

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**OCTOBER 1994**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 2. 19th AFTER PENTECOST

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8.00 am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 9. 20th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: Endurance

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 16. LAST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: Citizens of Heaven

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 23. 9th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Creation

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family &  
Parade Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 30. 8th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme: The Fall

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong



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## MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Prayer Focus: Wednesdays, October 12 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Home Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesday October 4/5, 18/19

"Inside-Out": An evening with Noel Proctor at St Andrews on Saturday  
October 1st at 7.30pm.

Evening Outing to Borg Castel Friday October 7th.

Autumn Ramble: Saturday October 22nd leaving 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

**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

**Guild:** 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 Rector writes

24th September, 1994.

Sunday October 2nd is an important day in our Church's calendar. Not only do we celebrate our Harvest Festival, but it also marks the occasion when Charlie Moore conducts his first Communion Service following his ordination to the priesthood in Manchester Cathedral on the previous Thursday.

I must confess to having certain hesitations about both these happenings. To begin with I feel uneasy with the sentimentality expressed in some of the popular Nineteenth Century hymns which congregations love to sing even though their words are massively irrelevant to-day, eg "Fair waved the golden corn in Canaan's pleasant land"; "All is safely gathered in 'ere the winter storms begin"; "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land". Personally I find it far more relevant to sing: "We plough the fields with tractors, with drills we sow the land..." and "We reap the fields with combines and bale the new mown hay..." "God of concrete, God of steel, God of piston and of wheel!"

Then of course, there is that uneasy tension of knowing that while we reap and live in abundance millions go hungry through scarcity. It is a mistake to think that it has been the Twentieth Century Relief Agencies which were the first to draw our attention to this tension. The Old Testament Law was thousands of years ahead of us in this respect. It made constant provision for those in need. No one was to starve because he possessed no land from which to feed himself. Further, not only were the poor entitled as of right to interest-free loans from their neighbour, but those loans were to be cancelled if incapable of repayment. Indeed there appears to be no limit to the scope of charity demanded by the Old Testament Law. It extended to sustaining travellers on their journeys, to protecting animals and even giving human rights to slaves. It was based on the conviction that life mattered more than possessions, that people were more important than property, something which is notably absent from English Law. The Hebrews were encouraged to see that all property was to be held in trust for the welfare of the community at large. Those who had insufficient were entitled to claim from those who had enough. This harvest time we are encouraged to support the work of the Christian Relief Agency, Tear Fund, in the work it is doing in the remote villages of central Tanzania where the farmers have to work long hours in gruelling conditions to grow food for their families and communities. I warmly commend our Harvest Appeal to your generosity.

At the risk of being misunderstood I also have hesitations about the emphasis which some Churches and some clergy place upon the first communion service conducted by a newly ordained priest. As I understand it the Holy Communion service is primarily a visual aid instituted by Christ to enable us to remember and to understand more fully the meaning and significance of His sacrificial death on our behalf. Christ crucified should be our focus of attention and not the clergyman who officiates at the service, be he a young priest or an elderly one. I know that Charlie shares this belief. Nevertheless, I hope that there will be a good number who attend the evening communion service on Harvest Sunday, for this will be especially encouraging to Charlie as his ministry amongst us is now extended. It will certainly be a relief and help to me because since Michael Saunders left 18 months ago I have had to conduct all the communion services on Sundays and during the week in homes and hospital. Charlie will also be authorized to conduct wedding services too, though the effect of this will not be felt until next year for this year's "wedding season" is almost over now. Charlie hasn't found it easy adjusting to an English Parish Church. At times he has dropped some real Irish clangers up front, but we have been able to have a good laugh with him. Those of us, myself included, who have been on the receiving end of the personal ministry and hospitality of Charlie and Sara have come to love them and to appreciate their Christian friendship and service.

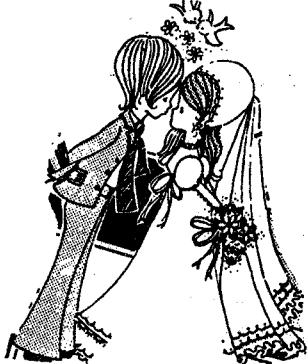
Roger B. Jackson.



# IN THE NEWS

## **BAPTISM**

On Sunday September 18th we welcomed into membership of our Church Family Laura Jane Elizabeth Bannister of 6 Wyndham Avenue.  
Reece Francis Hitchen of 14 Frinton Road.



## **WEDDINGS**

During the autumn two of the young ladies who have passed through our CYPECS organisations are to be married in Deane Church.

On October 22nd Alison Ray, the daughter of Phil and Sheila Ray marries Christopher Wainwright. After graduating at Sheffield University, Alison has been working as a speech therapist and is now working in the Derby area.

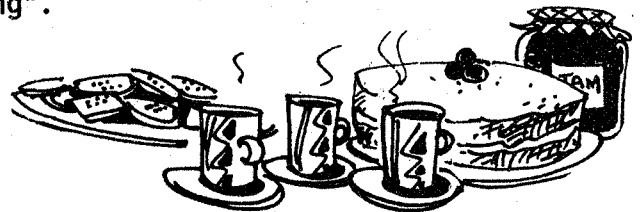
On November 12th Janet Madden who is the Brown Owl of the Monday evening pack marries Jamie Barnsley, a Scotsman whom she met when she was working at the Broomfield Hotel where Jamie was a guest.

## **GETTING BETTER**

We are delighted to see the following members returning to our Church Fellowship after periods of illness: Marguerite Morris, Coralie Marsh, May Downs and Mona Thompson. There is also good news of two other members who have been in hospital for prolonged periods - Mary Parkinson and Rose Wrench both of whom are now making good progress.

The Ladies Guild have invited Mr. Richardson to give an illustrated talk on the "Swiss Lakes" on Tuesday October 11th at 7.45pm. Their guest speaker a fortnight later on October 25th is Mrs. Mason whose subject is "Quilling".

The Mother's Union have planned a Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 8th. A Coach Outing to Bowness-on-Windermere on Wednesday, October 12th and a Branch meeting on October 26th at 2.15pm.



And now for something completely different. Here are 2 prayers for those who go on holidays abroad.

### For Husbands only:

Dear God, please keep our wives from shopping sprees and protect them from bargains which they neither need nor can afford. Lead them not into temptation for they know not what they do. Amen.

### For Wives Only:

Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them favourably with us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cafes and nightclubs. Above all, please do not forgive them their trespasses for they know exactly what they do. Amen.

The 1995 Parish Diaries are on sale this month and they are retailing at the same price as last year, namely 75p each.



If you would like to be responsible for providing the flowers for the main communion table one weekend next year then please fill one of the vacant spaces on the Flower Rota in Church. Whilst most people prefer to pay Mary Jackson to purchase the flowers for the team to arrange, you are at liberty to purchase and arrange the flowers yourself.



**WE NEED  
YOU ...**

.....for a Men's Working Party in the Churchyard on Saturday October 15th 9.00am-12noon. The task is to stand upright a number of headstones which have been pushed over by vandals.



Bob and Margaret Lunt (our former Link Missionaries in Argentina) Dr. Margaret has now completed her training for the ordained ministry in the Church of England and she is being ordained on Sunday September 25th to serve as a curate in the parish of Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. Their new home is Glebe House, Warf Road, Stanford-le-Hope, SS17 0BY.

Bob continues the painstaking work of translating the Old Testament into the language of the Indian tribe who live in N. Argentina. He does this work in conjunction with several Argentinians with whom he stays for a period of a couple of months each year. Progress is very slow because of the unreliability of some of his fellow translators. There is Sid, who has family problems and suffers from headaches, and there is Juan. Bob says "You are never quite sure where you are with Juan - in fact you are never sure where he is!" However, there is the ever-faithful Yolanda who has increased her output in recent months. Of her Bob says "What a nice lady she is, and what a privilege to have her on the translation team. But even she gets down at times, so please remember her in your prayers"

The translating team are now 30% of the way through the Old Testament and people are asking for it. "Shall I see the whole Bible in my language before I die?" sighed one old man.

N.B. The full text of their letter is on the Church notice board.

Stephen and Stella Brook, formerly at our St. Andrews Church and now serving in the Lusitanian/Anglican parish in the city of Setubal, Portugal.

Our Portuguese congregation struggles to maintain a viable nucleus of committed members having lost 2 members through death. On the plus side we have been joined by 2 younger members, Raquel who has returned from Canada, and Marco. We are greatly encouraged by Marco who is a law student from Lisbon and who has recently completed a lay reader training course. When he is licensed in October we will have 2 Readers, Marco and Carlos. Carlos is blind and serves God as secretary for the Mission to the Blind.

Our English speaking congregation continues to grow, but at the same time its membership is continually changing as ex-patriots come and go. We have recently started a "Good News Down the Street" course as part of our outreach to English speaking people. Work on the vicarage was completed just as we left for 'home leave' in the UK. We despaired that the ground floor would ever be done, but in the end it was completed relatively quickly once it was started.

The J Team. Eric Downs reports that after the summer break there was a most encouraging start at the beginning of the new term on Friday September 16th. 29 children came and we know of another 6 who were unable to attend on the first occasion. Last term the numbers had fallen off significantly, and so the leaders were thrilled to see so many children coming back. We ask you to continue to support this outreach to the children and families of St. Mary's School. At the same time we wish to thank all those who have provided cakes and buns. Your help has not gone unnoticed. If anyone would like to see the genuine joy on the children's faces then do come along to the Memorial Hall on a Friday afternoon at 4.00pm.

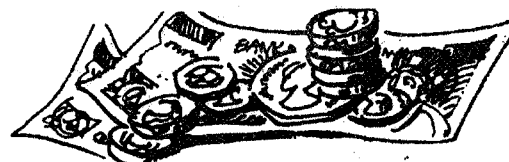
Harry Pendlebury wishes to share this word of testimony.

I was brought up on a farm in Over Hulton so that when I left school the natural thing was to work on the farm for my father. Eventually I became a farmer myself. During that period of my life we sowed the seed and reaped the harvest each year. The more seed we sowed the greater the harvest. The seed that was sown in the ground died and from it God brought new life.

Now that I have retired from the physical work of farming I have turned to the work of spiritual farming, sowing that seed which is the Word of God (St. Luke Ch8 v 11). This seed also gives life for when the Word of God is sown in the hearts of people and the 'soil' is good, then the Word grows so that our hearts become like the heart of Jesus, a heart of love, for God is love.



# 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</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	
August 7	£561.99	£81.02	£643.01
14	510.64	£63.12	573.76
21	679.79	£77.63	757.42
28	510.21	107.67	617.88
Weekdays	-	73.20	73.20
Standing Orders	133.75	-	133.75
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	£2396.38	£402.64	£2799.02
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2419.

**Rwanda Appeal** A total sum of £640 has been sent to Tear Fund for their ongoing relief work in Rwanda and amongst Rwandan refugees in surrounding countries.



Donations in respect of fruit from Rectory garden	£35.00
Wednesday Morning Communion and Home Group	20.00
2 donations through Gift Aid	300.00
Sunday donations in Church	285.00
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	£640.00
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## BITS & PIECES

It appears that a number of people who are hard of hearing are unaware that our public address system used at the 10.30am and 6.30pm services on Sundays has within it an induction loop for the benefit of hearing-aid users. All you need to do is to adjust your aid to the 'T' setting.



During the week October 16-23rd the BBC Radio 2 is featuring the many ways that people's lives have been enriched by faith.

This will be done through programmes of music, interviews, discussion and even cookery and comedy. A special poster giving details of the programmes will be placed on the Church notice board.



An extra hour in bed gives you less excuse for missing the Family/Parade Service at 10.30am.