

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**SEPTEMBER 1997**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 7. 16th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:  
The Neighbour

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.10pm Evensong

### 14. 17th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:  
The Proof of Faith

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
Alternative Service in  
the Scout & Guide Hut  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 21. 18th AFTER PENTECOST ST. MATTHEW'S DAY

8.00am Communion  
10.00am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 28. 19th AFTER PENTECOST

Theme:  
The Life of Faith

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service/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 September 10th at 8.00pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays/Wednesdays September 16th/17th and  
September 30th/October 1st

Readers Licensing and Admission Service: Friday September 26th  
at 7.30pm in Manchester Cathedral

## 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)

**Readers:** Christine Kilsby  
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)  
David Dewhurst  
11 Braemar Gardens (651347)

**Wardens:** Craig Mochrie  
4 Laxford Grove (652324)

Pat Boydell

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)

**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:** Julie Cooper  
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

**Caretaker:** Ian Cooper  
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

## 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  
Pat Boulton (655068)  
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.

### BELL RINGERS

Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.  
David McCormick (654503)

### 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.  
Carol 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

30<sup>th</sup> August, 1997.

You may have noticed that a new feature in this monthly publication is the invitation to pray for the specific needs of a different part of the world. Last month it was the newly named Democratic Republic of the Congo, formerly Zaire – a huge area the size of W. Europe. This month the focus is upon the relatively small W. African states of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone. Each of these countries has been in the news in recent months after they have been hit by one crisis after another. Though they don't remain in the headlines for very long the aftermath of the crisis lingers on for months and sometimes for years. The Christian and Humanitarian Relief Agencies are working in these areas 'picking up the bits' after the crisis. I am finding these fact sheets and prayer suggestions very helpful, and I trust that you will also. It is most important that we widen our horizons beyond our parish boundaries to take an intelligent and prayerful interest in what is going on in the world outside. It is for this reason that this new feature has been included in the Deane Church News.

This month's **Prayer Diary** is Eric Morgan's final effort. He now hands over the reins to David Dewhurst. We are most grateful to Eric for his regular contributions. Whether it is in leading the intercessions in Church on Sundays or editing the Prayer Diary each month Eric has always displayed a unique style all of his own. I must confess that sometimes I have been left a little confused by some of his suggestions, but I have always appreciated his fresh approach. Above all he has helped us to see that prayer is really talking to God about everyday issues in ordinary language. We don't have to confine ourselves to religious topics using pious language. Thank you Eric.

Another change has been the appointment of Ian Cooper to be the new caretaker of the **Memorial Hall**. Ian replaces David McCormick who, since the death of his wife, Eunice, last year has been finding it increasingly difficult to carry out the duties to our satisfaction. We are especially grateful to David for the many occasions when he has willingly turned out to deal with emergency repairs, often at unsociable hours. Ian will work in tandem with his wife, Julie, who, as reported earlier has succeeded Keith Holden as our Memorial Hall manager. Julie is particularly anxious to know who has keys for the hall because we need to improve our security arrangements. Will all key holders, therefore, please inform Julie as soon as is convenient.

Many of you will have already received details of this year's **Autumn Home Group programme**. I would simply want to encourage you to join one of the groups meeting at fortnightly intervals on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and also on Wednesday mornings and afternoons. A common feature of all those Churches throughout our town and country which are growing and are vibrant with spiritual life is that many of their members meet together in home groups. They enable us to meet informally with others in an atmosphere which is comfortable, educative, supportive and non-threatening. Sadly over the years it has only been a sizeable minority at Deane who have availed ourselves of this opportunity. Many of those who have can testify as to how helpful they have found them. I have certainly noticed a marked spiritual growth in the lives of many of those who have committed themselves to membership of a home group, and at the same time I have noticed a kind of spiritual stagnation in the lives of many of those who aren't members. It is for this reason that I wish to give a high priority to the home group programme, and I want to encourage everyone to apply to join one of the groups meeting this autumn by September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Roger B. Jackson.

# BITS & PIECES

Congratulations to...



Janetta and Mac Makin who are our third couple to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this summer. For them the Golden Day is Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

...the following student members of our Church Family who will be going to college or university for the first time this month:

Lynda Biney will be studying English and Drama at Edgehill College, Ormskirk

Anna Kilsby is going to Newcastle University to study Modern Languages (Spanish and Portuguese)

Tim Scruton will be reading Philosophy and Theology at the University of Nottingham

Alex Young will be studying Computer Software Engineering at the University of Central Lancashire.



## Fun with singing, percussion & ocarinas – Saturday 1-5 pm 13<sup>th</sup> September 1997.

This worship, organised by the North-West network of the Music and Worship Foundation, aims to enable people of all ages to use their voices and percussion/orarinas in worship and empower Sunday school teachers with music skills – AND IT'S AT OUR CHURCH!!!

Maybe you've always wanted to sing or play something, but currently don't...perhaps you can't read music...Jesus said "let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18 v 16). This workshop is aimed at bringing children closer to God through the use of music in worship, and will be suitable for both adults and children to attend. We will demonstrate the use of simple percussion instruments, a simple wind instrument (ocarina) and look at how children can be encouraged to sing during worship. It is run by qualified musicians/worship leaders with experience of dealing with young people. There will be lots of "hands on" in the afternoon, together with squash/tea and biscuits at the break!

Speak to Denise Cox (our church contact) and see the noticeboard for further details. As the Psalmist says – "skilful hands and integrity of heart" are important for worship – I do hope you'll make an effort to join us, as did Jane Cooper, Jane Martingdale, Edna Barlow, Denise Cox together with several children. They reported that it was a wonderful experience last year.

The primary task of the church is to worship God; in this we can individually and corporately show our love for God, hear his voice and celebrate our relationship with him. The Music and Worship Foundation (MWF), a registered charity founded in 1984, is a national organisation which seeks to provide a high standard of training and support for Christian musicians in all denominations, so helping them effectively serve to-day's worshipping communities.



Nearly 200 young people from Africa, Asia, N.America and Europe have been in the U.K. over the summer period as delegates at a conference discussing the themes which will be considered by the bishops of the Anglican Communion when they come together for the Lambeth Conference next year. Eight of these are coming to the Manchester Diocese. They arrive on August 31<sup>st</sup> and their programme includes visits to Old Trafford, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Styal Mill, as well as a chance to see what the Churches are doing in Manchester. There is an invitation to meet them for an evening of multi cultural fellowship on Tuesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Christ Church Heaton from 7.30 pm.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR GUINEA, LIBERIA AND SIERRA LEONE

*'Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name.' Psalm 29:1,2.*

**Sierra Leone's** civilian government was overthrown on May 25th and the new government led by Major Johnny Koroma is not recognised by any country or the United Nations. Following some military success the regime is now consolidating and preparing for a confrontation with Nigerian-led forces. The maritime embargo which has cut off food and fuel supplies, combined with the exodus of tens of thousands of professional people, threatens to bring the capital Freetown to a halt and thus force the regime to negotiate more seriously with governments in the region.

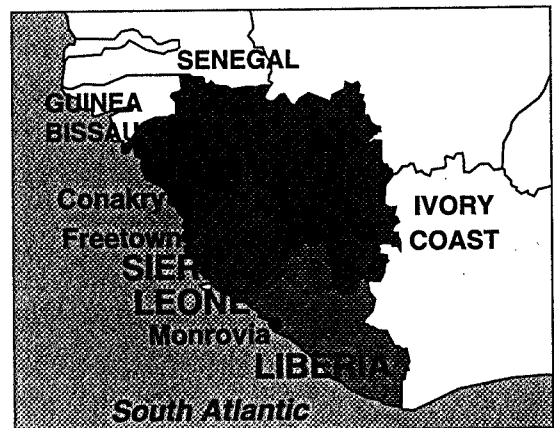
With fighting continuing, trade routes cut off and the disruption in some regions of relief and development activities, the country is becoming more isolated and there are fears that a serious emergency is rapidly developing.

**Liberia's** civil war started in 1990 and continues today. More than 150,000 people have died in the war and half of the population has been left homeless. Elections are due this year in Monrovia, but there are fears that these plans will be disrupted by the regional instability.

Impoverished **Guinea**, already host to over 600,000 refugees from **Sierra Leone** and **Liberia**, has a refugee population increased by 20,000 Sierra Leoneans who have fled the fighting.

## Please pray:

- That the situation will not escalate and that the international community will find a peaceful resolution to the current political crisis.
- For believers in the region, and in particular the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone, SECADOS (social action arm of the Evangelical Church of Guinea) and the Association of Evangelicals of Liberia, that they will be protected, strengthened and used by God in mighty ways at this time of crisis.
- That the elections in Liberia will go ahead peacefully and that they will mark and end to the civil war.
- For an outpouring of God's love and grace on this suffering region and that the Lord's hand will prevail so that the poor and the vulnerable will be helped.



Country	Capital	Population
Guinea	Conakry	6.7m
Liberia	Monrovia	3.0m
Sierra Leone	Freetown	4.5m



# MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
July 6	£592.30	£ 97.09	£689.39
13	577.37	116.54	693.91
20	718.79	120.92	839.71
27	452.16	88.06	540.22
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		83.16	83.16
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,797

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**SOCIETY**

...have written to express their thanks for the anonymous gift(s) of £312.50 towards the work for Africa Refugees. The number of refugees and displaced persons is increasing every day. Some we hear about in the news for example in Bosnia and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Others, like those mentioned on the previous page in the smaller West African States of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, rarely get a mention.

The Mothers' Union have very kindly donated a number of plastic magnifying discs for the benefit of those who have difficulty in reading the type in the hymn books and service books we use in Church. They are contained in a neat plastic wallet. If you want to try one ask a sidesman when you are handed your service books on coming into Church. There are, of course, a number of large type editions of the Mission Praise hymn book which we use. Again the sidesmen and women will gladly supply you with one of these if you ask. Our branch is looking forward to celebrating the 70 years it has been in existence in Deane on September 8<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime they meet this month on Wednesday afternoons September 10<sup>th</sup> when Elsie Pierpont will be their speaker and on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Ladies Guild have invited Mrs. Diggle to speak at their meeting on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Her subject "Bolton to Brazil". A fortnight later they hold their Harvest Supper on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.