

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**AUGUST 1994**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 7. ELEVENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Serving Community

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 14. TWELFTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Witnessing Community

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 21. THIRTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Suffering Community

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 28. FOURTEENTH AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Family

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion



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## MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Prayer Focus: Wednesday August 3 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Parochial Church Council: Monday August 15 at 7.45pm.

Coffee Morning: Saturday August 6 10.00am - 12 noon.

## 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

**Finance:** Keith Acton

**Pastoral:** Stan Wilson

**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.

Jane Hampson (848433)

**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  
at 7.45 p.m.

Pat Boydell (61450)

**Mothers' Union:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 2.00 p.m.

Janetta Makin (658270)

**Parents & 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.

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

29th July, 1994

During the past month we have welcomed a further 9 young people into communicant membership of our Church before confirmation. As we have been following this practice over the 10 year period since 1984 it is perhaps a good time to review this experiment.

## What has been the purpose of the experiment?

The traditional practice of the C of E has been to limit communicant membership to those who have been confirmed or who desire to be confirmed. However, it must be admitted that this has been a purely domestic rule with no Biblical teaching to support it. Indeed 'confirmation' is not even mentioned in the Bible! That being said, however, it is not necessarily a bad rule. Ideally confirmation takes place when a person has reached that level of Christian maturity which enables them to confirm publicly their personal faith and convictions, and to declare their desire to renew their membership of the Christian Church which was initiated by their parents in infancy at baptism. In recent times this has created something of a problem. As Holy Communion has become increasingly the main service on a Sunday (and in many parishes the only service) it has meant that the younger members of the congregation have felt marginalized, being reduced to the level of spectators, not being able to receive the sacrament.

One way of overcoming this problem has been to reduce the age at which people can be confirmed - in many cases whilst they are still at primary school. Though obviously there are exceptions, in many cases the child being confirmed has little understanding of the Christian faith, and where they have actually come to faith, there has hardly been time for it to be tested. People confirmed at such an early age have often said to me how they wished they had waited until they had reached a greater level of maturity. Moreover, the bishops too will often confess, at least in private conversation, that it worries them when they are called upon to confirm scores of very young children.

Another way of tackling this problem is the one we have adopted since 1984. After a brief course which concentrates on helping the young person to understand the communion service, we admit him/her into communicant membership. I wouldn't claim that in most cases there is a deep level of understanding, but our hope and prayer is that the young person will be given a sense of worth and belonging to the Christian Family, and that through the partaking of Holy Communion they will have a growing understanding of the Faith and a sense of belonging which will prepare them for Confirmation at a later date.

## What have been the results?

In one sense, very disappointing. The haemorrhage of young people from our Church organisations and Church life in their early teens has continued. The experiment has done little to arrest this fall out, but then neither does confirmation at an early age. The pressures on young people to conform to the life style and standards of our post-Christian and secular society are very great indeed. Unless they have come to a genuine personal faith in Christ it is most unlikely that they will withstand this onslaught. That's why they will need every bit of encouragement and support that Christian parents and the Church Family can give them. Consequently I want to encourage you to pray for these young communicants by name. They are: Karen Greenhalgh, Philip Harrison, Matthew Hewitt, Neil Hogarth, Matthew Kilsby, Laura Parker, Erica Smith, Martin Wagner and Lee Wheelton.

The real 'plus' of the experiment is that it preserves the integrity of 'confirmation' by rescuing it from being the farce which it has become in so many instances. There will be far fewer confirmations, but I guess that more of them will be meaningful.

A small group is preparing for the next Confirmation service which will be held in the early part of next year, and anyone wishing to join this group should get in contact with me.

Roger B. Jackson.



## IN THE NEWS

**BAPTISM** We welcomed into membership of our Church Family on July 3rd  
Alison Louise McCaughtrie of 6 Blackshaw Row, Deane  
Mellany Rebecca Schindler of 18 Langside Drive, Ladybridge.

**Attendance Awards** have been gained by the following children in ...

Climbers, for 75 attendances :	Louise Scammell
Explorers, for 40 attendances :	Andrew Oakes
80 attendances :	Gary Parker and Stuart Wagner
120 attendances :	Mark Oakes
160 attendances :	Jonathan Bickerton, Yvonne Biney and Jamie Parker

**Congratulations** to Bob and Mary Parkinson who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on July 21st. Unfortunately, owing to Mary suffering a stroke a few days earlier the celebrations had to be somewhat 'low key'. We trust that with the restoration of the use of her limbs they will at least be able to have a family party in the not too distant future.



Sixty years behind the Parkinsons are two couples who have been members of our congregation over the past year or so. They are Wayne Hardman and Cheryl Makin and Keith Bostock and Lesley Curtis-Moore and both couples were married on July 9th.

## BITS & PIECES

**The Ladies Guild** have arranged the following programme for their fortnightly gatherings in August.

August 2 - a devotional talk by Tony Woodward, Vicar of Lostock  
16 - an evening outing to Croston  
30 - "Lancashire Mesontie" by Benita Moore.

**The Mothers Union** meet on the following Wednesday afternoons - August 3rd, 17th and 31st.



## REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM.....

**THE LADIES GUILD** who have their annual Coffee Morning on Saturday August 6th from 10.00am to 12noon in the Memorial Hall. They are looking to you to support them by your presence and by any gift you may wish to donate to one or more of the stalls - bottles and cans, white elephant, tombola and soaps.

### COFFEE MORNING



The Pathfinder Banner has seen better days and is fast coming to the end of its useful life. The leaders, David Dewhurst and Chris Kilsby would like to hear from anyone who has ideas and/or skills for making a new banner.



who are planning the biggest singing event in their longest running series "Songs of Praise". A special edition is to be recorded at Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium on Sunday September 25 from 2.00-5.00pm to be broadcast a fortnight later on October 9th.

It doesn't matter if you don't follow football, but if you do, come in your team's colours and bring your scarves and banners and be ready to sing your heads off to the accompaniment of the band of the Royal Marines, Portsmouth.

Tickets are free, but you can order yours by signing the list in Church.



### CHETHAM'S SCHOOL, MANCHESTER

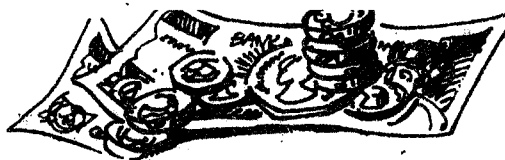
This famous music school is attracting an increasing number of students from overseas. Problems arise over the provision of care for those individuals who have to stay in this country when the school is not functioning.

The school is therefore looking for families who are willing to look after such pupils. Guardians should have spare accommodation, a willingness to provide a short-term home for a foreign student, practice facilities - mainly space and patience to listen to music in the home and if possible a piano, and transport to be able to collect from or deliver to the airport.

Whilst the main reward will be in the friendship that can be built up between individuals from different backgrounds, there is also a financial element. £10 per night when the student stays with you, travel expenses for any transport provided and recompense for any expenses incurred if trips are made during stays.

Please contact - John Rhind on 061.834.9644, Ext 216

# MONEY MATTERS



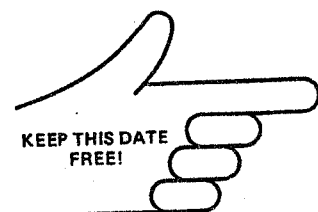
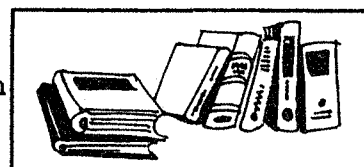
Thank you to all who through their regular giving have contributed to God's work through our Church

	<u>Planned Giving</u> <u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
June 5	£ 523.30	£ 86.15	£ 609.45
12	595.76	80.04	675.80
19	669.97	275.79	945.76
26	504.22	76.17	580.39
Weekdays	-	86.08	86.08
Standing Orders	133.75	-	133.75
	<u>£2427.00</u>	<u>£604.23</u>	<u>£3031.23</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2772. On Sermons Day June 19th a further donation of £50.00 was received in addition to the £945.76 given in church.

Lent Appeal At a recent meeting of the Church Council it was finally decided to divide the proceeds of this year's Lent Appeal in 3 ways. As is our usual practice 50% (£222) has been sent to the Church Missionary Society for its general work overseas. 25% (£111) has been given to Scripture Union in recognition of the continuing ministry of Helen Franklin, who has maintained contact with our Church school since the Childrens' Mission last year by coming to take the school assembly at least once per term and 25% (£111) has also been donated to the Church Army's Portman House Trust which seeks to provide short term accommodation for, and support to, homeless women in our capital city.

The Bolton Christian Bookshop has moved from St George's Road to a far better site opposite the main Post Office in Deansgate. The premises are a vast improvement and there is now a good display of Bibles, Christian Literature, cassettes and videos. Pat Boulton is a voluntary worker at the shop and Joyce Sutcliffe is our Bookstall manager. Both are willing to obtain things for you and by using them the church gains a 10% discount.



On Michaelmas Day, September 29th at 7.30pm. Charlie Moore will be ordained priest in Manchester Cathedral. Next month there will be a list in church for people to indicate that they wish to attend and whether they can offer places in their cars or wish to have a lift.

THE CLEANING TEAMS in both Church and Hall are becoming depleted. We require at least ....

4 volunteers for church cleaning. This duty comes round 1 week in 5 and takes up a little over an hour on a Friday morning or evening.

3 volunteers for hall cleaning. This duty comes round every 6th week and also takes up a little over an hour on a Friday morning. Volunteers should contact Mary Jackson on 61819.