

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JULY 1997

SUNDAY DIARY

6. 7th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Most Excellent Way

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

13. 8th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Fruit of the Spirit

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

Alternative Service in
the Scout & Guide Hut

6.30pm Family Communion

20. 9th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:

The Whole Armour of God

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Praise & Prayer Service

27. 10th AFTER PENTECOST

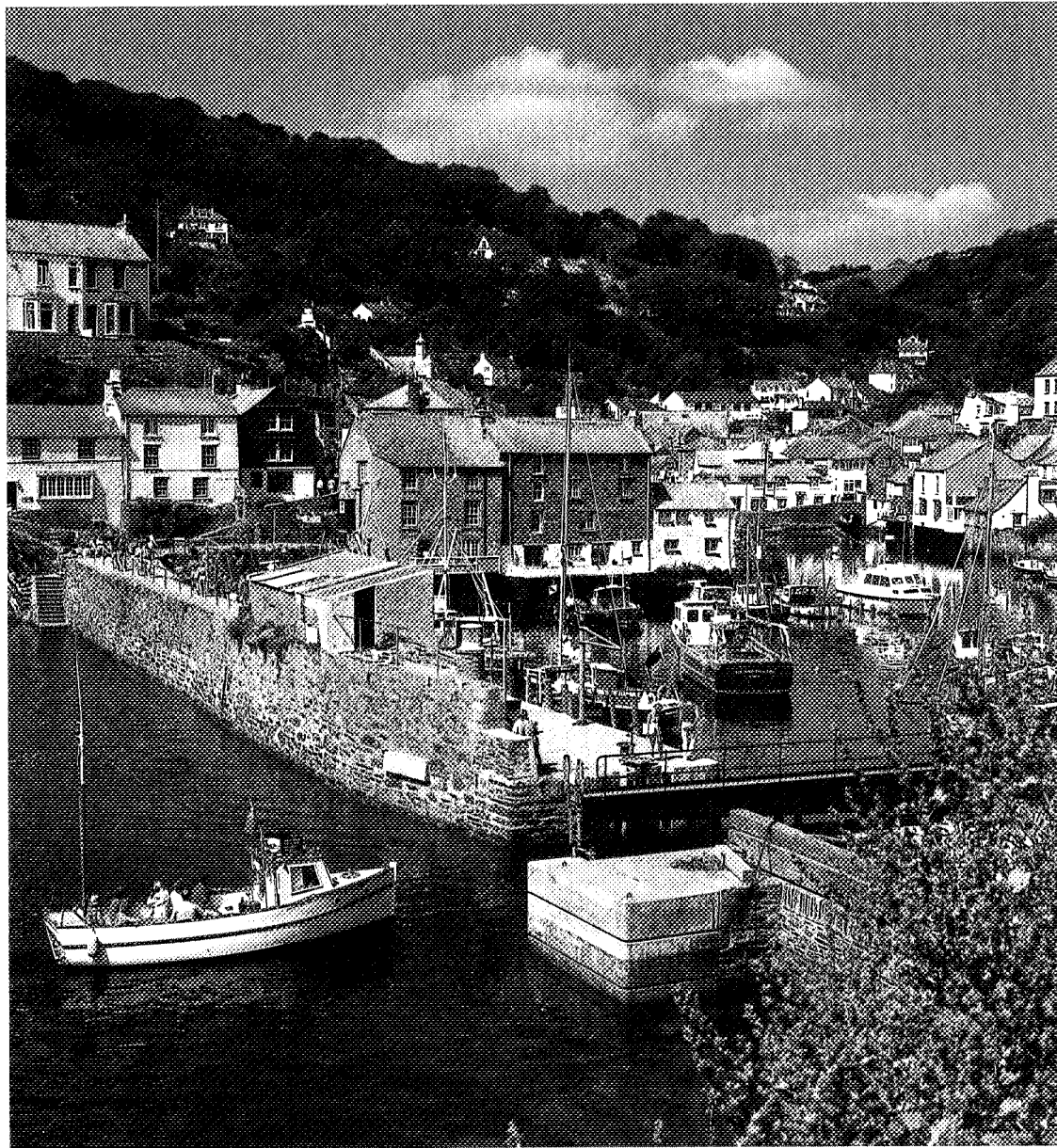
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The Mind of Christ

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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday July 16th at 8.00pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays July 8th & 22nd, Wednesdays July 9th & 23rd

Church Council: Thursday July 3rd at 7.45pm

Car Treasure Hunt: Saturday July 12th at 5.45pm

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

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: Julie Cooper
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

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
Ian Gardiner (660460)

The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

C.Y.F.A.: 14 to 18 years
Charlie Moore (64313)

The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 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

28th June 1997.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

A recent Bible Society survey has revealed the following statistics: -

- 70% of the general public have not read anything in the Bible in the past year.
- 43% of regular churchgoers admit to seldom or never reading the Bible.
- Only 31% of regular churchgoers read the Bible at least once a week.

I have no reason to believe that the situation in Deane is any better or any worse. These figures confirm the view that we are fast becoming a nation of habitual non-readers. People much prefer to watch and/or listen than to read. Consequently, nowadays there are very many more video shops than there are bookshops. In a world where the pace of life becomes faster every day, where pressures and stress are a fact of life, few people, even Christians, take the time to read their Bibles.

This presents the Christian Church with a problem. Christianity is a revealed religion for the God in whom we believe is a God who reveals Himself to us. He does this through creation, through His Son Jesus Christ and through the Scriptures. Since the Bible records God's revelation through Jesus it stands to reason that if the Bible is largely unknown then our knowledge of God will be very sparse. This explains why, for both the general public and for many churchgoers too, God is little more than a 3 lettered word.

The way in which the Bible Society is seeking to tackle this problem is by reproducing the Bible on audio cassettes. The New Testament has been completed on 12 cassettes in both dramatised and non-dramatised editions of a very high quality. At the services on Sunday July 6th there will be an opportunity to sample this production, as we shall use the tapes for the New Testament readings on that day. The Bible Society's programme has been designed to enable a person to listen to the New Testament over a period of 40 days, at a time and a place which best suits each person's lifestyle and individual circumstances. You may, for instance, choose to listen in the car; while working around the home; or while out walking or jogging. No matter how you decide to listen this scheme provides you with the opportunity to hear the Bible read, and Faith comes by Hearing. Here are a few testimonies from people who have found the tapes helpful: -

- A lady in Swindon listens to the tapes every lunchtime and is now going through them for the third time!
- A minister has a 12 year old son with learning difficulties. He is now able to listen to the Bible on tape, and it has captured his imagination and interest for the first time.
- A minister in Chester reports that the programme is having a big impact in his church. A 70 year old man has recently become a Christian partly due to the tapes and also doing the Alpha Course.
- A church in Weymouth is amazed at the response. Children are wanting to listen at breakfast time with their parents to the tapes before going to school.
- Two ladies who listened to the tapes while they were working as cleaners have recently given up their jobs after being convinced by the Word of God that working for this particular company was not right. They are now trusting God for new jobs.
- When Paul Ellis introduced the scheme to our St. Andrew's congregation on Sunday June 22nd, over 50 members of the congregation committed themselves to listening to the New Testament over the long summer period.

I would greatly rejoice if there was a similar response when we introduce the project at the beginning of July, when I will give more details in Church.

Roger B. Jackson.



CHURCH ARMY UPDATE

A few months ago I wrote in the Deane Church News about the work of the Church Army, what is involved in my training, and what happens after training.

Since then things have moved on, especially with regard to finance. When I found out that each Evangelist-in-Training was expected to raise annually a minimum of £6000 towards training costs of about £9500, it seemed a very daunting prospect. I am extremely grateful to Chris Kilsby, who undertook to compose a letter to go out to parishioners and friends, and also to Lindsay Rutter who kindly organised the sending out of the letters, and the stamped addressed envelopes!

The response to this appeal has been terrific, in that, in the space of seven weeks, the target minimum figure has been passed, and to date I have just over £7000 given or promised for 1997/98. This money is administered by Church Army, who will see to things like College fees, rent, etc, and I will receive a monthly amount from them for living expenses. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of so many people; friends from church, friends from elsewhere, members of my family, and also people I have never met. If I haven't yet been able to thank you personally, I hope to do so soon, and in the meantime, I want to say how very grateful I am to everyone who has supported me. It has certainly been an answer to prayer.

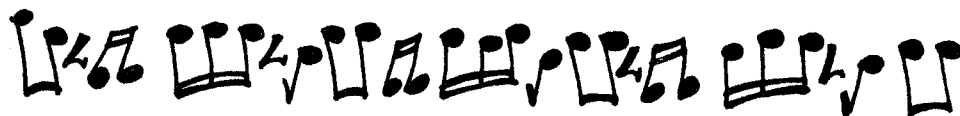
In recent months I have visited the Wilson Carile College of Evangelism several times, and have met most of the College Staff, all the other students from my year group, and quite a lot of the current First and Second Year students. I now know which student flat I shall be living in, and I am gradually finding out more about the content of the course. It has been good to talk to people already doing the course, and to obtain answers to the many questions that keep springing up. The College environment is beginning to feel quite familiar now, and each time I visit, I come away feeling full of enthusiasm, and raring to go! Then I come back to Bolton, and think of all the things that will need sorting out here before I go, and wonder if I'll ever be ready in time!

Dorothy M Cox

COFFEE MORNING



There will be a Coffee Morning at the Rectory on Saturday July 19th from 10.00 am – 12 noon. On sale there will be soft fruit from the Rectory garden, garden and house plants. The proceeds will be shared between making contributions towards the sum that Dorothy Cox still needs for the 2nd and 3rd years of her Church Army training and, as in previous years, to our Tear Fund Harvest Appeal.



ANGLICAN CHANTS - CONFUSING OR WHAT?

CHAPTER 2

In the June issue of the Deane Church News I promised that we would take a more in-depth look into the way chants work, and this month we shall be looking at the two kinds of chant and their construction.

Singles, Doubles and bar lines or *Form an orderly queue for your weekly ration.*

From the experience of singing in church you may be aware that there are two kinds of chant: short ones and longer ones.

The short ones are known as single chants, because we use the whole of the chant to sing just one verse of the psalm. We use single chants usually in short psalms or canticles such as the Venite, Nunc Dimittis, Jubilate, etc.

The longer chants are known as double chants, because it takes two verses to sing through the chant once, and their construction is exactly twice a single chant.

We use double chants for most psalms, and a large proportion of canticles, such as the Magnificat, Song of Christ's Glory, etc.

Incidentally, the Te Deum, which is divided into three sections, uses a mixture of chants, usually a double for each of the first two sections, and a single chant for the last section.

The way in which the words are fitted to the tune of the chant is called pointing, and a choir will always have the music and the pointing to follow. In the Book of Common Prayer, the pointing is not shown, so the congregation can only follow the lead of the choir, which will entail a certain amount of guesswork if they are not to be slightly behind the choir. One of the advantages of the way psalms are set out in the ASB is that all this guesswork is eliminated, because each psalm and canticle has the pointing marked in so we can see instantly how the words fit.

When the chant is being played over on the organ, let's say a double chant for example, what you will hear in terms of length of note is:-

Fig 1

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  x   |   x   x   |   x   ||   x   |   x   x   |   x   x   |   x   ||
1 Long | short short | long || long | short short | short short | long||

  x   |   x   x   |   x   ||   x   |   x   x   |   x   x   |   x   ||
2 long | short short | long || long | short short | short short | long||
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Each vertical line (|) is called a bar-line and corresponds exactly with the vertical lines (bar-lines) we see between the words in the psalm or canticle. Bar-lines are placed before the words which would have a natural emphasis if they were being spoken. Unlike hymn tunes, where the length of note dictates the length and rhythm of the word, in chanting, the words tend to be sung in speech rhythm, and therefore there is no regular beat. The double bar-line || near the middle of the chant represents the halfway point in each verse, ie where we see the colon (:). (The double bar-line at the end denotes the end of the chant and the verse.)

Let's take the first two verses of the Magnificat sung to a double chant. If the words and music were written together, we would see this:-

Fig 2

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      x               | x               x               | x      ||
v1    My soul proclaims the | greatness . of the | Lord :

      x               | x               x | x   x | x      ||
      my spirit re | joices . in | God my | Saviour .

      x               | x   x | x      ||
v2    for he has looked with favour on his | low-ly | servant:

      x               | x               x | x   x | x      ||
      from this day all gener | ations . will | call me | blessed .
  
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The x tells us the point at which we need to move on to the next note of the chant which is usually, but not always, a different one.

The chant is always played right through first as an introduction, and it is worth listening to the tune, and perhaps trying to fit in the words for the first verse or two.

So far so good?

Next month we shall be looking at the other aspects of the pointing, ie the meaning of all the other little characters we find in and around the verses, and then we will have finished with the basic rules. After that, it's practice, practice, practice! (Ugh! I know - sickening, isn't it?)

Jim Needham

DAY OUT



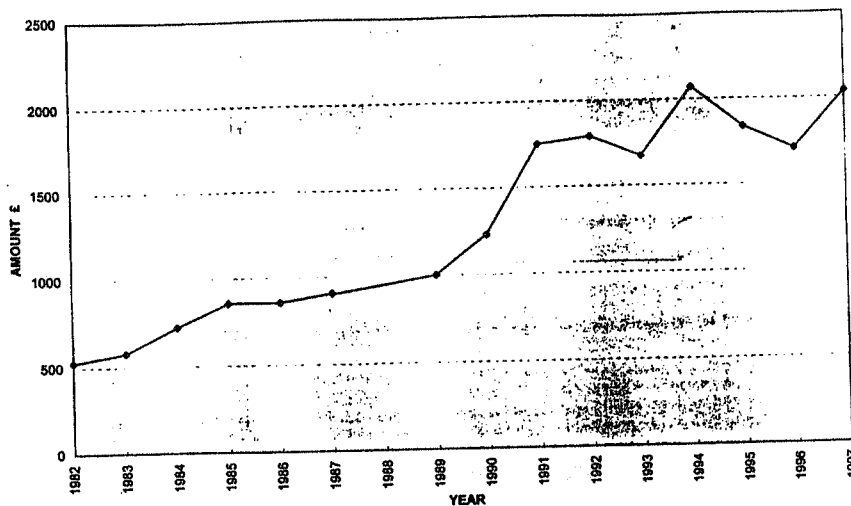
The Parent and Toddler Group have arranged an outing to Alphabet Zoo for children between 18 months and 11 years old accompanied by their parent/carer on Tuesday August 17th at 10.00 am. There is an open invitation to all who may wish to join the party, especially former Toddler members. The cost is £2.25 per child and this includes 2 hours play plus a drink of juice for the children and coffee for adults. The closing date for bookings with cash is Thursday July 10th to Julie Cooper at 64 Melbourne Road. Tel: 660946.

CHRISTIAN AID REPORT

In previous years the reports have been brief and the time has come this year to offer a fuller report.

Clearing some papers recently I found the original "letter of welcome" to the Bolton Christian Aid committee to succeed Roger (Jackson) which is dated Feb. 1981. It seemed appropriate to look back over the intervening years. The following graph shows the yearly collections since that time.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTION



There are 2 years in which there were significant increases; 1991 which I believe was due to Christian Aid advertising on television and 1994 when there were collectors to cover all the rounds.

This year the total is an excellent £2035 and although less than in 1994 is up on the last 2 years. With some reorganisation to incorporate the new estates and by deleting some of the more difficult areas in which to collect the number of rounds has been reduced to 64. Of these we were able to cover 57 so there is some scope for future increase! Many thanks to all those who collected door-to-door, those who helped with the preparation (counting out all the envelopes) and those who helped with opening the envelopes and counting the money (in particular the couple innocently delivering their envelopes to the house who were "pressganged" into helping).

With regard to the questionnaires 2/3 of the collectors replied. Of the replies 5 collectors requested changes to their rounds; 4 thought there were too many houses in their round and 1 had too few!; about 50% read the collectors notes thoroughly and most thought the distribution/return arrangements to be satisfactory. Views on the suggestion that each collector opens the envelopes for their round would be appreciated. Again this year there were complaints about the poor glue on the envelopes. My apologies as I was using up last year's envelopes prior to the introduction of the new design envelopes.

Finally did anyone notice the change in logo for Christian Aid (hence the need to use up the old envelopes)? Christian Aid felt that a new logo based on people linking was more appropriate to it's aims.

Old logo



New logo



Phil Ray

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
May 4	£602.88	£ 77.80	£680.68
11	671.30	74.97	746.27
18	740.50	66.92	807.42
25	477.37	122.39	599.76
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		102.68	102.68
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	£2,625.80	£444.76	£3,070.56
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,943.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Baptism On Sunday June 22nd we welcomed into membership of Christ's Church at Deane Adam James and Michael Christopher the twin sons of Lynn Weston, 40 Chip Hill Road.

Attendance Awards have been given to the following children in

Climbers for 25 attendances: Andrew and Michael Ainscough, Rachel Foreman.

50 attendances: Carl Slater, Abbie and Rebecca Smith, Thomas Yarwood.

75 attendances: Ruth Kirkby

100 attendances: Emma Markindale, Luke Slater.

150 attendances: Richard Simpson.

Explorers for 120 attendances: Tim Atkinson, Angela Cheetham, Raymond Glover, Louise Scammell Elizabeth Simpson, Harry Young.



Congratulations to Julia Davies of our St. Andrew's congregation who has recently been appointed as Professor of Management Studies at the University of Lancaster. Julia still continues as a leader of the Climbers section of St. Andrew's Sunday School.

The Ladies Guild programme for this month is as follows –

July 1 An Evening Trip to Sprout Farm Nursery.

15 Bolton City Challenge – the development of Halliwell. Miss S. Richardson.

29 Marie Caldwell will deliver a humorous talk entitled "Never too late".

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoon July 2, 16 and 30.