

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1996

SUNDAY DIARY

1. ADVENT SUNDAY

Theme:
The Advent Hope

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8. SECOND IN ADVENT

Theme:
The Holy Scriptures

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

15. THIRD IN ADVENT

Theme:
The Forerunner

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

22. FOURTH IN ADVENT

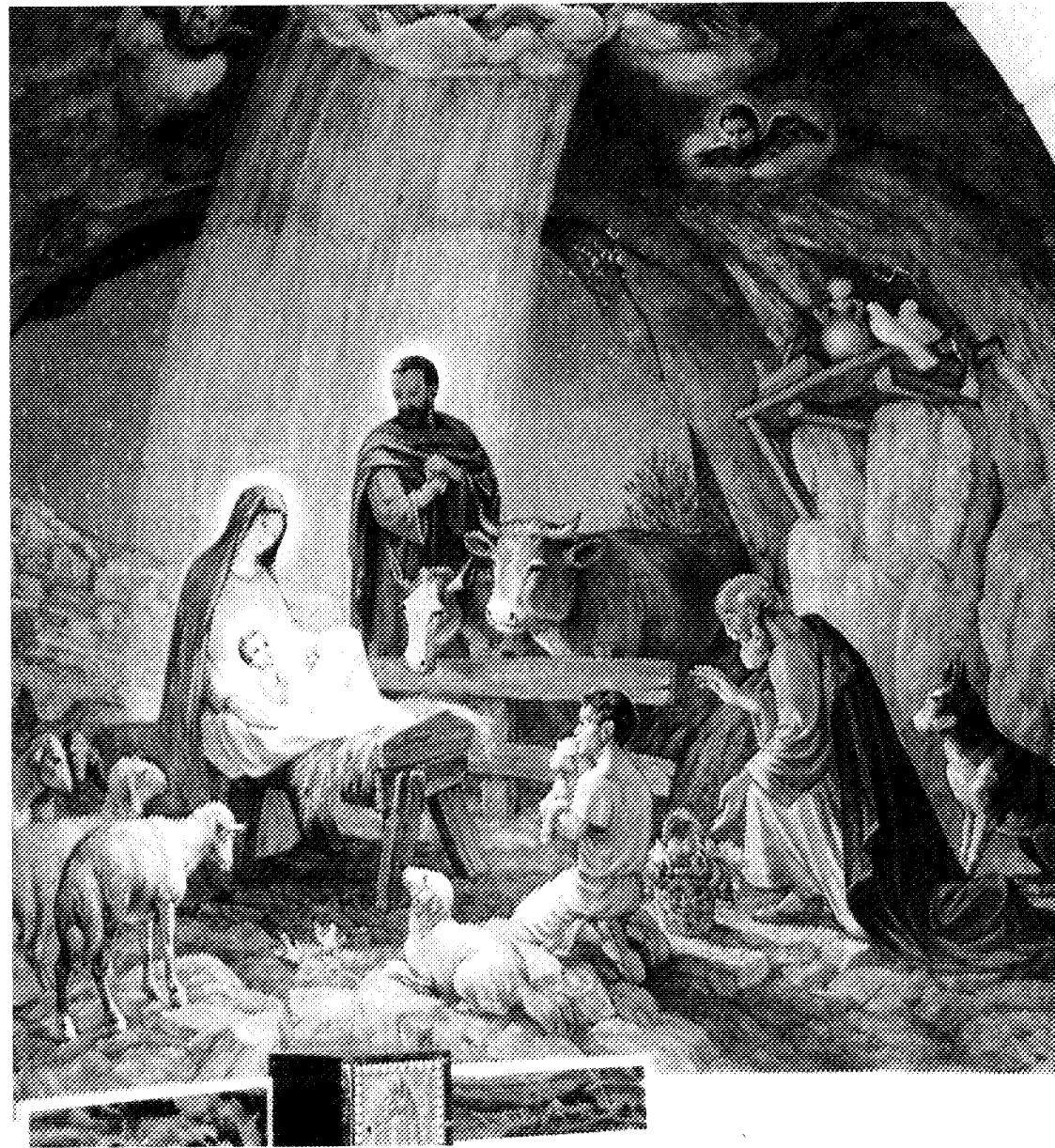
Theme:
The Annunciation

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Carol Service
6.30pm Christmas Agape

29. FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS

Theme:
The Incarnation

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Carol Praise - a
United Service at
St Andrew's



*Nativity painting at the Church of the Shepherds Fields, Bethlehem' by Keith Ellis
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on Christmas Day

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: Communion at 8.00am and 10.30am

Prayer Focus: Wednesday December 4th at 8.00pm

Dinner Dance: Saturday December 7th at Deane Golf Club

Church Council: Monday December 9th at 7.45pm

Home Groups: Tuesday & Wednesday December 17th & 18th

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)

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)

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

30th November, 1996.

In the fortnight before Christmas, December 11th-23rd, we are to be joined by **Jacob Ayeebo**, a Ghanaian priest who has been awarded a bursary to study at Durham University. Jacob is married to Rita who is expecting to be delivered of their third child probably during the time he is with us. Jacob comes from a non-Christian background. As a boy he was a good wrestler nicknamed the "Elephant". As a teenager having thrown an opponent unconscious, he decided that it was time he gave up wrestling and joined a Scripture Union Club instead! It was through this that he became a Christian and his life was transformed. His new nickname became "Father Christmas". He soon became involved in serving Christ in outstation churches and through this experience he felt that God was calling him into the ordained ministry of the Church. Because his archbishop sees him as an outstanding potential leader, Jacob has been recommended to pursue advanced studies to upgrade his skills and knowledge. As these facilities are lacking in Ghana we and several other parishes are supporting him financially through the bursary scheme. Though he will be having bed and breakfast at the Rectory, I hope that there will be no shortage of people prepared to invite him to their homes for a meal mid-day or early evening. There is a hospitality list in Church. Who knows you may be entertaining a future Archbishop of Ghana unawares!



This year's **Christmas Appeal** will focus on giving support through our prayers and gifts to Tear Fund's ministry to children in need in Haiti. People often say that "Christmas is for children". Well it is, but I would want to emphasize that it is equally for adults too. Throughout the Advent season leading up to Christmas as we light an additional candle on the Advent Ring we shall sing a new hymn entitled "Light a candle in the darkness". It reminds us of God's purpose in coming into our world in the person of the Babe of Bethlehem and of our responsibilities to-day of bringing light into the darkness of children's lives.

Details of our **Christmas services** are contained on the front page of this newsletter and they are also published on a Christmas card which, in conjunction with some other local churches, we are planning to deliver to every household in the district.

If you can assist with the decoration of the Church for Christmas your help will be much appreciated on Thursday afternoon December 19th from 2.00 pm. Gifts towards the floral decorations should be given to my wife.

Those who enjoy singing carols are invited to join a **carol singing party** which will be visiting the five rest homes and nursing home in our parish on Monday December 23rd. We meet at the Rectory at 7.00 pm.

When our Church Council was looking ahead to Christmas they made a suggestion which I warmly commend to you. Instead of sending a bag full of cards to fellow church members whom we see regularly, please consider the idea of sending just one card to all the Church Family. This can be brought to Church from Sunday December 8th onwards and placed in a prominent position for all who want to see it. It has the merit of saving time buying and writing cards and that last minute panic of discovering you have left someone off your list who has remembered you! It will also save considerable expense, though the Church Council hopes that the money you save will in fact be donated to a charity, perhaps the Christmas Appeal or some other worthy cause.

And finally a thankyou once again to the members of the small team who are engaged in putting the Deane Church News together each month. They are Eric Morgan who is responsible for the Prayer Diary, Craig and Una Mochrie who do the typing and stapling and Christine Dean who as Head of the Deane School Reprographics Department does the reprographic work, sometimes in the school holidays.

Mary joins me in sending you our very best wishes for Advent and Christmas.

Roger B. Jackson



IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM We have welcomed into membership of our Church through baptism on October 27th Laura Jayne Small, 10 Fernhill Avenue.
on November 10th Shirley Caroline Parton, and her two sons Craig Nicholas and Adam James William, 20 Beaumont Drive.

CONFIRMATION The following adults confirmed their faith and were confirmed in their membership of the Church by the Bishop of Middleton in Manchester Cathedral on November 15th:- Albert Garforth, Deborah Ann Haslam, Shirley Caroline Parton and Andrew Wardley.

CLIMBERS ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been gained by the following children -

25 attendances: Carl Slater and Alex Thomson

50 attendances: Lucy Healey, Olivia Healey and Ruth Kirkby

75 attendances: Melissa Bates, Thomas Hampson and Luke Slater

100 attendances: Johanna Scammell.

125 attendances: Richard Simpson.



CONGRATULATIONS - to Elizabeth Lee, the Headteacher of our St. Mary's C.E. Primary School on her appointment as Headteacher of the much larger County Primary School on the Langley Estate at Middleton. She leaves St. Mary's at Easter.

..to Derek O'Brien, the senior Deputy Headteacher of the Deane School on his appointment as Headteacher of the School. Derek was our visiting preacher at Sermons several years ago.

BITS & PIECES

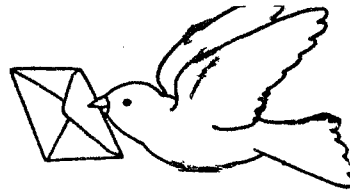
THE MOTHER'S UNION wish to thank those who supported their recent Coffee Morning which raised £167 in spite of the appalling weather conditions. The Branch holds its annual Carol Service on Wednesday December 11th.

THE LADIES GUILD have their Christmas Meal on Tuesday December 3rd and have their Christmas Readings and Carols on December 10th.

THE CELESTE CHORAL GROUP have planned a Christmas Concert in the Central Library Theatre at 7.00 pm. on Saturday December 7th. Tickets cost £5.00 and proceeds go to the Roy Castle Cause for Hope Foundation. There will be a **TAIZE SERVICE** in Salford R.C. Cathedral on Friday December 6th 7.30-8.30 pm. Taize Worship is contemplative in nature and based on songs and music of the Taize Ecumenical Community in France. If you are interested in going contact Charlie Moore (64313) or Rosalind Seddon (657984).

The next **Praise and Prayer Service** is planned for Sunday evening January 19th.

NEWS FROM



EMBU IN KENYA

It's the dry season in Embu at the moment, and it is causing many problems. The biggest problem being lack of water.

In a recent letter to me Johnson Maringa writes:

"Our eyes keep following black clouds flying overhead and our prayerful hearts demanding showers. You cannot think that this is the same place you visited in July. The heat is unbearable. We go far to get water everyday. How much we need your prayers".

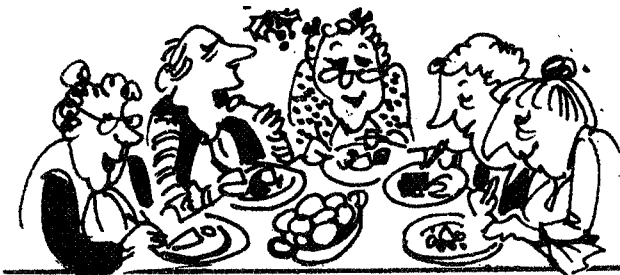
It is hard to keep the street children at the Centre due to the shortages of food and water. They are only surviving by the grace of God. Typhoid is also a problem. There was much typhoid when I last visited Embu and we were told by my American friends to be very careful with the water. Johnson didn't tell us this as he didn't want us to worry, but I believe with the situation at the moment this problem will grow.

Of course there are many other children all over the world suffering as these children are. They are hungry and their bellies are swollen so please keep the children in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Pray that the drought of 1984 won't happen in 1996. If there is any update on the situation - I will let you know!

The Street Children video is at the back of Church for anyone who would like to borrow it. The video is taken mainly in Nairobi on outings paid for the St. Mary's Embu Fund.

Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor.

17 Fossgill Avenue, Bromley Cross.



The Social Committee who are planning a "New Year Celebration" for the older generation on Saturday January 11th from 12.30 to 3.00 pm in the Memorial Hall. There will be a buffet meal followed by entertainment at no cost!

If you are a pensioner and/or know someone who is on their own and would appreciate this opportunity to meet with others please enter your name and/or theirs on the list in Church by December 22nd at the latest.

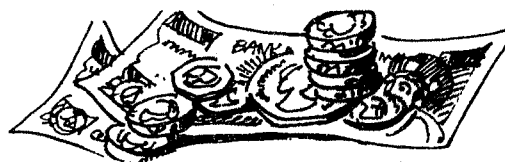
The "J" Team who send their Christmas greetings to Church members and a special big "Thankyou" to all who have helped in any way during the past year - the Friday escorts and helpers, those who send drinks and "goodies" and the Social Committee for their financial gift.



The Climbers and Mums and Toddlers who wish to thank those who contributed towards the success of the Tupperware Evening which they held recently.

This raised £76 which has been used to purchase percussion instruments which it is hoped will be in use at the Nativity on Sunday morning December 15th. The Mums and Toddlers are keen to purchase a good second hand Early Learning Centre Play Kitchen (not the current model). Offers to Julie Cooper (Tel. 660946) please.

THE FUNDS STAND AT...



	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
October 6	£ 522.19	£ 75.33	£597.52
13	660.85	116.52	777.37
20	398.18	77.78	475.96
27	600.84	97.07	697.91
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		127.69	127.69
	<u>£2,315.81</u>	<u>£494.39</u>	<u>£2,810.20</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,814

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As a result of this year's **Tear Fund Harvest Appeal** a total sum of £630 has been sent to Tear Fund. This is how the money was given:

Brought forward from Lent Appeal (late donations)	3.33
Rectory Garden fruit	32.40
Contents of 121 envelopes	498.98
Loose donations	45.24
St. Mary's C.E. Primary School	60.00

	639.95
Less promotional materials	9.95

	£630.00

Thank you to all who contributed to this total.

REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM.....

The Buildings and Fabric Committee who are wanting to appoint a groundsman for the Churchyard to succeed Bill Calderbank who will be retiring sometime in the New Year.

They are also wanting to replace the domestic gas cooker in the Church Lounge Kitchen. Mike Kirkby (Tel. 63724) or the Rector would be interested to hear from anyone about these two matters.

Mary Jackson who wishes to thank the members of the Church and Hall cleaning teams for their loyal service over the past year. However, new members are now desperately needed to strengthen some of the depleted teams which operate on Friday mornings or evenings. The duty comes round every 5 weeks and it takes about 1 hour. Because of the disappointing response this time last year it was decided to leave the Church uncleaned once every 5 weeks. If there isn't a better response this year we might have to have 2 non-cleaning weeks which would be a very poor reflection on a congregation of our size.