

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 1996

SUNDAY DIARY

7. FIRST AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

The Baptism of Jesus

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

14. SECOND AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

The First Disciples

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

6.30pm Family Communion

21. THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

Signs of Glory

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

28. FOURTH AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:

The New Temple

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Confirmation Service
at St Andrews
The Bishop of Bolton



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday January 3 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Alpha Course: Tuesday/Wednesday January 9/10 at 7.00pm
Tuesday/Wednesday January 23/24 at 7.45pm
Wednesday January 10 at 1.00pm
Wednesday January 24 at 1.30pm

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: January 18 - 25

Church Council: Monday January 30 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

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

Crèche: 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 December 1995.

NEW YEAR - NEW HYMN BOOK

For sometime now on the recommendation of the Worship Committee our Church Council has been reviewing the music book which we use in worship. There are two main factors which have prompted this consideration.

- * Firstly, our present hymn book (Ancient and Modern Revised) has been in use since 1950, and though most of our copies have been repaired over the years many of them have now reached the stage of being beyond repair. Clearly we need new hymn books.
- * Secondly, over the period that we have been using this hymn book, and especially during the past couple of decades, there has been an upsurge in the writing of hymns and songs. This is reflected in the fact that we now have several books and song sheets to supplement the main hymn book. Though some of this modern material has enriched our worship it has nevertheless created problems. However clear the instructions given by the worship leader many people, especially visitors, do find it confusing to have to refer to several different books during the same service. Clearly things need to be simplified.

In an ideal world we would go for a music book containing the best of the traditional hymns together with a good selection of the best of the songs which have been written in more recent times. Unfortunately we don't live in an ideal world and so we have not found the perfect book, nor are we ever likely to either. However, the Church Council has decided by an overwhelming vote to replace all our present books with a single volume called "**Mission Praise**". This contains a very good selection of both traditional and new material. There is a price to pay, of course, for we will lose some good hymns, but we will also gain some very good ones too.

The Church Council is mindful of the fact that unless there has been a considerable improvement in the level of giving since the new sets of Christian Giving Envelopes came into use recently, then our financial situation will be very tight in deed. Consequently, the Council wishes to encourage members of the congregation to 'sponsor' individual books as we have done in the past. For example, you may wish to give a book(s) in memory of a relative or friend, or as a 'thankyou' for your marriage or the birth of a child. It is envisaged that the books will contain an appropriate inscription. Because we have been able to obtain a favourable discount from the Wesley Owen bookshop in town for a large purchase the cost to the sponsor will be £4.00 per congregation copy and £20.00 per full music edition for choir members. We were very encouraged to hear that the members of our St. Andrews congregation have 'sponsored' 61 of their new chairs at £65 per unit, and we are confident that in the course of time the £1,500 outlay on the hymns books will be recovered. So it is over to you! It is hoped that they will come into use on January 28th.

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I wish to place on record our appreciation of the ministry of **Winnie Battersby** who for the past 40 years or so has taught in the Climber section of our Sunday School. I'm sure she would have liked to have continued for ever but her failing health has made it necessary for her to retire from this important teaching role.

Finally my colleagues and our wives wish to thank the many of you have sent us your Christmas greetings. We are encouraged by this expression of your love and appreciation, and we send you our best wishes for the New Year.

Roger B. Jackson.



SPRING HARVEST 1996

On the day after Easter Monday this year my wife, Gail our 3 children and I went to Minehead in Somerset for a six day stay at Somer West World (Butlin's Holiday Camp!), for an event called 'Spring Harvest'.

This was our third consecutive visit to Spring Harvest, and we went because we wanted a Christ-centred holiday which could be fun for our children and ourselves, without it being boring or 'stuffy', yet with a clearly Christian emphasis.

Spring Harvest can be really good both for children, parents and those without children who are looking for the chance to be with other Christians in a holiday setting.

The whole week can be fully occupied with seminars, games, quizzes, teach-ins, on a whole range of topics. Or you can just 'pick'n'mix' those bits that you take a fancy to, leaving the rest of your time free to relax, go on a trip, or make use of the extensive leisure facilities available. No-one will pressure you, and you certainly won't find any unpleasant 'hard-sell' types trying to make you attend sessions or take part in activities that don't appeal to you.

It's really quite laid back, yet very well planned and organised. There are professionally trained children's teachers and leaders for toddlers right up to older teenagers so that parents and other adults can go to their own morning sessions, re-claiming their offspring at lunch-time from fully supervised activities.

There are sessions and seminars planned throughout the afternoons, though we didn't attend any, preferring to go to the swimming pool, fun fair or go out for trips into the beautiful North Devon countryside nearby.

After tea in the evenings, there are optional services, rallies and group activities for all ages, again fully supervised for children and teenagers, from boisterous noisy celebrations in the 'Big Top' (6,000 capacity) to the quieter more reflective gatherings in the 'Beach-Comber'.

To sum it all up, I would say that Spring Harvest is a great way to get away for a few days with other Christians - it fits in well with the Easter holidays - it needn't cost the earth and it could do you all the world of good!

For further information please see myself or Charlie Moore who can tell you when others are going from our Church.

Alan Cheetham.

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The Ladies Guild resume after the Christmas break with their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday evening January 16th. On January 30th their guest speaker is Mr. Thornley who will give an illustrated talk about Rivington.

THIS YEAR'S DATES



You may find it helpful to make a note of at least some of these dates in your new diary now.

January	3	Prayer Focus
	9/10	Alpha course begins
	13	Springboard Mission Training Day at Bolton Pentecostal Church conducted by Canon Michael Green and his team.
	28	Confirmation service at St. Andrews conducted by the Bishop of Bolton.
February	4	The preparation of the new Church Electoral Roll begins
	22	Evening outing to Bolton Little Theatre for "Shadowlands"
March	2	Alpha course "Away Day"
	17	Mothering Sunday Family Service
	24-31	Springboard Mission led by Canon Michael Green
	28	Ladies Evening at Smithills Coaching House
	29	Men's Evening at Deane Golf Club
April	2/3	Alpha Course ends
	10	Prayer Focus
	16	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	22-28	Children's Mission led by Helen Franklin of Scripture Union
May	2	Evening outing to Bolton Little Theatre for "Chicago"
	10-12	Parish Weekend Houseparty at Grange-over-Sands
	13-19	Christian Aid Week
	15	Archdeacon of Bolton's Visitation Service at St. Bartholomew, Westhoughton.
June	22	Safari Supper
	23	Deane Sermons
October	4-13	"There is Hope" mission based at the Victoria Hall
	13	Harvest Thanksgiving.

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Attendance Awards were received by the following children at the November Family Service:

Climbers for	25 attendances:	Rebecca Greenall
	50 attendances	Melissa Bates, Andrew Bateson, Jessica Cooper
	75 attendances	Stuart Haldon
Explorers for	40 attendances	Victoria Calderbank
	80 attendances	Stephanie Horridge
	120 attendances	Thomas Young

MONEY MATTERS



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

COMING IN

		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	
November	5	£ 655.84	£94.82	£ 750.66
	12	486.04	103.00	589.04
	19	506.04	119.30	625.34
	26	688.98	162.60	851.58
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			65.81	65.81
		<u>£2,470.65</u>	<u>£545.53</u>	<u>3,016.18</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,038.

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We acknowledge with gratitude donations totalling £125 given in memory of the late **Alice Holding** who died in November. Alice started coming to Deane Church ten years ago when her great niece, Rebecca Rutter, joined the Climbers. In recent years she has been more or less housebound following an injury sustained through a fall.

GOING OUT

At a recent meeting of the Church Council approval was given to the treasurer to make the following donations to the missions and charities which we support: Overseas missions and agencies.

*Church Mission Society £910; *Crosslinks £910; *South American Missionary Society £910; Bible Society £400; Churches ministry amongst Jews £400; Intercontinental Church Society £220; Missions to Seamen £110; EFAC Bursary Scheme £400; Tear Fund Child Sponsorship £327.

Home Missions

*Church Pastoral Aid Society £910; Church Army £220; Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship £220; Scripture Union £220.

Local and National Societies.

Bolton Samaritans £140; Bolton Deaf Society £140; Bolton Hospice £220; Simeon Trustees £40.

* For the first time the Council had to reduce the donations to these 4 missions by £40 in each case in order to keep within their budget. However, a couple within our congregation have made up the shortfall from their own personal charity giving and so the total amount donated to these missions remains at £950.