

# THE PARISH OF DEANE DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**JULY 1995**

## **SUNDAY DIARY**

**2. 4th AFTER PENTECOST**  
Theme: The Freedom of the  
Sons of God

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**9. 5th AFTER PENTECOST**  
Theme: The New Law

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
and Baptism  
6.30pm Family Communion

**16. 6th AFTER PENTECOST**  
Theme: The New Man

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**23. 7th AFTER PENTECOST**  
Theme: The More Excellent Way

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

**30. 8th AFTER PENTECOST**  
Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm United Service with  
St Andrew's



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## **MIDWEEK DIARY**

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays July 11 & 25 and Wednesdays July 12 & 26

Prayer Focus: Wednesday July 19 at 8.00pm

## WHO'S WHO

## WHAT'S ON

**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)

Pat Boydell  
21 New York (61450)

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 (01942 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)

**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 (01942 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 Barnsley (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

24th June, 1995

As I write a few days have elapsed since "Sermons Sunday" when we were privileged to have as our visiting preachers my brother Brandon, from Lincoln, my former colleague, Michael Saunders from Eccles and our own diocesan bishop Christopher Mayfield. I have received a considerable amount of positive feedback from those who found the day helpful and especially from those who were present at the morning service. On that occasion Brandon had some of us in tears both of laughter and sorrow. His story about the man who was so in love with the magnificent architecture of Lincoln Cathedral that he was completely insensitive to the needs of his pregnant wife as she struggled up the Steep Hill to the cathedral was very moving. He pointed out that religious buildings like Lincoln Minster and our own Deane Church which have the potential for helping us to worship God can also have the potential of becoming a barrier between us and God, and between us and each other. How do you suppose these dangers can arise? Here are suggestions:

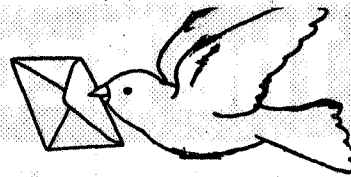
1. They arise when we are more concerned with maintenance than mission. Whether we like it or not we are required to maintain the fabric of a "listed building" in good order. Moreover, it is part of our Christian stewardship to look after that which has been handed down to us by our predecessors, so that in turn we can pass it on our successors in a good state of repair. However, we must never lose sight of the fact that Deane Church is not primarily a museum for housing religious artefacts and historical records, but a house of God for the worship of the Almighty and for the service of our fellow human beings.
2. They arise when we are more concerned to stick to outmoded traditions rather than moving forward into the new. We will feel more secure and cosy when we are stuck in an old and familiar rut, but progress can only be made when we step out of our ruts. I'm not saying that we must pay no heed to the past, nor am I suggesting that we can afford to jettison all traditions in favour of the latest fashion, but I am saying that we must be much more open to where the Spirit of God may be leading us at the present time.
3. They arise when we are selfishly concerned to have that "feeling good" factor irrespective of how others feel. It is very tempting to suppose that because by present day local standards some of our congregations are relatively large we must be a "successful" church. This doesn't necessarily follow. For every person who does come to Deane Church on a Sunday there must be at least 50 men, women and children who don't come. Moreover, when some of that 50 do come on an occasion the cultural shock can be so great that they don't wish to come again. It is crucial therefore, that when people do come to us, as they do without being able to articulate why they have felt the need to come, that they receive a warm, helpful and sympathetic welcome not just from the clergy, but from everyone of us, including yourself. Moreover, the quality of our worship, namely its ability to take us out of ourselves into an awareness of the real presence of God, and also its relevance to our everyday needs will largely determine whether we see them again.

Brandon demonstrated in a very moving way how many people "out there" visit Lincoln Cathedral and write their prayer requests on little cards in one of the small chapels set aside for this purpose. Though many of them have given up on the Church it would seem that they haven't altogether given up on God. There is a spiritual hunger for God, even though it may not be expressed in this way. You and I need to be much more aware of this and seek the way forward in meeting this need.

Roger B. Jackson.

The Editor regrets the delay in publication this month owing to insufficient news items arriving in time. As a general rule material should reach the Rectory by the penultimate Sunday each month for publication on the final Sunday.

# NEWS FROM



## **Our Christian Aid Week Organisers, Phil Ray, and Malcolm Hearsey**

Thank you all who contributed to this year's Christian Aid Week collection. As well as those who braved the door-to-door collection, an unseen team is also needed to prepare and count the envelopes in advance and then to open them afterwards and complete the accounting. Christian Aid Week would fail in our area if people did not contribute and there is ample evidence of generous giving. As usual there are some 'foreign' contributions but the stock of obsolete coinage seems to be nearly depleted (we only had one half penny and one sixpence this year). The point behind sticking 1p. into an envelope with 'bluetack' escapes us!

The total collected this year is £1,820 which sadly is lower than last year's record total of £2,069. It would be easy to jump on the band wagon and blame the National Lottery but there is no positive evidence to show any connection. The major factor for the reduction is that we had less collectors than last year. Looking forward some thought is being given to slight reorganisation of the areas to make the maximum use of our manpower.

This year is Christian Aid's 50th Birthday and there are various events already planned in the Manchester area. Anyone who is interested (or would like to help arrange an event in the Deane area) please let us know.

## **Joyce Sutcliffe after her recent spell in hospital**

May I take this opportunity to say thank you so much for all the ways in which you have shown your love and concern for me during the time of my operation and convalescence, for the many cards, letters, flowers, plants, visits, telephone calls and if there is any other form of communication I have had it. I thank you for your prayers, so many prayers have been said on my behalf, not only by the Church family at Deane but in other fellowships too. I know our heavenly Father has heard and answered. My recovery has been wonderful and once I get the consultant's permission to drive I will soon be back to normal.

I want to thank you too for the warm welcome you gave me on my first Sunday back - Sermons Sunday - when Brandon Jackson spoke about love being the cement that holds us together, first of all our love for God and then our love for each other. I will never forget some of the prayers he read for us. Those could be the prayers of the people in Deane Parish, how they need our love! If we love God and each other as we should there will be enough love for them, so let's work together to bring the love of Jesus to them.

## **Bob and Margaret Lunt from Glebe House, Wharf Road, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.**

After his recent 7 week visit to Argentina to supervise the ongoing work of translating the Old Testament into the Wichí language spoken by the Indians in the Chaca region of N. Argentina, Bob has returned greatly encouraged by the progress that is being made. The two main translators, Isidro and Yolanda, have been joined by a couple of volunteer translators, and the commitment and enthusiasm of the team is most evident. No less encouraging is the news that the New Testament is coming into greater use. When one of the Indian Chiefs, who is said to meddle in witch-doctoring saw the New Testament translation for the first time, he commented "This I understand; These are my words". Bob returns to Argentina from August 13th - September 18th. Meanwhile Margaret is approaching the completion of her first year in the ordained ministry when she will be 'priested' at their own parish Church on September 24th.

(Copies of their full letter are available in Church).





## IN THE NEWS

**Attendance Awards** have been given in the....

Climbers to Nicholas Calderbank, Mark Holden for 25 attendances

Oliver and Lois Hodgkinson for 75 attendances.

Explorers to Caroline List for 80 attendances.

At a service of **Confirmation** at St. Peter's Church Halliwell on May 30th the following young people confirmed their faith and were confirmed in their membership of the Church by the Bishop of Bolton:-

Margaret Cupitt, Heather Victoria Nuttall, Paul Yates.



**Congratulations** to two members of our congregation who have been awarded honours degrees in science by the University of Durham.

Karen Louise Marsden, Van Mildert College (Maths)

Andrew Craig Mochrie St. Hild and St. Bede College (Geology)

We express our **Sympathy** to those members of the Church Family who have recently been bereaved: Mildred Downs on the loss of her mother so soon after the death of her father.

Eileen Entwistle whose mother has died in the Hope Hospital.

Sheila Pitfield on the death of her husband, Norman, whom she nursed during a long illness.

**THANK YOU!**



We wish to thank all our friends in the Church Family who sent us gifts and greetings for our wedding day on May 6th and especially those who gave donations to the churchwardens as we do not know who you are.

Together with other monies that we received we are planning to use your gifts to purchase a microwave oven. Thank you, too, to all those of you who attended the service. It was lovely to have so many of our Church friends present. And didn't you sing well! We hope you enjoyed the occasion - we certainly did.

Phil and Alison Partington.

**The Mothers' Union** have invited Mrs. Beeston to be their speaker on Wednesday July 5th and Mrs. Taylor of the W.R.V.S. on July 19th.

**The Ladies Guild** are planning to have an evening outing to the Post Office Sorting Office in Farnworth on Tuesday July 4th. A fortnight later on July 18th their visiting speaker is Mrs. E. Hitchens of the National Children's Homes.

# MONEY MATTERS



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

		<b>Planned Giving</b>	<b>Loose</b>	
		<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Totals</b>
May	7	£ 636.76	£ 98.34	£ 735.10
	14	506.66	149.39	656.05
	21	607.49	191.59	799.08
	28	459.15	106.64	565.79
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			97.32	97.32
		<u>£2,343.81</u>	<u>£643.28</u>	<u>£2,987.09</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total given was £2,952.

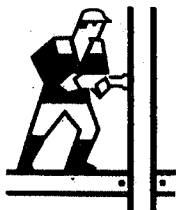
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## Evangelism at Work

Our work in a secular context is a Christian vocation just as much as the ordained ministry. Many of us spend more time at our work place than we do anywhere else outside our home. We often know people better at work than we do our neighbours. Therefore, our place of work is an obvious place for the Christian to share his/her faith with others. But it's not easy. Here are some of the difficulties we experience.



- a fear of rejection by our colleagues, of looking stupid and being labelled a "weirdo".
- a fear of disapproval by our bosses affecting our promotion prospects.
- a lack of support from our own churches who fail to see the work place as a mission field.
- a fear of not being good enough and so being a poor witness. Our work mates know us "warts and all". We can all identify with at least one non-Christian at work who is a better person than we are.



## How can we find help?

If there is a Christian Union or a regular gathering of believers then don't be slow to identify with them. There is such a group that meets in the Palace of Westminster where members of the House of Lords and M.P.s meet to encourage one another, to pray for one another and to share their concerns with one another.

If there isn't such a group in your place of work why not be on the lookout for fellow Christians and meet together informally? A united Christian presence in the work place can be an important and valuable witness for Christ.

