

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1996

SUNDAY DIARY

3: 4th BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Fall

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6. pm Evensong

10. 3rd BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Election of
God's People

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Family Communion

17. 2nd BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Promise of Redemption

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

24. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

Theme:
The Remnant of Israel

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family /Parade
Service
6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 20th at 8.00pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays November 12th & 26th
Wednesdays November 13th & 27th

Church Council: Monday November 4th at 7.45pm

WHO'S WHO

Rector: Roger B Jackson
The Rectory
234 Wigan Road (61819)

Vicar: Paul Ellis
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 + Mission: Craig Mochrie

Worship: Philip Gore

Buildings & Fabric: Mike Kirkby

Social: Bryan Shephard

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)

Caretaker: David 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)

Dorothy Cox (62889)

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.
Brenda Dixon (653333)

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

2 Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Janet Barnsley (665896)

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

Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.
Wendy Gooding (653277)

Beavers: Mondays at 5.45 p.m.
Jean Aspinall (63948)

Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30 p.m.
Margaret Latchford (657101)

The Rector writes

26th October, 1996.

"**Living Stones**" was not only the theme of the recent Praise and Prayer service on October 20th it is also the title given to the forthcoming vocations conference to be held in our diocese on Saturday November 9th. Though it is the vocation of every Christian to serve God and to witness for him, it would seem that He does call some of us to do this as Licensed Readers, Lay Evangelists and Ordained Clergy. Discovering just what and whom God calls to these special vocations rarely comes in a flash - usually it is a process over a period of time. In my own case, soon after I became a Christian in my teenage years I was taught that I should at least consider it as a possible option, however remote, that God might call someone as shy and self-conscious as myself to serve Him in the ordained ministry of our Church. I must confess that though I tried hard to put this thought on the "back burner" throughout my 5 years at University it was not until I was coming to the end of my time in the Royal Navy several years later that I finally yielded.

This conference is open to all who wish to enquire or explore some of the ways in which God calls us into both lay and ordained ministry. After a Keynote speech by the Bishop of Middleton there will be workshops focussing on different aspects and forms of ordained ministry, the Church Army and various lay ministries including the office of Reader. There will be opportunities to ask and to listen, and to meet with others who are actively involved in this exciting journey of exploration. If you are interested in going to this conference - with no strings attached - please have a word with me sooner rather than later.

I especially commend to your prayers **David Dewhurst** who has just begun the third and final year of his training to be a Licensed Reader, and **Dorothy Cox** who, having attended a series of in-depth interviews at a selection conference has been recommended to train to become a Church Army Officer.

Another early lesson that I was taught as a young Christian was the importance of giving to God's work in a regular and systematic way. A guiding text for me has been the one which appears on our Christian Giving Envelopes: "Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money in proportion to what he has earned...." (1 Corinthians Ch. 16 v.2)

St. Paul is encouraging us to give **regularly** - every Sunday and not just occasionally:

proportionally - those who receive and/or earn more should give more.

It was put to me that if the Jews gave a tithe (i.e. 10% of their income) then Christians should at least match that proportion, and in common with other Christians who take the Bible teaching as their guide, throughout my Christian life I have always sought to give this proportion. For many years my wife and I have given 5% to our local Church and 5% to other missions and charities through the excellent facilities of the Charities Act Foundation. Moreover, St. Paul's teaching wasn't directed to some members of the Church at Corinth, but to all members for we are all included in the phrase "each of you must put aside some money".

Without doubt one reason why the main line Christian Churches are in financial difficulties whereas the religious cults are not, is because they have taken this Christian teaching far more seriously than the majority of our members have done. Christian giving is one of the hardest lessons to learn, because our pockets and purses are usually the last part of us to be converted. However, it is far easier to learn this lesson when we are younger and I believe we have a responsibility not to soft-pedal this when teaching our children and young people.

Though our Christian Giving Envelope cannot make us give proportionally it at least has the merit of helping us to give regularly. If you haven't started using them please apply for a new set of envelopes as they are distributed this month. If you already use them I simply ask you to take this opportunity to review what you give so that it is in proportion to the income you receive by way of pocket money, pension, wage or salary.

Roger Jackson.

November

During this month most of the **Secondary Schools** are holding their Open Evenings for prospective parents and pupil. Though many of our children go to the local Deane School there are others who prefer to travel across the town to other schools including the two Grant Maintained Church of England Schools - St. James in Farnworth and Canon Slade at Bradshaw. As the recent Channel Four T.V. programme featuring these two schools demonstrated they appear to be popular and there is competition for places. Selection is usually based upon links with a Christian Church. Whereas in the past the Rector has processed the application forms using information supplied by the Sunday School departments this year it will be done by a panel consisting of the Rector, a Churchwarden and the Explorer Leader and/or Youth Co-ordinator. The Canon Slade Open Evening is on Wednesday, November 6th with the Headmaster giving an introductory talk at 5.30pm repeated at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

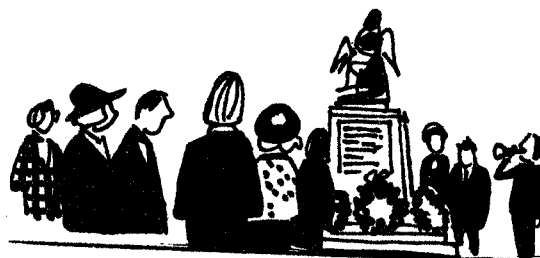


Admission 30p. including light refreshments.
instruments for use in the two groups.

Also on the evening of November 6th our Parents and Toddler Group are combining with the Climbers section of the Sunday School to present a **Tupperware Demonstration** in the Memorial Hall.

Proceeds will go towards purchasing musical

The annual service of remembrance will be held at 10.30am on **Remembrance Sunday**, November 10th.



Christmas Shopping in London. The committee which seeks to foster the link between the Diocese of Manchester and the Church in Namibia has organised a coach trip to London on Saturday November 23rd.

It leaves Bolton Parish Church at 7.00am and returns for 11.00pm. Though we are reluctant to encourage people to desert our very good shopping facilities in Bolton the outing gives you the opportunity to go to a West End show and to see the lights. To book a place costing £15 ring Mick Hills at St. Philips Vicarage on 61533.

The Ladies Guild meeting on Tuesday evenings have organised a "Members Night" on November 5th - can we expect fireworks? On November 19th they will be entertained by the Shantell Ladies Choir.

The Mothers Union meet on Wednesday afternoons November 13th and 27th.

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QUESTIONS - that's what our Questionnaire is all about. It asks Questions that give YOU the opportunity to say what YOU think about what goes on in our church.

For some time now the Worship Committee has been considering the patterns of worship that we use at Deane Church and its members came to the conclusion that we can't speak for you all. We can think we know what you like and what you don't like but the best way to find out is to ASK you - hence our Questionnaire.

The Questionnaire will make its first appearance on Sunday 3 November and will be handed out at all three services on the four Sundays in November. It is quite lengthy but please don't let that put you off. The questions it contains have been given a great deal of thought and cover all the issues that have been raised as concerns over recent months and years.

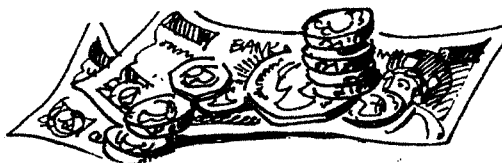
We want to ask you to take it away with you and spare the time to fill it in so that it reflects YOUR feelings. Some of the questions require you simply to circle an answer or a number but many of them leave space for you to say exactly what you think, and that's what we want you to do. The success of this Questionnaire depends on frankness and honesty and we want to ask you to feel free to express your opinions. We promise that the outcomes will be analysed very carefully and that they will be acted on so we really do need answers and comments that reflect as precisely as possible your feelings and opinions.

The success of the Questionnaire also depends on having as many returns as possible. When you have completed yours, please bring it back to church and put it in the box provided. Alternatively, if it's more convenient, post it through the letter box of the Rectory but PLEASE, PLEASE make sure that you return it by Sunday 1 December at the latest.

Please help us to make this initiative into a significant step forward in the worshipping life of our church.

The Members of Deane Church Worship Committee

THE FUNDS STAND AT...



		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	
		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
September	1	£ 828.88	£ 76.62	£905.50
	8	455.64	119.41	575.05
	15	558.63	77.11	635.74
	22	618.88	103.89	722.77
	29	553.70	63.77	617.47
Standing Orders		233.75		233.75
Weekdays			53.07	53.07
		<u>£3,249.48</u>	<u>£493.87</u>	<u>£3,743.35</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,505

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Now is the time to order your **Bible Reading Notes** for next year. In the Library area of the Church there are the lists. If you wish to discontinue taking notes please delete your name, and if you wish to change your order kindly make the necessary adjustment. Joyce Sutcliffe is always keen to encourage and welcome new readers. The price of "Daily Bread" and "Alive to God" will be £2.35 per quarter and "Every Day with Jesus" will be £1.50 every two months.

Used Postage Stamps are worth more than the paper they are printed on. One of the societies to which our used stamps are sent has received over £3,000 in a 12 month period. Joyce Sutcliffe wishes to thank those people who remember to salvage stamps from their mail, and especially those who bring them from the office where they work. Just one or two stamps from each of us would bring in between 200 and 300 extra stamps per week. Please save your stamps especially foreign and special issues and place them in the box on the inside notice board.

The Social Committee wish to thank the 170 adults and children who supported the very successful and most enjoyable Harvest Hoe Down. Some are already asking "When's the next one?" Tickets costing £9.50 are now on sale for the Christmas Buffet Dance at the Golf Club on Saturday December 7th.