

## THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1997

### SUNDAY DIARY

#### 1. 2nd AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The People of God

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

#### 8. 3rd AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Life of the Baptized

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion

#### 15. 4th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Freedom of the Sons of God

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

#### 22. 5th AFTER PENTECOST

The New Law

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

& Baptism

The Archdeacon of Bolton

6.30pm Family Communion

#### 29. CELEBRATION/SERMONS

SUNDAY

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

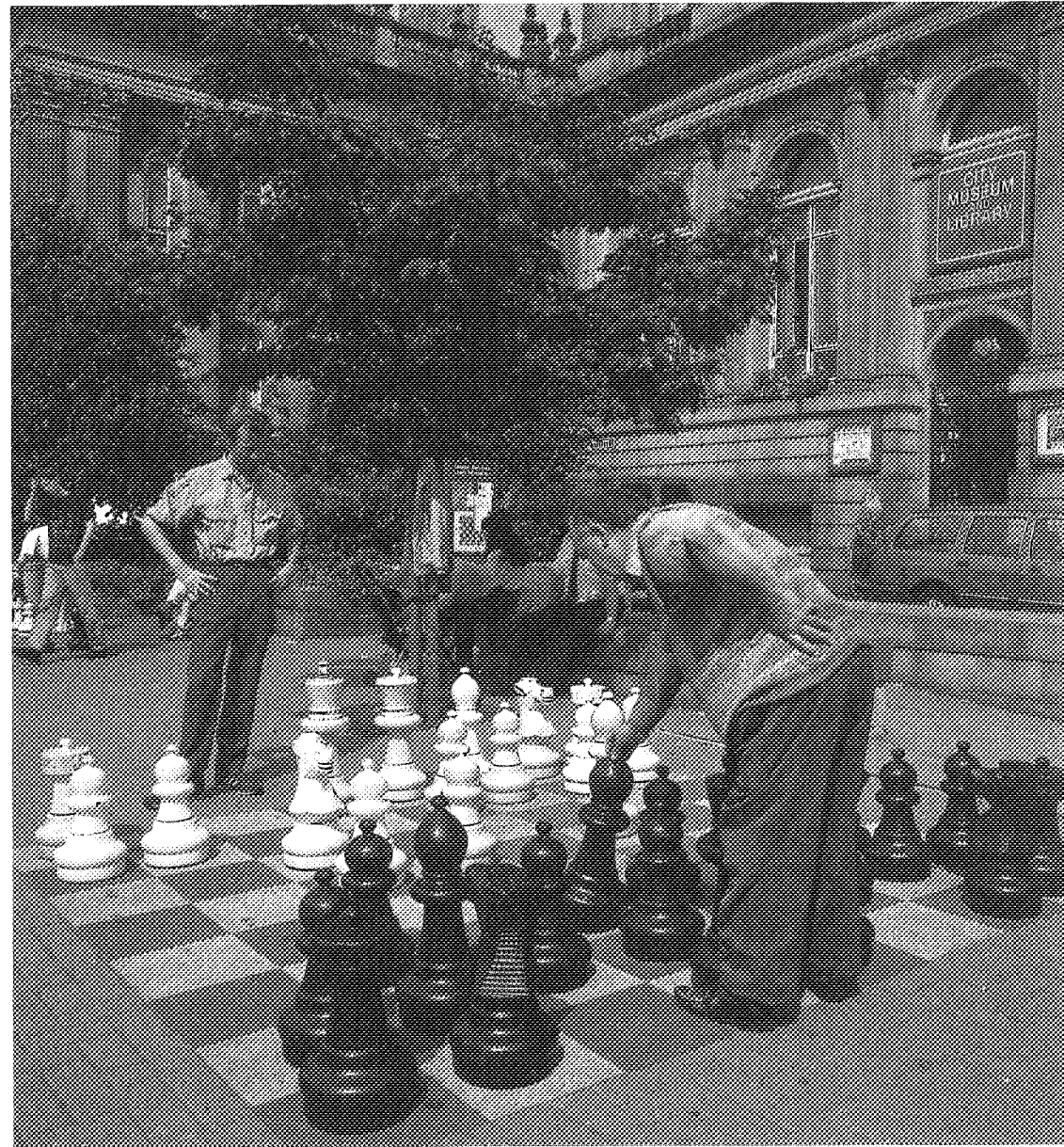
Canon Colin Craston

2.50pm Procession of Witness

3.30pm Open Air Service at St Mary's School

Rev'd George Curry

6.30pm Songs of Praise



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### MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday June 4th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays June 10th & 24th, Wednesdays June 11th & 25th

Celebration Weekend Fun Day: Saturday June 28th at St Mary's School  
1.00 - 4.00pm

## 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' Union:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 2.00 p.m.  
Janetta Makin (658270)

**Parents & Toddlers:** Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.  
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 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

29<sup>th</sup> May, 1997.

This time last year I stuck my neck out by raising questions about the ancient tradition of Deane Sermons. Though some people didn't like it there has been a growing body of opinion who see the need to look at this annual event with a view to revising it to make it more relevant and attractive to a wider number of people. For instance, it is fairly obvious from the continuing decline in numbers that the day has lost much of the appeal that it once had. It certainly fails to 'switch on' children and young people. Moreover, I can't think that the very title 'Deane Sermons' is anything but a 'switch off', and processing behind a marching band (if and when you can afford to hire one) is much less appealing than hitherto. Though this may all sound very negative our Church Council has been concerned to present a positive alternative.

The weekend of June 28/29 has been earmarked as a Celebration Weekend and a varied programme has been planned with the aim of making provision for all age groups. The weekend begins with a **FUNDAY** to be held in the grounds of our St. Mary's Primary School on the Saturday from 1.00 – 4.00 pm. For this the Social Committee will need lots of volunteers to help with attending stalls, serving drinks and making cakes and biscuits. At the back of Church there is a list for you to indicate what help you can offer. This event aims to cater for the needs of all families and not just those connected with St. Mary's School. Likewise the short **OPEN AIR SERVICE** in the school grounds on the following day at 3.30 pm. will have the same people in mind. This will be preceded by a **PROCESSION OF WITNESS** leaving Junction Road at 2.30 pm. and making its way to the school via parts of the Platt Hill and Sutton Trust estates. We are all invited to follow the Preswich and Radcliffe Band. On the Saturday evening there will be a **DISCO** in the Memorial Hall for the benefit of teenagers, and in the context of this it is hoped that there will be a short challenging talk by someone with experience in this kind of Christian outreach.

The Sunday services in Church will be at the normal times. The preacher at the main morning service of Holy Communion will be Canon Colin Craston who until his retirement from St. Pauls Deansgate, was also an Honorary Chaplain to H.M. the Queen, and who was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by the Archbishop of Canterbury in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Anglican Church worldwide. I recently heard him remark that now he has more opportunities to sit in the congregation during retirement he has noticed how many people do not know how to make good use of the time before and after they have received communion. I have good reason to believe that he would be able to say the same of us if he was a member of our congregation. Though we are encouraged to make constructive use of these periods by singing appropriate devotional songs and hymns it would appear that many don't do so, preferring instead to speak above the music to tell our neighbours either what bargain we picked up from Sainsburys, or to give our verdict on Wanderers the previous day. If we don't use this time in the communion service in a better way than this then it may be because I have failed to teach or you have failed to learn. Consequently I have asked Canon Craston to address this particular problem in his sermon.

The evening service will take the form of a 'Favourite Hymns of Praise'. You are invited to use one of the forms available in Church to indicate what are your favourite 3 hymns and/or songs. From this a group under Nola Worsfold's leadership will compile the top favourite and construct an order of service based on them. You are also asked to give the reason for your first choice as it is hoped to be able to incorporate this in the service. Though no one will be compelled to say something in the actual service it enhances the occasion when people are willing to do so. Forms should be returned by Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Although the Celebration Weekend will be a full and busy one the Worship Committee hope that this evening service will be well supported.

At the end of this month Keith Holden is wanting to hand over to a successor his responsibilities as Manager of the Memorial Hall. During his term of office Keith has managed to fund the internal and external decoration of the building and to initiate the replacement of the window frames either with double glazed units or by bricking them up where security has demanded it. In addition a new and more reliable heating system has been installed. Thank you Keith for your good stewardship. We are now urgently looking for someone who is capable of maintaining a diary of regular and occasional bookings, which will receive and bank cash from users of the hall and pay those outgoings authorised by the Buildings and Fabric Committee of which he/she would be a co-opted member. Keith or myself will be very pleased to receive suggestions or answer questions.

Roger B. Jackson.



### **SWELLING OUR NUMBERS**

No, this does not refer to the choir being drowned out by indiscretionary use of the swell pedal on the organ, but to the observation made by many of you that more singers are needed for both Choir and Music Group – more instrumentalists too, for the latter.

The Choir and Music Group are not exclusive bodies alienated from the congregation, but are an integral part of the Church Family, and whose purpose is to assist in the worship week by week, in particular by leading the music.

We are a willing and committed group of people who enjoy singing and playing in Church, and would dearly love to hear from anyone who shares our feeling for music and would like to join us. It can be hard work at times, but we have fun as well.

Choir practice is on Sunday mornings, immediately after the service, until about 1.00 pm. and Music Group rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm.

Do come and join us if you feel able. I can be contacted in regard to the Choir, and Ray Howarth is the man to see regarding the Music Group. Or, indeed, you may speak to any member of the Choir/Music Group if you so wish.

We did notice on one questionnaire that a lady or gentleman – I know not which – remarked that (s)he had been at Deane Church for a number of years and had never been invited to join the Choir. Sir/madam, I crave your forgiveness, and if you would just make yourself known I will personally welcome you with open arms! Please – make it soon.

Jim Needham.

**THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE** has planned the following programme of events and they invite you to make a note of them in your diaries now.

**Car Treasure Hunt** on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>. This should be an enjoyable evening tour of the area beginning at 5.45 pm. We are encouraged to share cars as much as possible. The price which includes supper of £2 for adults and £1 for senior citizens and children. A booking list will appear in Church.

**Gullivers World** – Trip for children on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>. More details later when finalized.

**Harvest Hoe – Down** on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>. Popular demand has left us with no alternative but to book the Haywain Band once again.

**Deane Church Christmas Party** on the earlier date of Saturday November 29<sup>th</sup> in the hope that it doesn't clash with other social events at this busy time of the year.

**THE LADIES GUILD** has invited Mr. Granville to speak about the work of the YMCA on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Molly Bentham will give her 'Pot Pourri of Life' on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**THE MOTHER'S UNION** meet on Wednesday at 2.00 pm on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.



### ANGLICAN CHANT - CONFUSING OR WHAT?

In the recent questionnaire our congregation was asked to complete, we asked if you would like the way we sing psalms and canticles to Anglican Chant explained. Many of you said you would; so in the next two editions of the Deane Church News I shall attempt to explain the inner workings of this time-honoured tradition. For now though, I am going to share a few thoughts with you by way of introduction.

Part of my musical background is having been 'brought up' in a choir where singing psalms and canticles was as much the norm as singing hymns, and this was at every service; a psalm and two canticles morning and evening, except once a month when there was a service of Holy Communion. Thus we had plenty of practice!

From the questionnaire I know some of you feel more comfortable with familiar hymns or modern songs. Why? For one reason, we become 'familiar' through practice; and practice together with perseverance, is at the heart of anything at which we wish to become accomplished. Take, for example, learning to play a musical instrument, learning to drive a car, the art of public speaking; all require practice and perseverance if we are to become competent and confident, and then we can begin to enjoy.

As a young chorister, I too used to find psalm singing tedious, and - to use the modern vernacular - "boring"; but as I became older I began to appreciate the beauty and poetry of the Psalms, (sadly blighted in the ASB Psalter, in my opinion, by some insensitive editing,) and nowadays I can find coming into an empty church and singing/playing through a psalm spiritually uplifting.

So, what is this chanting lark all about? Well, for a start, there is no great mystery about it, and once we have understood and mastered a few basic rules, all we have to do is apply them to the particular psalm or canticle we wish to sing.

It has been suggested in the past that we learn just a few chants for our repertoire, and apply them to any psalm/canticle we wish to sing. Well, this may sound okay in theory, but would we appreciate learning just two dozen or so hymn tunes to sing to all the hymns we use? I doubt it very much. Hymn tunes are written to suit the "mood" of the words: imagine, if you will, singing "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us" to the tune of "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven", or vice versa. It is physically workable, both hymns being of the same metre, but totally unsuitable.

So it is with chants. When I select a chant for a particular psalm or canticle, I do so bearing in mind the mood of the words, and since psalms portray various and varying "moods", thus we need a good selection of chants.

Most of us, whether or not we realise it, have a pretty good ear for music, and can pick up a tune quite quickly. Generally, chants are fairly uncomplicated as regards the melody, and thus we should be able to learn even an unfamiliar one after just a few verses.

In the next edition we shall be getting down to the nitty-gritty of finding out how chants work. Don't miss it!

Jim Needham



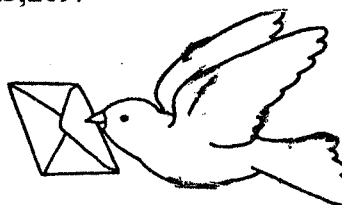
# MONEY MATTERS



Thank you to all who have contributed to god's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
April 6	£550.30	£105.53	£655.83
13	599.97	130.36	730.33
20	611.73	68.82	680.55
27	654.19	178.92	833.11
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		195.29	195.29
	----- £2,549.94 =====	----- £678.92 =====	----- £3,228.86 =====

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,269.



**BOLTON HOSPICE** who have written to thank us for our contribution of £66.51 to their annual Rose Day campaign. The total raised this year was £6,887-36 which is a useful contribution towards the running costs of the hospice which works out at approximately £70 per hour.

**RUTH SMITH** who expresses her thanks to those members of the Church Family who have sent her cards, letters of condolence and flowers and have assured her of their prayers during her recent double bereavement. 'These acts of kindness have helped me during my very sad losses'.

**CAROL AND JACK TICKLE** who have appreciated the concern shown by many members of the Church Family during their daughter Helen's recent illness. Helen is now much improved and back at work. Regular hospital checks will be necessary for some time yet but hopefully her health will continue to be satisfactory. Thank you for your prayers. (Since receiving their letter, Jack had to return to hospital with a recurrence of his heart trouble, but we are pleased to hear he is back home again).

**BOB LUNT** who returned to this country on May 25<sup>th</sup> after spending 7 weeks in Argentina. This has been the first of two visits he is making this year to work with the 5 native translators of the Old Testament. It was a great relief to him to receive a letter from his longest standing translator colleague, Isidro, announcing that he had at last completed those books for which he has been responsible. Bob says that the quality of Isidro's work is very good. Bob's particular task is that of checking and in this work he is behind schedule. The poetical books of the Old Testament especially take a long time to work through, so much work has still to be done before this monumental task is printed and in the hands of the Wichi people of N. Argentina.

**STOP PRESS** The current total of money collected by our Church team during this year's Christian Aid Week is £2,015 as compared with £1,700 last year. Final details next month.