

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**JULY 1994**

## **SUNDAY DIARY**

### **3 SIXTH AFTER PENTECOST**

Theme: The New Man

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
and Baptism  
6.30pm Evensong

### **10 SEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST**

Theme: The Most Excellent Way

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

### **17 EIGHTH AFTER PENTECOST**

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion with  
Admission of Young  
People to Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### **24 NINTH AFTER PENTECOST**

Theme: The Whole Armour of God

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

### **31 TENTH AFTER PENTECOST**

Theme: The Mind of Christ

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evening Service



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## **MID WEEK DIARY**

**Communion:** Every Wednesday in the Church Lounge at 10.00am

**Home Groups:** Tuesdays July 12 & 26, Wednesdays July 13 & 27

**Summer Ramble:** Saturday July 23 starting from the Memorial Hall  
at 1.00pm

## 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)

Les Kilsby  
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Lay** Stan Wilson  
**Chairman:** 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

**Honorary** Keith Acton  
**Treasurer:** 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

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

### CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

**Pastoral:**

**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 8.00 p.m.

Charlie & Sara Moore (64313)

**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.

Pat Boydell (61450)

**Mothers'** Alternate Wednesdays

**Union:** at 2.00 p.m.

Janetta Makin (658270)

**Parents &** 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.

Jean Aspinall (63948)

**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

25th June 1994

On a recent visit to our superb Octagon Theatre in Bolton one of the scene's in Bill Naughton's "Derby Day" reminded me of an experience I had as a young boy. In those days there were no licensed betting shops because off-course betting was illegal. However, betting did take place, and in Cheadle where I was born and bred it took place in the backyard of an end terrace house behind Cheadle Church. The police, of course, knew that betting took place, and from time to time would swoop on the premises. If you were unfortunate to be present on that occasion then you would be rounded up, fined and your name would appear in the list of villains in the local paper.

My father wasn't what you would call a betting man, but he did like to place a bob or two either way on the Grand National and/or the Derby. He wouldn't go to the bookies yard himself, he would send me and with the strict instructions to make sure I kept out of the way if the police were around!

Though betting has long since become legalised and betting shops are quite common I have never had any desire to avail myself of this facility. I have good relationships with a number of those in the betting business; indeed one of our congregation is a manager for Ladbrookes. However, I am sure that if I went into his shop I would feel completely out of place and ill at ease. To begin with I wouldn't know what to do or what to say. I don't understand the language of starting prices, and I wouldn't know what to write on the betting-slip and so on. I suspect this is how many people feel when they come into Deane Church, or any other church, for the first time, or after a very long time. They don't know whether they can sit anywhere. They are unfamiliar with the books we use and are confused by them. They don't understand the language. They are embarrassed when people sit and they are left standing, or vice versa. The whole ethos of Christian worship is foreign to them. I believe that it is crucial that we who are "regulars" and have been members for most, if not all, of our lives recognise the difficulties which visitors to our church experience. Some come to hear Banns of Marriage; others feel a need to come in the immediate aftermath of the death of a close relative. It's not easy for them, and it is even harder if they come with young children in preparation for a Thanksgiving or Baptism. So what can you do? Be sensitive to their needs by trying to put yourself in their shoes. If they are standing and looking lost, welcome them; ask them where they would like to sit and take them there and if possible sit with them. If you are sitting next to someone who is obviously a newcomer introduce yourself to them and give them help in finding places in the right book if this is a problem for them. There is no need to be gushing or to go-over-the-top for that can be counter productive. On the other hand a quiet and genuinely warm welcome can make all the difference in the world and can go a long way to determining whether or not they ever come again.

*Rory Jackson*

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM .....

**TOM STOKES**, who with Marjorie attended the recent "D-Day" Commemoration in Normandy ... "The "Pride of Cherbourg" took us over to Le Havre, and early on June 5th we went over the magnificent Pont de Tancarville (the last bridge over the River Seine) in order to reach L'Abbaye aux Dames, Caen, founded by the wife of William the Conqueror in 1066. This is a beautiful building and hundreds of Normandy veterans and their wives waited around the lovely flower beds in the courtyard for the Lady Mayor of Caen to present us with our Commemoration Medals. We had lunch on the coach and then via Pegasus Bridge (captured by the 6th Airborne Division on June 6th 1944 before daybreak) to Ronville ("le premier village de France, libre a 2.30pm on June 6th 1944 par le 13th (Lancashire) Battalion Parachute Regiment). The large cemetery here contains many headstone to unknown soldiers and airmen who fell in the early days of the assault on the Normandy coast. At about 4.00pm parachutists from the first wave of plans began to float gently earthwards - over 40 jumping from each plane. This was followed by a second wave and altogether 1200 men had descended. A memorable sight indeed.

The day began as early as 6.30am on Monday June 6th in order to reach Bayeux Cemetery for the 11.00am service. In order not to completely obscure the view, only 36 of the 60 Branch Standards were permitted to come to the cenotaph. Thousands had assembled and we were most fortunate to be in the third row lining each side of the avenue. This enabled us to have a good view of the Queen and the other heads of state and prime ministers. It was a most moving service with the Last Post, the Citation and the Silence. The Duke of Edinburgh read a passage from John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" where Mr Valiant for Truth says "I am going to my Father; my sword I want to give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage and my courage and skill to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me to be a witness for me that I fought his battles, who will now be my rewarder." It was wonderful to hear the great multitude of voices singing "O God our help in ages past", "Praise my soul and King of Heaven", and "Now thank we all our God". The service ended as we said the Lord's Prayer and the prayer of commitment "Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve Thee and all mankind in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering and for the praise of Thy name".

After the service there was time to loiter (even the Queen loitered!) amongst the gravestone with thankfulness and deep emotion. There were many of our political leaders of all parties present and Marjorie manage to secure John Major's autograph. Slowly we made our way back to the coaches which took us to Arromanches. Whilst the ladies spent their time viewing the areas near the beach, the men-folk of us formed up, six abreast for the march past. Some could only do this with the aid of walking sticks whilst others were too infirm and had to be content to watch. Out to sea were the remains of the Mulberry Harbour and the Warships ready to give a 42 gun salute. Members of the Royal Family arrived with other important guests. The standards marched on to the accompaniment of several bands. There was a welcoming address from the Mayor of Arromanches followed by the Queen's speech. The Queen then drove through the ranks in an open truck whilst the Prince of Wales went on foot. When he came in our group he spoke to our chairman. Then the bands played many of the old wartime songs which we sang lustily. The parade Sergeant Major then ordered the march past. We kept in step as best we could, not so easy as it was when we were 50 years younger! Indeed it was quite difficult on the damp sand, and many of us found this very hard-going. By the time we reached the dais for the "eyes left" for Her Majesty, we were definitely straying off line.

On leaving the beach we were rewarded with a most welcoming selection of cakes and drinks in abundance served by the Salvation Army and French citizens. Eventually our coaches, over 300 of them, arrived from their parking slots over 3 miles away, to pick us up. It was after midnight before most of us returned to our hotels.

Tuesday June 7th was our last day. We missed out on some of the events because members of our party were keen to visit some of the other cemeteries at Hermanville, Fontenage le Presnel and Tilly sur Seullies. Close the the latter is the Jerusalem Cemetery which is probably the smallest in Europe, containing just 48 graves. The War Graves Commission had wanted to move these graves to one of the larger cemeteries, but the villages pleaded with Commission to abandon their plan. A small memorial has been erected in the corner. Crosses with a poppy were placed on several graves of unknown servicemen. We tried to say the "Citation" but our voices trailed away as we were overcome by our emotions. Through these days of commemoration the Gendarmerie were most patient and helpful and the local folk full of welcome and kindness in spite of all the traffic james we had caused by invading their villages and towns."

... Jane Wilford who will be returning home from her time in Argentina. "I am having a good time despite a lot of daily stresses. Roserio is a big city with a population of about 1 million. I live in the centre of it and the noise level is one of the big irritants. Litter, cracked pavements, holes in the roads, mad drivers where insurance policies don't seem to exist, telephones not working, electricity cuts, more and more stories of people being robbed on the streets - the tale of woe is endless.

I am based at the Anglican Church in the city. Jeremy, who is the pastor and his wife Jan are a lovely couple. God has been good in helping us to get on well together despite the generation gap, for they are in their 50s. Their home is next to the Church and so they get many callers asking for food and clothing. As part of their weekly offering the congregation give money and clothing for distribution in addition to cash donations. The commitment of this Christian couple from the UK has impressed me very much and as I have got closer to them I have been able to see more of the sacrifices they have made in leaving family and friends to come out here. They don't see themselves as martyrs and they give thanks for all they possess.

I have been especially struck by the poverty here, not just financial but in so many other ways too. It has demonstrated just how rich we are in Britain. I feel so privileged to have received the education I have had without having to work at a job as well, as is the norm here. Privileged too to have had some musical training for that my mediocre piano playing is very much appreciated. With God's help I'm improving and feeling more relaxed as I play the organ and try to lead the singing. I'm trying to improve their song book. Some songs have words and no music, others have words and chords. Privileged also to be in good health when so many are either in poor health or struggling to look after someone else who is ill. And yet another privilege is the spiritual upbringing I have received - good teaching from ministers speaking my mother tongue, good Christian literature so readily available, conferences and other events at prices I can more or less afford, not having to wait for weeks, or even months, before I can receive communion because there is no priest available to conduct the service.

I have made lots of friends and met lots of people of my own age. I am seeking to get some sort of Bible Study going for a small group of 19-23 year olds in the congregation. It is difficult finding a suitable time because they are students who have working jobs too. It looks as though a lunch hour gathering in a bar may be the best arrangement! I go to an orphanage once a week when there are 13 children in the care of a young couple. They are all very "streetwise" and therefore untrusting of strangers due to past hurts. I help them with homework, reading, learning their times tables and playing games too. I am beginning to feel a little more accepted by them as the weeks pass by.

I go to 4-6 hours of classes in Spanish each week which are not directly related to what we study in the degree course at Bristol University but I think it should be helpful. My dissertation, in connection with my degree, is concerned with the Church in Argentina. More progress needs to be made in writing this.

With regard to accommodation God really has been good to me. Initially I stayed with the pastor and his wife in order to settle in. Then I went to Fabiona's flat. She is a Roman Catholic with whom I have become friendly and with whom I can pray. Then I went to the flat of some non-Christian friends of Church members. The grandmother who lives here is poorly with a cancer of the liver and her daughter has been a widow for the past 10 years. I think the latter is probably close to becoming a Christian. I am now planning to take up the warm invitation from Grasiela, a lay reader in the Church.

I must draw to a close now for I want to visit Fabiona who has just been turned down once again for a job. She needs work in order to be able to pay for her studies. What's worse, her brother faces losing his job and he is the main source of their family income."

# MONEY MATTERS



Thank you to all who through their regular giving have contributed to God's work through our Church

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Envelopes</u>		
May 1	£ 545.97	£ 75.15	£ 621.12
8	624.99	104.21	729.20
15	422.99	74.11	497.10
22	739.71	144.06	883.77
29	473.54	75.47	549.01
Weekdays	-	158.71	158.71
Standing Orders	<u>133.75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133.75</u>
	<u>£ 2940.95</u>	<u>£ 631.71</u>	<u>£ 3572.66</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3403.

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

At both ends of the parish record sums were collected during the annual week in May when we engaged in a house to house collection on behalf of the Church's ministry to the poor, destitute and starving in the other parts of the world. This year Christian Aid Week coincided with the news coming from Rwanda of the terrible atrocities taking place there in the Civil War in the Central African Republic. At the Deane end of the parish £2061 was received with an additional £50 specifically earmarked for relief work in Rwanda. In the Over Hulton area a further £1114 was collected making a total of £3175. Thank you to the donors, to those who collected it and to Phil Ray and Malcolm Hearsey who organised things and then counted the proceeds!

### A SUMMER RAMBLE



has been arranged by the Social Committee on Saturday July 23 leaving the Memorial Hall at 1.00pm and returning at about 6.00pm. It will be led by Ken and Myra Higson who advise strong footwear whatever the weather for what will be a 6 mile walk. If the weather is hot drink is essential and a light snack advisable.

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The Ladies Guild have planned a Bolton Holidays Quiz Night on July 5 and are to be entertained by St Paul's Ladies Choir on July 19.

The Mothers Union meet on Wednesday afternoons July 6 and 20.