

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1994

SUNDAY DIARY

4. 2nd in Advent

Theme:
Bible Sunday

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
& Baptism
2.15pm Eccles Borough
Band in Concert
6.30pm Family Communion

11. 3rd in Advent

Theme:
The Forerunner

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

18. 4th in Advent

Theme:
The Annunciation

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Carol Service
6.30pm Christmas Agapé in
the Memorial Hall



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MID WEEK DIARY

24. Christmas Eve

6.30pm Festival of Lessons
and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Communion

25. Christmas Day

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday December 14 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Monday December 5 at 7.45pm

Parish Dinner/Dance: Saturday December 3 7.30pm at
Deane Golf Club

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

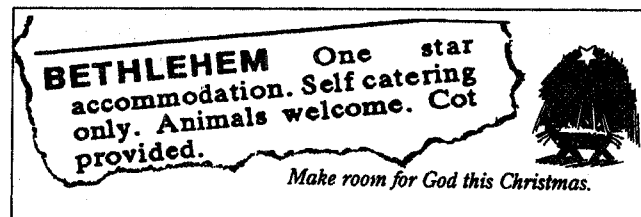
Beavers: Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.
Jean Aspinall (63948)

Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30 p.m.
Margaret Latchford (657101)

The Rector writes

26th November, 1994.

"Making Room for God this Christmas" is the punch line of this year's national advertising campaign which we and other local Churches are keying into. We are being invited to make a small donation to enable this co-ordinated campaign to purchase low-cost advertising space and radio time in the hope that by working together across the country a real impact can be made. Using this nationally produced material we shall be distributing details of our own Christmas services throughout the Deane/Daubhill area. What is very important is that we ourselves make room for God this Christmas, otherwise it would be hypocritical to be encouraging others to do what we are failing to do ourselves. Consequently I want to encourage you as you make your detailed plans not to neglect the Spiritual dimension in your celebrations.



Handrail at the Chancel Steps.

For some time now our Buildings and Fabric Committee have been considering how we might assist the elderly and infirm who experience difficulty in negotiating the chancel steps especially when returning from communion. Some Churches have been able to introduce a handrail. For this to be effective it needs to be firm and substantial, and at the same time removable for weddings and funerals. This can be achieved relatively easily when there is a rood screen separating the chancel from the nave. We don't have this feature and indeed its absence is one of the attractions of our building which is so open and light. The committee has sought professional advice, but the only solution would seem to be that of placing a sidesman by the steps to offer assistance to those who need it. Alas this can be a sensitive issue and some people are offended and hurt when help is offered. We would simply ask that if your need assistance make it clear to the sidesman on duty. There is no need whatsoever to feel embarrassed about it.

Church Lounge Cleaning

In spite of regular calls for voluntary help in cleaning the Church Lounge of the Memorial Hall (a duty which comes round once in 6 weeks and takes 2 people working together about an hour and a quarter) sufficient people are not coming forward. This is a sad reflection on a congregation of our size. Very reluctantly the committee is having to consider putting the job out to a contract cleaning firm which will inevitably increase the running costs of the hall. If this situation galvanizes at least 3 people into volunteering this month then this step will be avoided. Alternatively if anyone wishes to tender for this work my wife will be prepared to discuss the situation with him/her.

Deane Church News

Once again I wish to express our gratitude to the team who are involved each month in the production of this publication and the Parish Prayer Diary. They are Gail Cheetham, Mary Jackson, Craig and Una Mochrie and Pat Sewell. We are particularly grateful to Christine Dean, of the Reprographics Department of the Deane School who is always most helpful with her professional advice and expertise.

Finally, Mary joins me in sending you our very best wishes for the forthcoming festival season, but do remember to make room for God this Christmas

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Iona Saturday May 6 - Saturday May 13th.

This will be led by Colin Scott, Bishop of Hulme. Numbers will be restricted to 44. The cost which includes accommodation in the Abbey and coach travel is £195 adults, £172 for pensioners, £145 for 16-21 years and £132 for 12-16 years. Further details can be obtained from Peter Townley on 061-865-1350.

The Crusader Stone

Histories of Deane Church record a long stone slab with a cross on it. For centuries it would appear to have been located close to the south wall near to the doorway which once led into the Hulton Chapel. It was thought to mark the resting place of an unknown Crusader.

When several years ago under a Government sponsored job creation scheme a new drainage system was created to carry water from the roof away from the building, this particular stone disappeared probably broken up and used in the building of a retaining wall. Recently a visitor to the churchyard drew Tom Stokes' attention to an old stone which turned out to be the top half of the Crusader stone. It is situated at the NE corner of the Church, embedded near to the "glover's stone". It is thought that this commemorates a Huguenot glovemaking who fled from France during the late 17th century.

"Night of Miracles" is the title of what is described as an exciting modern act of worship and celebration. It is being presented by the Greater Manchester United Christian Singers and supported by Churches Together in Bolton in the Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street on Sunday December 4th at 2.30 pm.

The Ladybridge Patients Group present the **Eccles Borough Band** in concert in Deane Church also on Sunday December 4th at 2.15 pm. Tickets (including the cost of refreshments) are £5.00 and £3.50 for concessions.

Preparing for 1995

Available in Church are parish diaries for next year at 75p. Two attractive calendars are also available. The Bolton Hospice calendar with drawings by local artist Brian Barlow retail at £2.50. Another local artist, Theo Vaughan, has produced the Bolton Calendar with limited edition drawings of local churches and scenes from the parishes they serve. These retail at £5.00.

The Big Idea is the name of a project being carried out by Christian students throughout the country. During the present academic year the aim is to distribute to every student in residence in colleges and universities a copy of St. Luke's Gospel. We are asked to pray that these gospels may be distributed with courage and sensitivity; that they may be read, and above all that many students will be drawn to faith in God.

REPORTS FROM



....The Social Committee report yet another enjoyable walk on Saturday 22nd October when, despite depleted members and intermittent showers our intrepid walkers had a wonderful afternoon viewing a side of Rivington they hadn't seen before. Our thanks go to Ken and Myra Higson who have led our walks this year and whose knowledge of the countryside around Bolton has made our rambles such enjoyable occasions.

The committee are to be congratulated on the varied programme they plan for us during the year, but they are concerned that some events which have been popular and oversubscribed in the past, have been less well supported recently. The Committee would appreciate ideas and suggestions for future events from any member of the congregation.

....The Pastoral Committee are wanting to organise a scheme



for arranging "lifts" to and from Church for the elderly and inform. If you know of anyone who would appreciate such a service, please place their name on the list in church. Even if such a service would only be required occasionally, say in bad weather, please still put their name on the list in church. May we also remind people that we purchased a folding wheelchair some time ago. It has come in useful on several occasions on Sundays, and it has been borrowed for a day or so midweek.

There is a supply of 'GET WELL CARDS' on the noticeboard. If you would like to take one to someone who is ill at home or in hospital please help yourself. The Committee hope that you will make it a personal call and not just a matter of delivering it via a letter box. In order that someone isn't inundated with half a dozen such cards please place your name and the name of the person to whom you are taking the card on the list provided.

CYFA VENTURE Milton Abbey: Summer 1994



At the end of August five Deane CYFA members along with Charlie and Sara Moore went to a Christian Activity Holiday based at Milton Abbey in Dorset. The week's programme was well and truly packed: including different sports, games, drama, evening meetings, craft activities, dormitory group Bible studies, personal prayer and much much more..... A good time was had by all if the following comments are anything to go by:

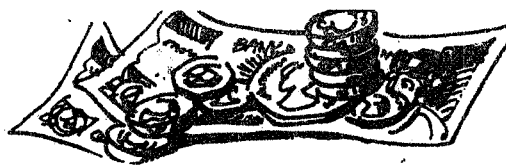
Katherine: "A spiritually rewarding holiday, with plenty of fun and laughter."

Margaret: "New songs, new friends and excellent volleyball matches!!"

Caroline: "Waterskiing, Cream Teas, making new friends, and excellent talks- all part of the M.A. experience"

Charlie Moore: "We felt like we gave a lot, but we received even more!
- Exhausting but also refreshing"

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</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
October 2	£ 643.34	117.93	761.27
9	441.32	104.13	545.45
16	632.23	81.77	714.00
23	508.46	113.06	621.52
30	442.75	86.81	529.56
Weekdays	-	64.74	64.74
Standing Orders	133.75	-	133.75
	<u>£2801.85</u>	<u>£568.44</u>	<u>£3370.29</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3418.

Two late contributions to our HARVEST APPEAL one for £50 from the children of St. Mary's C E Primary School and one for £120 from our Ladies Guild means that the final amount sent to TEAR FUND was £817.

IN THE NEWS



THANKSGIVING On Sunday October 30th we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their children -



Tom and Jean Horrocks of 9 Torrisdale Close for their daughter Leigh.
Stephen and Janice Smiley of 24 Melbourne Road for their daughter Sarah.
Alan and Lynda Smith of 34 Lakelands Drive for their daughter Helen Elizabeth.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been gained by the following children in Climbers.

25 attendances : Jessica Waite
75 attendances : Matthew Schindler
125 attendances : Sarah Gardiner

The Mothers Union meet twice this month - on Wednesday December 7th for their Christmas Party and on December 21 to sing carols.

The Ladies Guild meet on Tuesday evenings December 6th for a Jacob's Supper and on December 13 for carols, readings, mince pies and port wine.