

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1993

SUNDAY DIARY

5 SECOND IN ADVENT

Theme: Bible Sunday

8.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

6.30pm Evensong

12 THIRD IN ADVENT

Theme: John The Baptist

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

6.30pm Communion

19 FOURTH IN ADVENT

Theme: The Annunciation
to Mary

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Carol
Service

6.30pm Agape (Communion
and Fellowship
meal in the
Church Lounge)

26 FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Incarnation

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service
with Baptism

No evening service today



*Carol Singers, Leeds Parish Church, by John Edenbrow
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion Wednesdays at 10.00am in the
Church Lounge except on December 8th when it is
at the Rectory.

Mission Follow-on Groups Wednesday Dec.

1st at 10.50am, 1.30pm and 8.00pm

Parochial Church Council Monday Dec.1st at 7.45pm

Dinner/Dance Friday December 3rd at Deane Golf Club

Christmas Eve 6.30pm. Festival of Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.30am

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: 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)

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)

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

Mums and Toddlers: Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.
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 Rector writes

27th November, 1993

On the evening that the Bishop of Manchester ordained Charlie Moore in Deane Church to serve his curacy here the Bishop shared with me some disappointing news. Earlier in the day he had heard that two of the three half day conferences which had been planned for this autumn to foster and encourage vocations to the ordained ministry of our Church had had to be cancelled owing to lack of interest. I confessed to him my own acute embarrassment that during the 19 years I have been your Rector though we have been able to appoint 2 team vicars, and 7 curates no one from our two congregations has proceeded to ordination. In the period between Michael Saunders going and Charlie Moore coming there were quite a number of complaints that a new curate was not forthcoming. However, with our poor "track record" we really don't have strong grounds for complaint. A large and varied parish like this ought to be producing candidates for the ordained ministry and sadly we are not doing so.

When I was in my late teens I well remember the Rector of my home Church of Cheadle expressing his sadness that up to that point no one had proceeded to ordination. To address this situation he called the Church to pray about it. We did, and those prayers were answered because over the past 30 years a long steady stream of men and women have trained for the ordained ministry here and overseas. I was one of the first 5, two of whom have become the Archdeacon of Norfolk and the Dean of Lincoln. What should we be looking for? Here are some signs appropriate to the Church's ordained ministry:-

Personality: Someone who...

- ...works well with other people and shows courtesy and sensitivity
- ...stands out in the Christian Community as one who encourages and enables others
- ...is reliable and trustworthy both in public and private life
- ...is balanced, is able to take responsibility and to whom people will turn naturally for help and advice.

Commitment: Someone who...

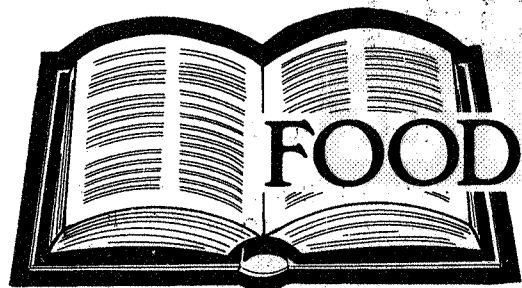
- ...shows commitment in life both to God and to Christ's Church
- ...has a commitment to family and friends.
- ...is able to speak articulately about their own faith and enjoys sharing it with others.
- ...can make sense of their experiences of life through their faith.
- ...works out the practical implications of their faith.

Spirituality: Someone who...

- ...spends time on their own with God in prayer.
- ...is growing in their understanding of the Bible.
- ...takes part in Church worship regularly.

I commend this situation to your prayers. May God open our eyes to see those whom He may be calling to the ordained ministry and then may they have open ears to hear His call.

Roger B. Jackson.



LIFE.

This is what some of us have been discovering through our membership of the Home Groups where we have been looking at sections of St. Luke's Gospel. We have been finding that God's Word, the Bible, is able to bring us comfort, guidance and strength often when all else fails. This is what I have found, and that's why I'm so keen to encourage others to share my experience. Here are 3 suggestions:-

1. If you are not yet a member of a Home Group please think seriously about joining one in the New Year.
2. Bible Sunday is on December 5th and this reminds us that it is time to order our Bible Reading notes for 1994. The lists are in the bookstall area. Scripture Union notes cost £1.85 for 3 months.
3. The Bible Society have what they call "A Bible a Month Club" where members pay for a Bible to be printed and supplied every month to those who are hungry to read the Scriptures. It is a salutary fact that whereas we so often neglect reading the Bible there are many who will walk miles to read a portion from a lectern Bible in a Church or who will spend hours copying a portion from a borrowed Bible. The "Bible a Month Club" aims to help such people. I have details for those who may be interested.

Joyce Sutcliffe.

The Collect for Bible Sunday



Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your Holy Word we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



The details of our main Christmas Services will be contained in a leaflet which, together with other Christian Churches in this area, we will be distributing to every home.

In addition there will be Carol Singing parties going into Hulton Hospital and into the residential homes for the elderly which our clergy visit each month throughout the year. Details will be announced in Church on Sunday December 19th.

The annual Christmas Agape (a service of Holy Communion in the context of a fellowship meal) will be held in the Church lounge on Sunday evening December 19th. There will be no evening service in Church either that Sunday or the following Sunday which is Boxing Day. Please use the catering list in Church to indicate what you can bring for the common pool of food for the fellowship meal.

For several weeks now the choir have been practising for the Festival of Lessons and Carols by Candlelight which this year will be held on Christmas Eve at 6.30 pm and will be followed by coffee and mince pies.



CHRISTIAN CONCERN IN A WORLD OF NEED

SPOTLIGHT ON

In our Christian Giving to missionary charities and projects outside our parish, by far the largest recipient was the Christian Relief Agency, Tear Fund. This year we have sent well over £2000 made up as follows :

The Christmas Appeal	£1375
The Harvest Appeal	751
Childcare Sponsorship programme	312

£2318

In addition, during the door-to-door collection in Christian Aid Week our Church members were responsible for collecting £1792 which has been sent to the other relief agency, Christian Aid.

There are those who are reluctant to give to the relief agencies because they claim that only a fraction of what is donated is actually received by those for whom it was intended, partly because of high administrative costs and partly because the aid is misappropriated. Because the Christian Relief agencies channel their aid through 'partners' who live and work in the locality and because they are closely monitored these understandable criticisms are less likely to be true. The 'pie chart' below gives a helpful breakdown of how our donations are spent. We have good reason, therefore, to be confident that anything we give to this year's Tear Fund Christmas Appeal will reach those for whom it is intended within a month of our sending the final cheque in the middle of January.

What goes out quickly...

Grant making procedures have been streamlined so that the average length of time it takes for a gift made to Tear Fund to reach partners is just one month.

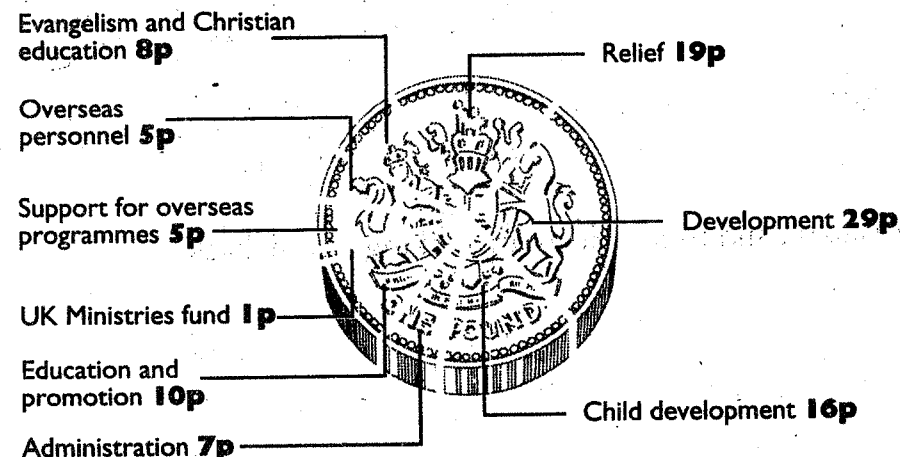
Total expenditure in the last financial year was £21,642,000.

....must come in!

Tear Fund depends on voluntary donations from individuals and churches. It has no reserves or long-term investments and only receives a very small contribution from government co-funding. Tear Fund has the equivalent of about a month's income in the bank at any one time.

Total income for the last financial year was £21,605,000..

EXPENDITURE 1992-93



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>
October 3	£ 572.00	£ 280.87	£ 852.87
10	489.06	108.34	597.40
17	448.25	96.11	544.36
24	416.10	121.08	537.18
31	555.58	160.63	716.21
Standing Orders	51.25	-	51.25
Weekdays	-	119.07	119.07
	<u>£2532.24</u>	<u>£886.10</u>	<u>£3418.34</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £3505.

Tom Stokes wishes to thank those who patronised his recent sale of wallflower plants and roses. The sum raised was £22 which has been divided equally between the Memorial Hall account and the Church account.



IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to

Tim Scruton on having been selected to represent England at Basketball in the Under 17's team.

Terry and Marjorie Oakes who have been celebrating their Silver Wedding on a Caribbean Cruise

Thank you to the members of the team who produce this publication on time every month. They are Pat Sewell, Una Craig Mochrie and Christine Dean and Marian Henrys of The Deane School Reprographic Department.

The Mother's Union have arranged to hold their annual Christmas Party once again at the Cafe Vienna on Wednesday December 8th at 2.30pm. On December 22nd they will be having a Carol Service in the Church Lounge at 2.00pm.

The Ladies Guild have just one meeting this month on December 7th when they have invited the Chantall Singers.