

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1994

SUNDAY DIARY

6. 7th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme:
The Election of God's People

9.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

13. 6th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme:
The Promise of Redemption

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Family Communion

20. 5th BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Theme:
The Remnant of Israel

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

27. 1st IN ADVENT

Theme:
The Advent Hope

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
7.00pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 9 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Home Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesdays November 1/2, 15/16, 29/30.

Reaching Young Families: Monday November 7 at 7.30pm at St Andrew's

"Men of God" - an evening for men at Bolton Town Hall Monday
November 14 at 8.00pm

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' 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

29th October, 1994.

I was saddened when our Church Council passed a resolution criticising the appointment of the new Bishop of Durham when it came to light that 26 years ago he had been convicted of an offence of gross indecency with another man in a public toilet. I was one of the minority who voted against the motion, not because I wish to condone such behaviour, but for the following reasons.

1. I believe Bishop Michael Turnbull when he says that he is not, and never has been a homosexual, and that this homosexual act was an isolated incident which he deeply regrets and of which he is truly penitent. Through it he has come to learn much about his own human frailty and fragility.
2. I believe those who know him well when they declare that this most regrettable incident was completely uncharacteristic of the man they know. Moreover, his subsequent conduct has been exemplary.
3. Though the two archbishops were aware of this particular incident the quality of Michael Turnbull's subsequent ministry, first as Chief Secretary of the Church Army and more recently as the Bishop of Rochester was sufficient to convince them that he is a man of God in whom they had the confidence to recommend to this more senior position in our Church.
4. The law in the shape of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 declares that a previous conviction cannot be taken into account in making an appointment after a certain period of time has elapsed. If the secular state is forgiving and willing to wipe the slate clean can the Church afford to be less forgiving?
5. The Church is meant to be a forgiving community and where there is genuine repentance, then like the God whom we worship, we too must be willing to forgive and forget. The story of Mary Magdalene enshrines the Christian message. Here was a former prostitute who became the first witness of the resurrection.

In our day the new Bishop of Durham seems to me to be a living example of what Christianity is all about, namely acknowledging and accepting our failures and wrongdoings, seeking forgiveness and making amends, and then starting out anew.

Because I am aware that Christians are divided on this issue I have invited Stan Wilson to put the opposite case which you will find overleaf. In the meantime whichever side of the fence we find ourselves, I trust that we will all feel able to support the new bishop with our prayers as he sets about his work in Durham.

On a much happier note I am heartened by the lead that is being given to us by our own new bishop, Christopher Mayfield, in encouraging the Churches of the Manchester Diocese to look ahead positively. You will find information about this initiative on another page under the heading "THE WAY FORWARD". Here is the Way Forward Prayer which we are being encouraged to pray regularly:

Heavenly Father, in your love you have called us to know you, led us to trust you and bound our life with yours. As we, the people of the Manchester Diocese in the parish of Deane travel forward together in faith, hope and love, send your Holy Spirit on your Church.

Give us the vision, the joy and the strength we need on our way. Protect us from lack of faith, from despair and from the fear which can overwhelm us. For to you we look, in you we find our light and the peace which passes all understanding.

We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns One God forever and ever. Amen.

Roger B. Jackson.

A contribution from Stan Wilson....

Like me, many of you will be saddened, but at the same time amazed, that the Crown Appointments Commission (although I understand that not all who were involved in the appointment were made aware of the offence) can put forward for consideration for appointment to the fourth most senior Bishopric within the Anglican Church, the name of a man who has a criminal record. That the management of the Church of England can really believe that to appoint a man to be Bishop of Durham who has been charged and convicted with committing an Act of Gross Indecency in a Public Place is not going to offend many Christian people is both shortsighted and inept.

We live in a world where standards and moral values are declining at a frightening speed. What was considered unacceptable 10 years ago is now deemed to be acceptable and justified by many, if it seems to meet their own particular needs. The Church of England should not be afraid to speak out against this trend and must be seen to be setting and upholding values and moral standards - be they to do with ethical, sexual, family matters, or political factors which impinge on the very fabric of our society.

A Bishop is the Pastor of souls in his Diocese. He must be a person of integrity, who leads (and has led) a Holy and Godly life. A man, who whilst married, commits in a public place an act of gross indecency with another man, is subsequently charged and found guilty, albeit 26 years ago, is not fit to hold this office.

Homosexual acts are to most of us unnatural, and certainly are not condoned by the General Synod of the Church of England which in fact will sack clergy who commit such deeds, even when they are not of a criminal nature.

Forgiveness with true repentance is at the very heart of our faith. The Church can and should forgive Michael Turnbull for his past wrong. It is forgivable but still wrong. I believe though, that forgiveness does not then mean that the person should not have to make sacrifices and if the sacrifice is that promotion is denied then so be it. There are surely within the Church, positions which would allow Michael Turnbull to exercise his talents and abilities, but in a less high profile environment and which would bring less offence to many of his flock within the Diocese of Durham. In many walks of life he would have been barred to positions which had contact with children. Why should a Bishop be different? To have some of his fellow Bishops making public stances on the rights of the appointment has again added to the muddled thinking, lowering of standards and weak leadership of the Church.

I believe that the Church of England has been compromised by this appointment, has been deceitful in the way the facts have not been fully disclosed and is hypocritical in the way it is addressing Homosexuality when it relates to Parish clergy who have not committed criminal offences. Perhaps the Archbishops should learn from the Pope who in his recent book "Crossing the Threshold of Faith" says among other things that the church cannot risk "disastrous compromise" by bending rules. The Established Church cannot survive many more difficulties as have attended the appointment to Durham

I welcomed the vote of our PCC on 26.09.94 which supported my motion..... This PCC resolves to write to the Deanery Synod expressing it's concern that the appointment of the Bisop of Durham designate is being allowed to proceed in view of the fact that the criminal record of the appointee was known. Voting 8 in favour, 4 against, and 3 abstentions.

I believe this vote to be representative of the Church of England at large!



WE APPRECIATED

Letters have been received from Marguerite and Ronald Morris, Rose Wrench, Bob and Mary Parkinson all expressing their thanks to those who have visited them, enquired about them and prayed for them in their recent illnesses. They have found such support most sustaining.

As a result of this year's Harvest Appeal a cheque for £647 is being sent to the Christian Relief Agency TEAR FUND for the support they are giving to remote villages in Tanzania. This sum was made up as follows:



carried forward from Lent Appeal	£19.78
Contents of 150 envelopes	612.52
Loose cash	20.70
	<u>653.00</u>
Less promotional materials	6.00
	<u>647.00</u>

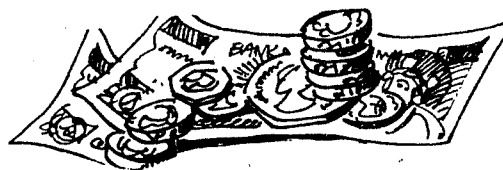


The Bolton Hospice 1995 Calendar is now on sale at £2.50. For each month there is an attractive drawing of a local scene by the Bolton artist Brian Barlow.

Three more members of our Guide Company have achieved the highest award in the Guide Movement - the Baden Powell Trefoil Badge. They are Sarah Latchford, Julia Sherrington and Rebecca Smith. They will receive their metal badges at this month's Family/Parade service on November 27th.

The annual Dinner Dance will be held once again at the Deane Golf Club on Saturday December 3rd. Tickets costing £9.50 are now available from members of the Social Committee.

Sid Harris, our Covenant Secretary, will be issuing the new sets of Christian Giving Envelopes during this month for use starting on December 4th. He reports that over the past year we have lost 25 subscribers either through death, removal from the district or sadly through lapse.



As the giving through the envelope scheme is our major source of regular weekly income we would wish to encourage the many who have still not joined the scheme to do so this month.

All that you need to do is place your name on the list in Church and Sid will see that you receive a set of envelopes in good time. Remember, the scheme is as anonymous as it can be. To all intents and purposes only you and God know what you give to His work through our Church.



THE WAY FORWARD

Looking to the Future in the Diocese of Manchester



Which way the future?

For everything there is a season.
A time for death and a time for birth.
A time for tearing down and a time for building up.
A time for looking backward and a time for going forward.

In the Diocese of Manchester it is a time to seek God's way for the future.
The way to the future is 'The Way Forward'.



What is 'The Way Forward'?

- a process of consultation between Bishop and Parish
- a call to prayer for grace and guidance
- a renewal of commitment to one another and to God
- a move forward with faith and courage
- a challenge to partnership in growth
- a time for encouragement in shared leadership
- an opportunity for responsible stewardship



How will it happen?

- Representatives of the Bishop will visit each Parish to present information about the current situation in the Diocese, and development proposals for 1995 onwards.
- Each 'Bishop's Visitor' will be trained to listen to what Parishes have to say in response. In addition, each Parish will be asked to make a written response to the Bishop's proposals.
- Clergy and Churchwardens will be kept fully informed at special meetings.



When will this take place?

- 'The Way Forward' begins with a special Week of Prayer throughout the Diocese between 20-27 November. The heart of the prayers and readings for this week is trust in the God who has called us to know Him, in whom we travel forward in faith, hope and love.
- Following a period of training the Bishop's Visitors will be commissioned at a service in the Cathedral on 13 February 1995.
- Visits to Parishes will begin on Ash Wednesday, 1 March 1995, and will continue to Ascension Day, 25 May 1995.
- Responses to the Bishop should be received by 29 June 1995.



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IN THE NEWS

Attendance Awards were given at the Family Service on September 25th to:-

<u>Climbers</u> for	25	attendances:	Natasha Stirling
	50	attendances:	Rachael Kirkby, Natalie Whittle
	75	attendances:	Anika Whittle
	125	attendances:	Elizabeth Simpson
	200	attendances:	Angela Cheetham
<u>Explorers</u> for	40	attendances:	Edward Cox, Melanie Smith
	120	attendances:	Amy Atkinson, Victoria Entwistle, Stacey Smith.



Congratulations to Tom Stokes on the publication of his book "A Life's Journey". The publishers "blurb" describes it as "the extraordinary story of a very ordinary man", but to be writing books when you are in your eighties makes you more than an ordinary man! Tom describes in vivid detail the rural life of his boyhood days in Herefordshire when self-sufficiency was not about choosing to escape from the "rat race". By contrast he goes on to speak about his experience of being thrust into the maelstrom of World War Two when he served as a young army officer in the front line in the horrors of Dunkirk in 1940 and Normandy in 1944. After the war he and Marjorie set up home in Bolton and brought up their family in what has subsequently become Deane Rectory.

In addition to establishing a family optical business he has led a very active life in our Church (being a warden for over 20 years) and in the local community. The book retails at £6.95 and any profits will be shared between the 4 Churches with which he and Marjorie have been associated during their very productive life together.

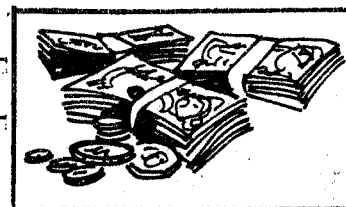
BITS & PIECES

TWO IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

"Reaching Young Families" is the title of a training evening planned by CPAS and to be held at St. Andrews Church on Monday November 7th from 7.30 to 9.30pm. It will be led by Judith Wigley, the author of "Under Fives and their Families". She will talk of her experience and offer practical guidelines on working with parent and toddler groups. Many Churches are finding that such groups not only serve their local community, but also offer opportunities for sharing the Christian message. There is a fee of £3.75 which the Rector is prepared to pay from his discretionary fund for those who wish to go. Names please on the list on the Church notice board.

"Men of God" is a meeting for men only at Bolton Town Hall on Monday November 14th at 8.00pm. Amongst those taking part will be Tony Porter, Rector of Holy Trinity, Platt; Graham Daniels, professional footballer from Cambridge United who gave a brilliant talk at last year's Men's Dinner. Noel Proctor, Chaplain of Strangeways Prison and Keith McIntosh, the manager of Manchester United's Souvenir Shop.

MONEY MATTERS



COMING IN

		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Envelopes</u>		
September	4	£657.50	£76.15	£733.65
	11	669.20	101.84	771.04
	18	534.06	143.40	677.46
	25	483.35	136.24	619.59
Weekdays			149.93	149.93
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
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		£2477.86	£607.56	£3085.42
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,209.

GOING OUT

At a recent meeting of the Church Council the following donations to missions and charities were approved in connection with our Church's Christian Giving Programme.

Overseas Missions and Agencies

Church Missionary Society £1,172; Crosslinks £950; South American Missionary Society £950; The Bible Society £400; Church's Ministry amongst Jews £400; Intercontinental Church Society £220; Missions to Seamen £110; EFAC Bursary Scheme £400; Tear Fund Child Sponsorship £327.

Home Missions

Church Pastoral Aid Society £950; Church Army £331; Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship £220; Scripture Union £331.

National and Local Societies and Charities

Children's Society £436; Bolton Samaritans £140; Bolton and Leigh Deaf Society £140; Simeon Trustees £40; Bolton Hospice £220; St. Luke's Hospital for Clergy £50.

In addition to these figures there is the money given by individuals and passed through our Church accounts and also those sums given to Tear Fund at Christmas and Harvest and that collected during Christian Aid Week in May each year.

The Ladies Guild hold their annual "Members Evening" on Tuesday November 8th and a fortnight later on November 22nd Nellie Woodward is due to give another of her illustrated travel talks.

The Mother's Union plan to meet on Wednesdays November 9th and 23rd.