

THE PARISH OF DEANE DEANE CHURCH NEWS

AUGUST 1995

SUNDAY DIARY

6. 9th AFTER PENTECOST THE TRANSFIGURATION

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

13. 10th AFTER PENTECOST Theme: The Mind of Christ

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

20. 11th AFTER PENTECOST Theme: The Serving Community

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.00pm Evensong

27. 12th AFTER PENTECOST Theme: The witnessing Community

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
and Thanksgiving
6.30pm Family Communion



*Yachting, Camel Estuary, Cornwall, by Keith Ellis
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday August 23 at 8.00pm

Church Council: Monday, August 14 at 7.45pm

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)

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)

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 (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

29th July, 1995.

Our obligation to prepare a response to the Bishop of Manchester's **WAY FORWARD** initiative has been a most welcome challenge. There were encouraging attendances at the initial meeting with the Bishop's Visitors in April, at the congregational meeting in May and at the open evening for prayer in June. The Standing Committee of the Church Council then met in July to formulate our response and this is now published overleaf. The Church Council has resolved to prepare a Church Development Plan, setting ourselves targets to be regularly monitored. We are acutely aware, however, that such a plan to implement our response will only succeed if individual members of our Church Family own it, and commit themselves prayerfully and faithfully to do their part in carrying it out. Otherwise it will simply remain as words on paper. I, therefore, invite you to read "Our Response" carefully, and join me in committing ourselves to implementing it in our own lives.

In our response to the Bishop we admit our failure as a Church to reach out to significant parts of our large and varied parish. There is an opportunity to do something about this at the **1995 DEANE FESTIVAL** which has been planned for the Bank Holiday Weekend, August 27th and 28th. After being approached by the organisers of the festival I consulted with the wardens who agreed that we should identify with a project like this in so far as it is designed to foster a sense of belonging to the local community in Deane. Consequently we have accepted their invitation to be responsible for a half hour slot in their programme immediately after the Family Service on Sunday August 27th. I hope that many of us will be prepared to spend that time to support what we do on stage in the Stag's Head Car Park. We have, however, expressed our concern to the festival organisers that they pay more consideration than they have done in the past to the feelings of those who live in the immediate vicinity of the Queen Ann and the Stag's Head on Junction Road and Wigan Road. The noise level last year was quite unacceptable, so much so that in response to a petition the Environmental Health Officer promised local residents that he would safeguard their interests in respect of noise pollution. I have reminded the organisers of this and I understand that at the time of "going to press" consultations are in progress to agree on an acceptable noise level. Though the organisers wish Deane Church Fabric Fund to be one of three recipients of whatever profit is made over the weekend, I have made it clear that our identification with the festival is motivated primarily by what we can put into it and not by what we can get out of it. A number of Deane Festival Memorabilia items are available for sale in Church.

The previous weekend, August 19th-20th is being observed throughout the nation as **V.J. WEEKEND**. We are encouraged to celebrate the end of the Second World War and to give thanks for the sacrifices which were made by those of the wartime generation. In our main morning and evening services on the Sunday we plan to incorporate some of the items used at the Ecumenical Service of Commemoration to be held at Buckingham Palace the previous day.



For some time now the Pastoral Working Group have been planning a **PRAYER BOARD** which has now materialised and is in use in Church. If you wish others to pray or to give thanks with you for a person or a situation then please use the appropriately coloured card on the ledge by the board, and then using 'blue-tack' place the card on the board. Sometimes the person responsible for the intercessions will make use of these cards, and/or the staff will use them at their daily staff prayers. Also we hope that individuals will look at the board and pray for the people and situations privately.

Roger B. Jackson.

OUR RESPONSE



The Way Forward

Looking to the Future in the Diocese of Manchester

RENEWAL

Although we have a relatively large Church membership, we are aware that this contains a substantial 'fringe' element, which does not seem to play an active role in the life of the Church, and which contributes to a generally low level of spirituality and Christian commitment across the congregation as a whole.

The spiritual renewal of individual members must be the motivating force of the Way Forward for our Church.

Existing home groups and the Alpha course seek to foster individual renewal, but we intend to give greater impetus to this process by formally inviting every Church member to evaluate their current Christian commitment in the four areas of prayer, bible study, worship and service, and to pledge themselves, with God's help, to personal growth in all or some of these areas.

This is our priority in preparing a Church Development Plan.

GROWTH

The success of our plans for growth will depend on individual renewal. Deane is a large and varied parish, but the church has failed to reach out to significant parts of it. As a result, the regular congregation does not reflect the diverse social mix of the parish.

We commit ourselves to attempt to meet the needs of those who have little or no connection with the church. We aim to achieve this by building upon and encouraging existing links, for example through the parents of children in uniformed organisations, through the mums and toddlers group, or through contact made via weddings, baptisms or funerals. There is opportunity here for bringing the Good News of Christ which is to a great extent untapped.

The church primary school provides an opportunity for contact with parents through children. A children's mission in 1993 resulted in the formation of the 'J-Team', a club which meets once a week after school in the church hall for children who otherwise have no contact with church. A second children's mission is planned for 1996.

FINANCE

We will endeavour to maintain our currently effective and accountable systems of financial management, and to seek to increase the comparatively high level of regular, planned and covenanted giving. The PCC will give the highest priority to continuing to pay its parish share in full, and is also committed to devoting a significant proportion of annual income to missionary giving.

We are stewards of a medieval church building, and through our buildings and fabric committee and using the talents of church members, we intend to maintain it in good order. The church as a building, however, is under-used as a community resource, and we intend to seek ways of providing wider access to it.

In terms of human resources, we have a wealth of talents and gifts which are not fully used. Through individual renewal we must strive to put all our gifts at God's disposal.

TEAMWORK

We are fortunate to have a united and committed team of clergy and lay leaders who participate and share leadership in worship, home groups, planning and administration. All PCC sub-committees are chaired by lay members. Lay participation has developed through a commitment to support the ordained clergy in their ministry, but in return the clergy seek to encourage lay involvement, in order to make best use of available gifts.

In spite of the high level of commitment of the active core of church members, however, we need to address an ongoing shortage of leaders of CYPECS and other organisations. We must seek to encourage greater involvement of individual church members in our mission and worship. We lack communicators who can take the Good News into the parish at large.

We are receptive to the needs of the deanery, where developments in neighbouring parishes may possibly result in a necessity for shared ministry and a pooling of resources.

MINISTRY

Ministry consists of proclamation and service, of proclaiming the Good News and living out the Good News in our community.

We are committed to ministry via our weekly worship, but it is easy to underestimate the potency of effective worship as an outreach or mission.

We are conscious of our weakness in outreach and evangelism, but as outreach equates with service, we can begin to remedy this weakness by identifying more effective ways of serving and caring for the community, both as individuals and as the church family.

BITS & PIECES

BAPTISM In July 9th we welcomed into membership of God's Church at Deane the following children:

Kimberley Natasha Burke, 3 Beaumont Chase, Knutshaw Bridge.
Frances Roebuck 12 Hoskers Nook, Westhoughton.

THANK YOU!



Ellen Woodward writes:

I wish to thank all of you who prayed for me, sent 'get well' cards and flowers during my recent spell in hospital. It was a surprise to me that so many people thought about me, and it really did cheer me up. Since my return home many of my friends in the Ladies Guild have visited me and these visits, for which I am so grateful, have made a dull day brighter. I am progressing favourably, but not fast enough for my liking. I shall have to be patient.

Congratulations to:-

Keith and Sheila Acton who have recently celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on a Caribbean cruise.

Jane Willford on being awarded an honours degree in modern languages (French and Spanish) by the University of Bristol. Jane plans to return to France in September to do a year's voluntary service at L'Arche Community, a Roman Catholic project which cares for children with severe handicaps.



Terry Oakes has accepted the Rector's invitation to become the **Home Groups Co-ordinator**. The time is now right for reforming in new groups and probably at new venues for the Autumn Programme which begins on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5/6th.

It will be a great help to Terry if people could indicate on the special notice board in Church whether they would prefer to join a group meeting on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning, afternoon or evening by August 20th.

COFFEE MORNING



The Ladies Guild extend an open invitation to their annual Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall on Saturday August 5th from 10.00am to 12 noon. The rest of this month's programme is as follows:

August 1st "Well Dressing" Miss K. Fawell
August 15th Evening Outing - a mystery tour.
August 29th An Evening of Song Mrs. Marcia Common.

The Mothers' Union also have a busy programme this month with meetings on Wednesday afternoons August 2, 16, and 30th. On the evening of August 30th there is the annual Archdeaconry Festival Service at Bolton Parish Church at 7.30 pm

MONEY MATTERS



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

		Planned Giving	Loose	Totals
		Envelopes	Collections	
June	4	£ 791.19	£107.34	£ 898.53
	11	425.87	86.71	512.58
	18	702.21	286.92	989.13
	25	540.51	99.73	640.24
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			109.82	109.82
		<u>£2,593.53</u>	<u>£690.52</u>	<u>£3,284.05</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,031.

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We acknowledge with gratitude the £70 which has been received in memory of the late Norman Pitfield and was given in lieu of floral tributes.

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UPDATE ON THE EMBU STREET CHILDREN PROJECT IN KENYA

Following her visit last year to see a former bursar, Johnson Maringa and his family, Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor returned full of enthusiasm for a project which Johnson had organised for the benefit of children of the street. As a result of her encouragement to us to support this work in a financial way about £50 is now given regularly. To keep bank charges to a minimum a cheque for £150 is sent each quarter; even so the bank charges £14 for this transaction! Sheila reports that.....

"The foundations for the metal/woodwork shop have now been laid. When more funds become available the next stage will be completed. This is common practice in Kenya; it means that sometimes it may take several years to complete a building! They build when the money is there and they stop when it isn't.

Twenty five children are now receiving a primary school education and are doing very well. Johnson says that some of them have become reformed characters. Some of them prefer to remain at the centre even when they are old enough to leave because they have no desire to return to a life on the streets. A few of the children do have parents and some of the parents have started coming to the centre and relationships with them are being made. An additional full time day worker has been appointed and he will start work with the project on August 1st.

The health of the children gives Johnson and his fellow workers cause for concern. Children in the U.K. can usually cope with a bad cough, but for the street children it is much more serious. To ensure that those children get the necessary vitamins they are fed with as much fresh fruit as is possible".

In thanking us for our donations Johnson and Sheila invite us to pray for these children. Anyone who wishes to make either a regular or a "one off" donation to the project should contact Sheila on 656856.