

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1995

SUNDAY DIARY

5. 4th BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Fall

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.00pm Evensong

12. 3rd BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Election of God's People

8.00am Communion

10.30am Remembrance Service

6.30pm Family Communion

19. 2nd BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The promise of Redemption

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion
and Baptism

6.30pm Evensong



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays November 14th and 28th, Wednesdays
November 1st, 15th and 29th

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 22nd at 8.00pm in the Church
Lounge

Church Council: Monday November 6th at 7.45pm

26. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Remnant of Israel

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion

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)

Vergers: 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' 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 (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

"It's your money they are after"

28th October, 1995.

I am, of course, conscious of this common criticism levelled against the Church, but I make no apology for referring to money this month for I'm equally conscious that, according to the New Testament, it would appear that Jesus had as much to say about money as He did about heaven! Money may be very "earthy", but Jesus encouraged His followers to adopt a spiritual or heavenly attitude to it.

There are several factors which prompt me to consider the subject of money. In the first place, there was the sad experience which a small group of us had recently when we met to propose how our Church's Christian Giving should be distributed this year to missions and charities. For the very first time in my experience we had less to distribute than in the previous year - £217 to be precise. Until last year we have always been able to increase our gifts by at least the level of inflation, but in 1994 we were only able to do this for the 4 major missions that we support, the rest receiving the same amount as in 1993. But this year, very reluctantly, we have had to propose that we decrease our level of support to those 4 major missions and that we actually delete one charity from our list in order to keep within our budget. What makes this particularly sad is that we are having to do this cutting back at a time when many missions and charities are actually pleading with us to endeavour to increase our support by 5 - 10%.

In the second place at this time of the year our treasurer distributes the new set of Christian Giving Envelopes which come into use in December. I understand that he will be distributing 31 less sets than this time last year. This figure represents the number of people who have ceased to use them in the way they are intended to be used. In some cases it will be because people have died or have moved from the district, and this is perfectly understandable. What is disheartening is when the non-use of envelopes is due to a person's membership of the Church lapsing. The monthly figures on the back page demonstrate quite clearly that our Church's main source of income comes through the envelope scheme and this has been declining.

In the third place without revealing any details the Covenant Secretary tells me how discouraging it is to him when people who could covenant their giving, and may even promise to do so, just don't get round to completing what is a very simple straightforward form. In spite of Sid Harris supplying them with the covenant form, and then very gently reminding them of the advantage to the Church of them "covenanting" their gift, they fail to act. It is estimated that our Church is probably losing at least £1,000 per year which could have been claimed from the Inland Revenue without any additional cost to the donor. In my book this is nothing short of financial irresponsibility, especially at a time when we are having to cut back on what we as a Church give to very deserving missions and charities.

I wish, therefore, to encourage everyone of you who regards him/herself as a member of Deane Church to....

*....join the Christian Giving Envelope Scheme if you don't already use the envelopes. All you need to do is to place your name on the list in Church and you will receive a set of envelopes.

*....continue using your envelopes regularly if you are already in the scheme, and especially to review what you give each week. This is a spiritual responsibility and ought to be carried out thoughtfully and prayerfully. I always do this each year, and so I'm not asking you to do what I'm not prepared to do myself.

*...."covenant" your gift if you are a taxpayer for this means that for every £1 you give the covenant secretary can claim an additional 25p without any extra cost to yourself. Sid Harris has the forms. Please ask him for one and make sure you fill it in!

Finally, I am very pleased to report that over the past year we have received several legacies from former members and friends who have remembered Deane Church in their wills. In one case we have received £1,000 for the maintenance of the Churchyard. In another case we have received £2,000 for the maintenance of the fabric of the Church and this past week we have received a further £2,500 which has been left for general purposes. It is our policy to invest those capital sums and to use the interest for the purposes specified. We are especially thankful to God for their gifts, but in our generation we must beware of falling into the temptation of allowing the generosity of the previous generation to excuse us from facing up to the challenge of giving in a truly Christian way.

Ray Jackson

REPORTS FROM.....

The Social Committee who have arranged this year's **Christmas Dinner and Dance** to be held at the Deane Golf Club on Saturday evening, December 2nd at 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Tickets are now available at £10.50.



The Parent and Toddler Group are having a Christmas Fayre on Saturday morning November 25th in the Memorial Hall from 10.00 until 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Father Christmas is coming so come and have fun. Tickets: 50p for adults and 20p for children. Available from Julie Cooper. Proceeds will go to covering the cost of activities we provide and to replace those toys which get broken. Due to an increase in numbers coming to the group on Thursday afternoons very reluctantly it has been necessary to introduce a waiting list. Contact Julie Cooper on 660946.

The Wesley Owen Christian Bookshop invite you to attend an Open Evening on Thursday November 30th anytime from 5.30 - 9.00pm. They will be offering 10% off all music and Bibles purchased during the evening. Light refreshments will be provided. This seems a good opportunity to buy some of your Christmas presents before the rush and bustle of last minute shopping.



The New English Orchestra and Singers, all of whom are committed Christians and professional musicians, are returning by popular demand to Manchester's Free Trade Hall on Wednesday December 20th at 7.30 pm for a Grand Christmas Gala. The programme contains a glorious mixture of popular classics by Glenn Miller, Grieg, Handel, Tchaikovsky and Walton with carols for everyone.

Tickets cost £4.50, £6.50, £8.00, £9.50 and £11.00 and can be booked through Freephone 0800 269503 and the Halle Box Office 0161 834 1712.

The Ladies Guild meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm. They have invited Mrs. S. Gallegar as their visiting speaker on November 7th. Her subject: "Christmas Crackers". On November 21st Mrs. Taylor will speak about Derian House - the hospice for children.

The Mothers' Union meet on the following Wednesday afternoons as 2.00 pm - November 8th and 22nd.



IN THE NEWS

Attendance Awards

The following children have recently received book prizes for reaching attendance targets in....

Climbers for 25 attendances: Amy and Daniel Bickerstaffe, Leanne Thomson

50 attendances: Ben Vickers, Alicia Harrison, Johanna Scammell

75 attendances: Rachael Glover, Emma List, Lauren Shephard, Richard Simpson

100 attendances: Matthew Schindler

150 attendances: Elizabeth Cox, Bethany Dewhirst-Taylor, Sarah Gardiner Adam Smith.

Explorers for 40 attendances: Tim Atkinson, Angela Cheetham, Raymond Glover Louise Scammell, Elizabeth Simpson, Matthew Vickers, Harry Young.

80 attendances: Edward Cox, Melanie Smith.

120 attendances: Joanne Baxendale, Gary Parker, Stuart Wagner.

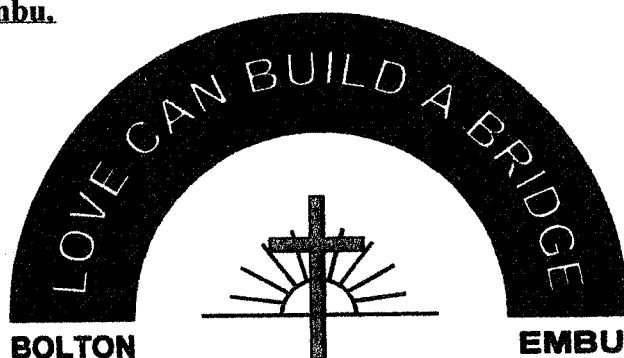
160 attendances: Victoria Entwistle.



Congratulations to... **Philip Gore** on his re-election to the Church of England's General Synod as one of the six lay representatives from the Manchester Diocese. This will be Philip's third term of 5 years as a member of our Church's "parliament". **Jonathan Cheetham** who has been awarded the Victor Ludorum trophy at Bolton School for being the top all-round sportsman in his school year.

Condolences to **Mary Allen** on the sudden death of her husband Ronnie. Before retiring Ronnie and Mary ran a newsagents business on Deane Road.

The Latest from Embu.



Cannon Johnson Maringa expresses his thanks for the money which he is now regularly receiving from us for his ministry to the street children in Kenya. Here are a number of suggestions for prayer.

1. Three of the older boys are now at a youth polytechnic where they are receiving vocational training in carpentry.
2. There are many children who could benefit from this project but accommodation and finance are very limited. At the present time two boys have to share a bed.
3. The Committee have applied to the local authority for an extension of land to create more play area.
4. Most of the children go to a day school some distance from the project. The journey is tiring and some of the children get very frightened of the guard dogs they meet on the way. It would be a great help if places could be found for these "street" children nearer the project.
5. A congregation is becoming established at the project centre every Sunday. 13 of the children have been admitted to Communion. Pray that more of them will invite Christ into their lives.

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>Loose</u>	
		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
September	3	£ 544.63	£ 85.27	£ 629.90
	10	590.24	127.40	717.64
	17	541.40	111.38	652.78
	24	531.19	130.15	661.34
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			57.62	57.62
		<u>£2,341.21</u>	<u>£ 511.82</u>	<u>£2,853.03</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,085.

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This year's Tear Fund **Harvest Appeal** has produced a net total of £650. A cheque for this amount is being sent to assist two Christian congregations in Egypt as they minister to those addicted to drugs and as they assist those engaged in recycling materials which they salvage from the rubbish and waste collected in Cairo. Thankyou to all who contributed to the Appeal in one of the following ways:

Carried forward from Lent Appeal	£ 5.17
donations for Rectory garden fruit	26.11
profit from Wednesday morning communion coffee	20.00
sale of wallflower plants	22.90
contents of 128 envelopes	486.80
loose donations	63.02
donations from St. Mary's C.E. Primary School	50.00

	674.00
less promotional materials (videos and posters)	24.00

	<u>650.00</u>

In Remembrance

With the passing years, there are fewer people around with first hand experience of the two world wars of this century, but this is not a reason for abandoning Remembrance Sunday.

Many people will still continue to remember those they knew and loved who lost their lives in these wars or even in the "smaller wars" of more recent years. All of us need to be reminded of the horror and tremendous cost, personal and social, of war.

One of the tragedies of war is that it so often reduces even the best of those involved to the level of the worst; anything is permissible to defeat the enemy. But recognising that, even those of us who believe there must be better ways than war of dealing with gangsters dressed up as statesmen can see and honour the moral purpose which inspired especially the fight against Nazism.

Remembering is calling to mind events and people, of past and present. Remembering is also the opposite of dis-membering and is orientated toward the future, it is putting-together-again, healing, reconciling. A healthy remembering will involve both recollection and creativity - and thus we move from thoughts of war and loss to visions of peace and actions.

Ron Morris.