

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 1994

SUNDAY DIARY

2. SECOND AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Holy Family

8.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

6.30pm Evensong

9. FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme: The Baptism of
Jesus

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

6.30pm Communion

16. SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme: The First
Disciple

8.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

6.30pm Evensong

23. THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme Signs of
Glory

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

3.00pm United Service
at the Town Hall

6.30pm Communion

30. NINTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the
Teacher

8.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

6.30pm Evensong



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Wednesdays at 10.0am in the Church Lounge on January 12th & 19th; at the Rectory on January 26th.

Mission Follow-On Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays January 11/12; 25/26.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday January 5th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Parochial Church Council January 19th at 7.45pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Jan.18-25th

Scripture Union "Working with Children" course.

Saturday January 22nd 10.00am-4.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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)

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.

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 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 December.1993.

As I put pen to paper we are still in the old year; as you read this we will be in the new year. How time flies! But where does it fly to? What does the new year hold for us? Is there any goal and purpose in what happens? Basically in the world's religions there are 2 ways of thinking about time - the circle and the line.

The circle is the view of the Eastern religions, Hinduism and Buddhism, and of many religions of the ancient world too. On this view things go round in circles and everything recurs. Human personalities come back to earth and are re-incarnated either as other human beings, or as animals, unless they obtain release as disembodied spirits. It is not without significance that the symbol of India is the wheel.

In Christianity, Islam and the Jewish Faith, time and history are thought of as a line. The world begins, it develops, it will come to an end. We can see from the Bible how this is so. It opens with the creation stories - the world is created and develops. Then we see the growth of a moral consciousness, symbolised in the Adam and Eve story, and the giving of the Law to Moses. Next we have the growth of political institutions and the coming of Kingship with Saul and David. This is followed by the growth of prophecy, as men sent by God, declare His will for the present and His purposes for the future. This period of preparation and development came to a climax as God entered the world in the person of Christ for the salvation of mankind and all creation. As Christ departed physically from this world, so He was replaced spiritually by the Holy Spirit of God, who enabled, and still enables, the Church to do many wonderful things in Christ's name. This is where we are at now, but we look forward to Christ's return in judgement when all things will be subject to Him. Thus in the Christian view of time, history has a beginning and an end. All things are moving to a definite goal.

Which of these two views is the more likely? Is history a series of cycles, or does it have a definite progress? I would suggest that both science and history tend to support the Christian view. The "big bang" theory of creation implies that matter was created at a given period in time. The theory of "evolution" seems to indicate a development from simple and tiny creatures like amoebae to more complex beings like humans. History, also, seems to show change and development, with each age having its own distinctive features and, even though there is a pattern of the rise and fall of civilisations, each has its own particular characteristics. Science and history alike seem to support the Christian view that history is moving onwards - that things are leading somewhere, different from this present age.

What practical difference should it make to us if we adopt the Christian view of time? It means that free choice is significant. We will not regard what happens this coming year as being fixed and determined by what happened in a previous existence. Though our heredity and our environment influence us and impose constraints upon us, there still remains the possibility of free choice. Jesus taught that we have the freedom to obey or disobey. The parables about the wise and foolish men who built their houses on the rock and the sand respectively, and of the wise and foolish virgins and their lamps, show that a choice lies before us, and how we respond is vital.

Though we will be beset by conflicting influences in 1994 much will depend upon how we exercise our free will. Will we use it for deepening our commitment to Christ by making a proper time for private prayer? Will we use it for the increase of our commitment to our fellow Christians by a more regular attendance at public worship and fellowship gatherings? Will we use it for renewed acts of service to meet the needs of the Church and the wider community? Will we accept these invitations or reject them? It is for us to decide this coming year.

Finally, Mary joins me in expressing our warmest thanks to the many of you who so kindly sent your Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year. Please forgive us if we haven't thanked you personally but we do appreciate those expressions of your love and support.

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES

The Social Committee have planned a Theatre Outing on Friday February 11th. The play is "Sisterly Feelings" by Alan Ayckbourn and it is at the Bolton Little Theatre. Tickets cost £4 and there is a booking list on the notice board in Church. This year's Parish Weekend at Rhos-on-Sea is from May 11th to 13th. Further details and a booking list is also in Church.

The Ladies Guild and Mothers Union each have their annual general meetings in the first week of the new year on Tuesday January 4th and Wednesday January 5th respectively.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY

Those who make use of the Parish Prayer Diary will be praying for each of the local Christian congregations and their ministers during this period. On Sunday January 23 there will be the United Service at Bolton Town Hall at 3.00pm.

Over the Christmas period we received greetings from the following former members of staff:
Mike and Alison Saunders at nearby Eccles.



Mark and Anne Russell-Smith at Slaidburn. They now have 2 daughters. In their small and scattered parish they are using material for teaching the Faith to children which was initially designed for missionary children abroad. Mark has to divide his time between the parish and his other job of fostering links between the Diocese of Bradford and the Church overseas. In this connection he will be spending 3 weeks this month in Khartoum because his Diocese is linked with that Diocese in the Sudan.

Stephen and Stella Brook in Portugal who are continuing to find that whilst their English speaking congregation is growing in size, the elderly Portuguese congregation struggles with low numbers. Together with their 3 children Rachel (11), Joanne (10) and Andrew (8) plan to be on leave in the U.K. from July to September. They are looking for accommodation in the Bolton area to rent at a reasonable price during this period. Any ideas?



YES WE REALLY DO!

At present the Church is cleaned every week by one of five teams of volunteers who give one to one and a half hours every 5 weeks. However, each year we lose some. For instance, one lady who is fast approaching her 80th birthday understandably feels that it is time she hung up her feather duster! Some of the teams are getting depleted and replacements are urgently required. When appeals were made in Church last month there was a nil response.

When Mervyn Stockwood was Vicar of the University Church in Cambridge and met with a similar response when calling for volunteers to supply flowers for the Communion Table, he threatened to fly balloons from the High Altar instead! This galvanised the congregation into action. We are not sure that we should apply similar tactics, but clearly if people are not prepared to give of their time in this way then the options seem to be either we resort to employing someone to do it

or we don't clean the Church every 5th week.

Mary Jackson will be delighted to hear from volunteers.

THIS YEAR'S DATES



January	5	Prayer Focus
	19	Parochial Church Council
	22	Scripture Union Training Day - Working with Children
	24	United Service at the Town Hall in connection with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
February	2	Prayer Focus
	11	Parish Theatre Outing
	16	Ash Wednesday
March	3	Final meeting of the present Parochial Church Council
	29	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
April	1	Maundy Thursday Agape
	6	Prayer Focus
	11	First meeting of the newly elected Parochial Church Council
May	5	Local Elections
	11	Archdeacon's Visitation Service at Holy Trinity, Horwich
	12	Ascension Day Communion Service
	13-15	Parish Weekend at Rhos-on-Sea
	15-21	Christian Aid Week
June	19	Deane Sermons
October	2	Harvest Thanksgivings



IN THE NEWS



THANKSGIVING On November 28th we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children

Neil and Deborah McCaughtrie of 57 Blackshaw House for
Alison Louise

Andrew and Amanda Pooley of 44 Knutshaw Crescent for
Daniel Lewis

ATTENDANCE AWARDS were given at the same service to the following :

Climbers for 25 attendances: Lois and Oliver Hodkinson,
Richard Simpson

Explorers for 40 attendances: Carl Silverstone, Thomas Young
for 80 attendances: Amy Atkinson, Emma Bateson, Matthew Cox,
Anna Davenport, Richard Harrison,
Stacey Smith.

for 120 attendances: Yvonne Biney

CONGRATULATIONS to Robin and Esther Hazlehurst who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on January 4th.

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>
November 7	£ 496.05	£92.90	£588.95
14	540.11	101.84	641.95
21	627.73	82.77	710.50
28	541.45	139.47	680.92
Standing Orders	51.25	-	51.25
Weekdays	-	51.64	51.64
	<u>£2256.59</u>	<u>£468.62</u>	<u>£2725.21</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £2897.

FROM THE TREASURER

Even though an Autumn Fayre was not held last year, a sum of £910 was raised during the year and this has been included in our Christian Giving Programme in place of the usual one third proceeds from the Fayre.

Thanks are due to those who supported the following:

Ladies Guild	£402
Mothers Union	140
Spring Sale of plants and hanging baskets	143
Wednesday Coffee Mornings	66
Coin Jars	159

£910



There are no plans for an Autumn Fayre this year, but it is hoped that individuals and organisations will continue to support and organise these efforts during 1994.

Deane Church is seldom without attractive floral displays. This is because :-

- (a) some members of the congregation give money to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a wedding or some other anniversary,
- (b) a small team of ladies give of their time and skills to arrange the flowers attractively. If you wish to be responsible for providing for the floral arrangements there are still a few vacant weekends this year. The team of flower arranges always welcome newcomers - in either case please contact Mary Jackson.

