No" then please ask for a set of envelopes.

#### The Future

It often comes as a great surprise on reading the Bolton Evening News to discover that many of us who are ordinary folk die having accumulated significant financial resources. However, much of it was tied up in property and pensions so that we are "asset rich, but income poor". We find ourselves unable to give as much as we would like partly because we are anxious to ensure that there is sufficient to pay for long-term nursing care if that should become necessary in our old age. This is where making a will is so important, for it can provide the opportunity of leaving something worthwhile to charity. Whilst obviously we will want to make provision for our family, for clearing debts, for acknowledging with gratitude people who have served us, the Christian should also consider leaving to charities a proportion of their estate. It never ceases to amaze me how generous people are in leaving handsome bequests to animal charities, and at the same time how reluctant many of us are to do the same for Christian and humanitarian concerns. I warmly commend the initiative behind "Good Will Sunday" because it gives us the opportunity when death comes to us of tying up loose ends and "putting one's house in order"

*R. M. Jackson*



## IN THE NEWS



Thanksgiving. On October 10th we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children:-

Keith and Lesley Barlow of 15 Sunadale Close for Stephanie  
Anthony and Gaynor Bates of 9 Sandwood Avenue for Marcus.  
Mark and Jennifer Hatch of 117 Deane Church Lane for Emma.

Attendance Awards have been given to the following;

Climbers for 25 attendances: Rachael Kirkby, Melanie Smith  
50 attendances: Harry Young  
75 attendances: Elizabeth Cox, Bethany Dewhurst-Taylor,  
Adam Smith, Rebecca Waite.  
150 attendances: Angela Cheetham  
200 attendances: Andrew Oakes.

Explorers 40 attendances: Joanne Baxendale, Adam Horridge,  
Gary Parker, Lindsay Silverstone.  
120 attendances: Elizabeth Valentine.

## BITS & PIECES

Flower Festival Photographs. There is a photograph album in Church containing photographs of the floral displays. If you would like a print of one or more of these please place your order on the list on the notice board indicating the photograph number and how many you require. The list closes on November 21st.

The Ladies Guild have planned a "Members Night" on Tuesday November 9th and they have invited Sheila Gallagher to give an illustrated talk on "Christmas Crackers" on November 23rd. In addition there is a Rummage Sale to be held on November 2nd.

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday November 3rd and 17th.

## Scripture Union

...have planned what they describe as a DIY Superstore at Longsight Methodist Hall, Harwood on Thurs. Nov. 18th. "Many of us are trying to build Christian lives for the 90's - using the tools of the 70's".

Here is a chance to checkout a huge range of up-to-the-minute ideas and resources for Christian life and mission, including materials and Know-how for children's work, worship, Bible study, school work, midweek groups, Church leadership, pastoral care, holiday clubs, youth work..... Doors open at 7.30 pm. Admission is free. Refreshments provided.



The New English Orchestra made up of committed Christian instrumentalists from other first class orchestras are performing a Grand Christmas Concert at Manchester's Free Trade Hall on December 11th at 7.00 pm. The programme includes popular classics and carols "spiced with a touch of jazz". Further details are on the Church notice board.

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM .....

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Stan Wilson on the "Weekend of Celebration and Flower Festival"

The Weekend of Celebration will, I am sure, stand out in our memories for a long time to come. The beauty and artistic splendour expressed in the floral displays; the Quiz (and the budding Einsteins); the Church Bells and the music played in Church throughout the weekend; the Saturday evening concert and the talent of so many of the young people of our town; memories revived by the photographs and items in the historical display (it's a wonder that Rodney and Tom had any voices left after all the talking they did over the weekend); our Harvest Thanksgiving Services and the privilege of having Canon Michael Saward sharing the weekend with us, and for his powerful communication of God's message.

On behalf of the small organising committee I want to thank everyone - Bakers, Stewards, Cleaners, Furniture Movers, The Ladies who served the refreshments and washed up, Security, Traffic control, Posters and Publicity, and the Monday distributors for the support and encouragement we received.

The weekend went like clockwork, a wonderful atmosphere, everyone pulling in the same direction, some of you working alongside people you hardly know, but at the end of your stint feeling you had known them for years.

To have support and commitment is an essential ingredient of any successful venture and over the past 18 months, we have shown that 'DEANE' has it.

Let us not now all retreat and forget the pleasure and enjoyment we have shared (even though it was hard work at times), but let us all ensure that it shines through all we do in the months and years ahead, so that Deane Church stays alive and buzzing in this OUR YEAR OF MISSION and throughout the DECADE OF EVANGELISM.

Again **THANKS TO YOU ALL** and may our heavenly Father continue to bless and enrich us in all we do.

Mary Jackson on the Flower Rota



Though we don't have a flower festival every weekend nevertheless our church is seldom without attractive floral displays on the main communion table and on some of the window sill's. This is because:

(a) members of the congregation give money to purchase flowers sometimes in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a wedding or some other event.

(b) a small team of ladies give of their time and exercise their artistic skills in decorating the church.

If you wish to be responsible for the floral arrangements any weekend next year, please fill in a vacant space on the list in church, and if you wish to assist in the decoration please have a word with me.

The Social Committee who have organised another Christmas Buffet and Dance at the Deane Golf Club on Friday December 3 at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tickets costing £9.00 are now on sale.

# **money matters**

Thank you to all who through their regular giving contribute to God's work through our Church.

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
September 5	£ 542.71	£ 97.43	£ 640.14
12	£ 687.67	£ 138.22	£ 825.89
19	£ 581.55	£ 125.29	£ 706.84
26	£ 543.28	£ 318.31	£ 861.59
Standing orders	£ 51.25	-	£ 51.25
Weekdays	-	£ 122.81	£ 122.81
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In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £3104.

A record sum of £751 has been donated to this year's Harvest Appeal. It was made up as follows:



b/f from last appeal	4.08
140 envelopes	£519.10
Loose donations	112.35
Flower Festival Car boy	54.47
Rectory Garden produce	18.50
St Marys CE Primary School	51.00

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£759.50

Less promotional material -8.50

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£751.00

The following Bolton solicitors have responded positively to our invitation to offer preferential terms to church members who use their services for the purpose of making a will during November.

Aspinall & Co, 15 Wood Street Bolton BL1 1EB  
 Dearden Tonge & Co, 32 Moor Lane, Bolton BL1 4TE  
 Hulton Bailey & Co, 25 Wood Street, Bolton BL1 1EG  
 Russell & Russell, 9/13 Wood Street, Bolton BL1 1EE  
 Adam F Greenhalgh, 17 Mawdsley Street, Bolton BL1 1LE  
 Cyril Morris Arkwright, Churchgate House, 30 Churchgate Bolton BL1 1HS  
 Fieldings, Silverwell House, Silverwell Street, Bolton BL1 1PT  
 Porter, Hope & Knipe, 22 Barkers Row, Bolton BL1 1JL

*Good  
Will  
Sunday*

It is worth recording that you are not obliged to appoint a solicitor as the executor of your will. Indeed there is a great deal to be said for not appointing a professional executor.