

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER 1995

SUNDAY DIARY

1. 17th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
The Proof of Faith

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8. 18th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Family Communion

15. 19th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
The Life of Faith

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

22. LAST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:
Citizens of Heaven

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm United Service at
St Andrews

29. 5th BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Creator

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays October 3, 17 & 31, Wednesdays 4 and 18

Prayer Focus: Wednesday October 25 at 8.00pm

Harvest Hoe Down: Saturday October 14 at 7.30pm

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

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
Elizabeth Gardiner (660460)

Scramblers: 3 to 5 years

Climbers: 5 to 7 years
Denise Cox (653326)

Explorers: 7 to 11 years
Jane Hampson (848433)

All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years
Chris Kilsby (492351)

The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

C.Y.F.A.: 14 to 18 years
Charlie Moore (64313)

The Memorial Hall, Sundays 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.

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' 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 Barnsley (665896)

2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Lily Jarrett (63511)

Guides: Mondays at 7.15 p.m.
Carole Baxendale (419167)

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.

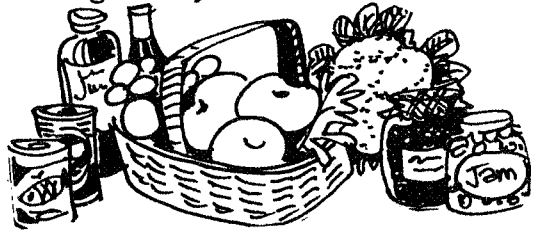
The Rector writes

30th September, 1995.

We celebrate our **HARVEST THANKSGIVING** on October 8th. Last year I received a number of complaints that "harvest isn't what it used to be". There's no disputing that, but sentimental country hymns seem far removed from the reality of our modern world. Whether we like it or not some of these realities include the international squabbles over the European Market agricultural policy, the poverty in the Third World, unfair international trade, and, of course, our own pre-packed consumer society. You couldn't get much further from the traditional harvest festival scene than this year's **TEAR FUND HARVEST APPEAL**. It encourages us to focus our attention upon the work of a couple of churches in Cairo. One is seeking to minister to drug addicts, and the other to those who make a living out of waste and rubbish which they collect and recycle. The problems associated with waste and drugs are by no means limited to Cairo. They are prevalent in our country and town too.

There is evidence to show that our own churchyard is the scene of drug-related activity, and only the blind would fail to see the rubbish that gets left behind - bottles, cans, chip shop plastic trays to mention but a few. I believe there are lessons which we can learn from this year's harvest focus.

By all means continue to bring your traditional gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables, but if you share my conviction that we ought to be supporting the relief agencies at this time then please use your harvest appeal envelope. By all means enjoy singing "We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land", but don't poke fun at the Tear Fund and Christian Aid hymns that we shall also be singing. Their words have an uncomfortable challenge about them. Perhaps that's why some of us don't like them.



We have brought forward this quarter's united evening service at St. Andrew's from October 29th to October 22nd. This is to enable us to hear Sister Teresa, an Anglican Franciscan, who is giving a series of addresses over that weekend on the subject of Prayer.

We bid farewell this month to **Don and Sheila Morgan** who are retiring to the Welsh border country which is about as near as they can get to their beloved West Midlands.



They have both been tireless workers in both Church and community. Don has served as chairman of the Deane School Parents Association and Sheila was the secretary of the Ladybridge Residents Community Centre. For many years Sheila has been the leader of one of the Church cleaning teams, a role which she has performed with commendable reliability and efficiency. Whereas some people will find the slightest excuse for not bothering to turn up to carry out their duty, Sheila would always find a way of working round a problem. For instance, if they were going away on holiday on a Friday, she would turn up the previous day to do her share of the cleaning. Moreover, they have both been excellent members of our welcoming team. Rather than standing around at the back of church talking only to friends, they have identified visitors, welcomed them and helped them to feel at ease. We trust that our loss will be the gain of their new church and community.

Roger B. Jackson.



Flower List



If you would like to be responsible for providing flowers for the floral decoration of the main communion table one weekend next year, please fill in one of the vacant spaces when the new list appears later this month. We are grateful to all those who celebrate a birthday or wedding anniversary, or who remember a loved one in this way. We are grateful, too, to the small team of ladies who use their God-given skills and talents in producing some most attractive displays week after week.

IN THE NEWS

THANKSGIVING On Sunday August 27th we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children:

Paul and Lisa Dewhurst of 6 Sycamore Road, Atherton for their son James Michael
John Grundy and Jackie Entwistle of 14 Harrop Street for their daughter Alyx Katherine
Charlie and Sara Moore of 281 Deane Church Lane for their son Joseph Thomas
Brian and Marie Schofield of 125 Deane Church Lane for their daughter Charlotte Marie.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been given to the following children:

In Climbers for 75 attendances: Rachael Kirkby

In Explorers for 80 attendances: Andrew Oakes

120 attendances: Joanne Cheetham, Richard Harrison

160 attendances: Mark Oakes, Stacey Smith.



Following their examination successes this summer the following members of our congregation are going away to University this month:-

Heather Nuttall to Nottingham to study maths, Joanne Wilson to St. Andrews in Scotland to train to be a medical doctor, Paul Yates to Jesus College, Oxford to study maths.

Karen Marsden and Andrew Mochrie are both returning to Durham to do the post graduate certificate in education.

Jane Willford is returning to France for a further spell of voluntary service at one of the L'Arche communities caring for the severely handicapped.

CONGRATULATIONS to..... Stan Wilson on his appointment as Chairman of the Governors of the Canon Slade School.

Don and Pat Sewell who celebrate their Ruby Wedding on October 1st.



OUR SYMPATHY goes to Bill and Brenda Dixon on the death of Brenda's mother, Gladys Woods. Gladys was a life long member of Westhoughton Church, but we were always pleased to see her from time to time and especially on the parish weekend houseparties which she enjoyed.

The Ladies Guild have invited Mrs. Hawthorne as their visiting speaker on October 10th. Her subject is "Rome or Venice". October 24th is their annual "Members Evening".

The Mother's Union meet on Wednesday afternoon October 11th in the Memorial Hall but on October 25th they look forward to an outing.



The 1996 Church Diaries will be on sale this month at the same price as the current diary, namely 75p.

Enjoy that extra hour in bed before coming to the Family Service on October 22nd.



REPORTS FROM.....

THANK YOU!



Bertha Eccleshare who wishes to express her most sincere thanks to our Brown Owls, Janet Barnsley and Lily Jarrett and their helpers for all that they did for the twenty brownies who went to this year's Waddow Hall Camp. Caring for and feeding these girls is no easy task, but they succeeded and what's more, they are all still alive to tell the tale! Many thanks also to the drivers who provided transport at the beginning and end of the holiday.

Hilda and Phil Freestone who have written to say how much they have appreciated the prayers, the visits and support received from members of the Church Family at St. Mary's over the past 18 months of ill health and anxiety. We have been uplifted and helped immeasurably. We thank God for you all.



**WE
APPRECIATED**



The Church Council who at their meeting last month made several important decisions including....

1. Identifying with the "There is Hope" mission in Bolton next year. This will be in 2 sections - a visit from Canon Michael Green and his team of between 40 and 50 people from March 24-31.

Michael Green, a gifted scholar and evangelist is the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisor in evangelism and he will be coming to assist us and other Bolton Churches in our ministry of evangelism. The second section will be in the autumn from October 4-13 based at the Victoria Hall.

2. Replacing the worn-out oil fired boiler in the Memorial Hall with a modern gas-fired system. In addition we plan to gradually replace the existing rotting window frames with UVPC double glazed units.
3. Encouraging individual members to consider joining the Evangelical Alliance. Information is available in Church.

The Christian Traidshop which has been forced to move temporarily from its premises in St. Andrew and St. George URC Church to 41 Knowsley Street which is next door to the Victoria Hall.

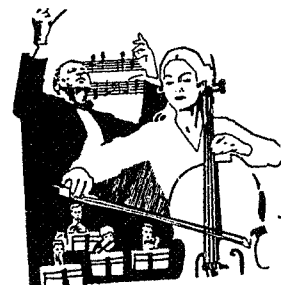


This has been necessary owing to the discovery of dry rot in the URC Church. It is hoped to be able to return immediately after Christmas. Opening times are Monday to Saturday 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.



Tom Stokes who has organised a sale of wall-flower plants at the Memorial Hall on Saturday October 21st from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Proceeds will go to the Harvest Appeal.

Bolton YMCA who are presenting a Gala concert at the Victoria Hall on Friday October 27th at 7.30 pm. In the first half of the concert the Saddleworth Male Choir will present a popular programme of musical items. In the second half the Greater Manchester United Christian Singers will present the musical "Sing Good News" which was originally written by Roger Jones to commemorate the launch of the Good News Bible.



MONEY MATTERS



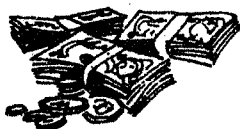
Thank you to all who through their regular giving have contributed to God's work through our Church

		Planned Giving	Loose	Totals
		Envelopes	Collections	
August	6	£ 704.00	£ 83.98	£ 787.98
	13	383.73	84.42	468.15
	20	628.52	100.62	729.14
	27	569.05	128.26	697.31
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			145.78	145.78
		<u>£2,419.05</u>	<u>£543.06</u>	<u>£2,962.11</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,799

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CHRISTIAN GIVING PROGRAMME



Our Church Council has budgeted to give to missions and charities, both in this country and abroad, a global sum of £6,748. There will be an "open meeting" at the Rectory on Thursday October 12th at 8.00 pm. to determine how this sum should be divided between those missions and charities that we support.

At its meeting in November the Church Council will then approve or amend these proposals and these gifts will then be sent off together with any donations which have been "passed" through the church accounts during the year.

One of the missions that we usually support is the **INTERCONTINENTAL CHURCH SOCIETY** which seeks to minister to English speaking people who are living, working or holiday making abroad, especially in Europe. Though Stephen and Stella Brook are not officially members of this society they nevertheless have received help and encouragement from "Intercon" since they established a small English speaking congregation in Portugal. Here is an extract from the society's most recent newsletter:



"Last month we sent an Anglican clergyman to Leipzig to plant an English speaking church there. At Heiloo, the church plant from Christ Church, Amsterdam, a resident clergyman has just been appointed for the first time. We've recently split the Lyon/Grenoble chaplaincy, and since last year each of the two towns has had its own chaplain. Just three years ago we sent a chaplain to Fontainebleau - and the church there is now growing steadily. Two new worship centres have been opened up as the Bordeaux chaplaincy expands. Also, early next year we plan to send a young clergyman to Moscow to build up the work there. Please pray with us for growing support so that the expansion of the work will not be resource constrained.

Our ministry to senior citizens through the Thomson Holidays Young at Heart Programme is growing too. Eighteen months ago we were sending 16 retired clergy and their wives for 6 week assignments in Spanish resorts. Last winter we sent 20 couples and next winter we will be sending 32. Please pray with us that we will be well supplied with fit and active retired clergy and their wives to make the most of these opportunities for sensitive, pastoral, gospel ministry"