

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1997

SUNDAY DIARY

2 4th BEFORE ADVENT

THEME:
The Fall

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

9 5th BEFORE ADVENT

THEME:
Remembrance

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Family Communion

16 2nd BEFORE ADVENT

THEME:
The Promise of Redemption

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Praise & Prayer Service
The Archdeacon of
Blackburn

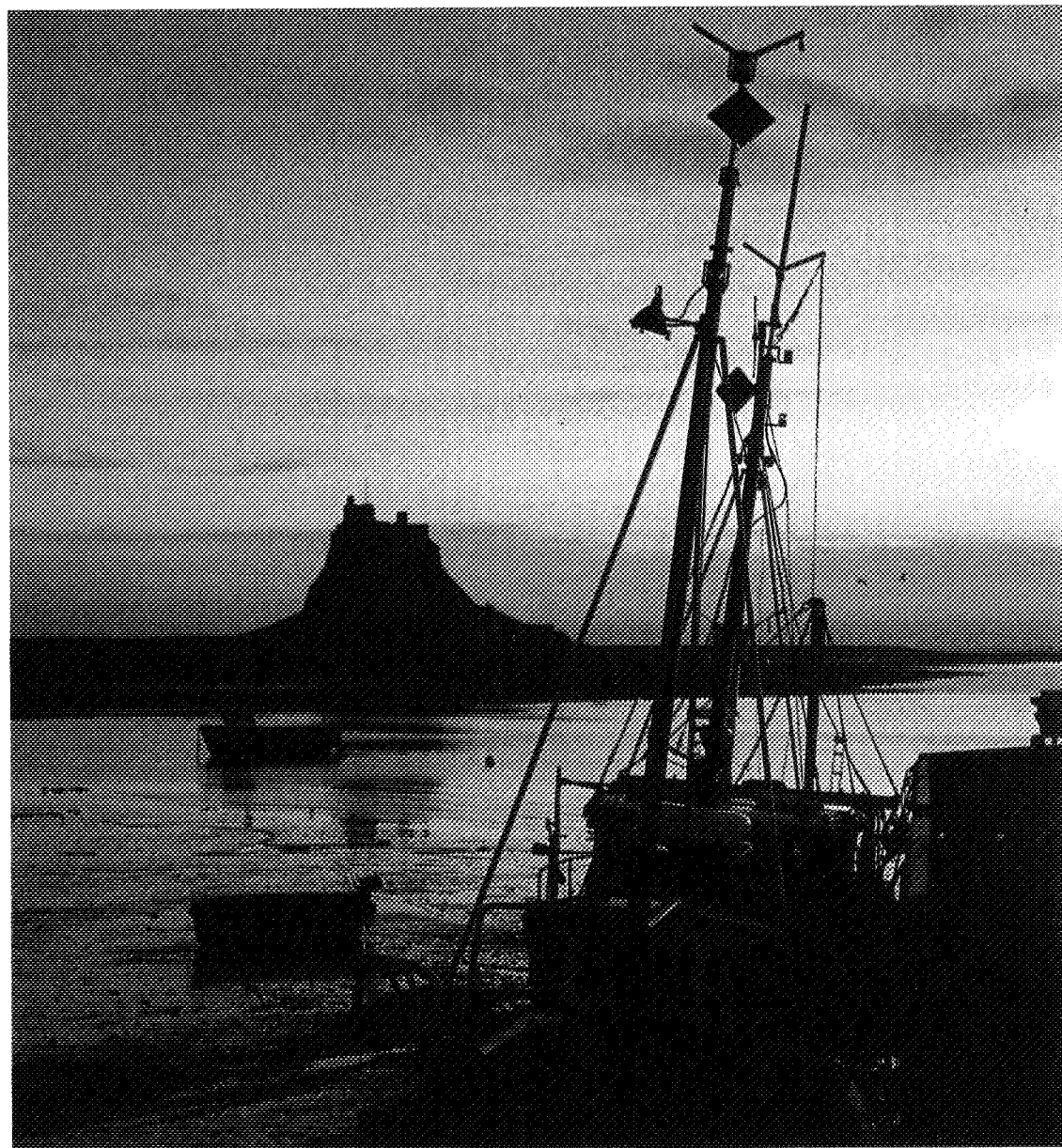
23 NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

THEME:
The Remnant

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Family Communion

30 ADVENT SUNDAY ST. ANDREW'S DAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm United Evening Service
At St. Andrew's



Holy Island at dawn by R Cooper
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.0am in the Church Lounge.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 5th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge:
Simon Tatton-Brown

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays November 11/12; 25/26

Christmas Dance: Saturday, November 29th in the Memorial Hall.

Fashion Sale: Thursday November 27th at 8.15pm in the Memorial Hall.

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)
Nola Worsfold
22 Melbourne Road (659099)

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 Road 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: 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' 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.
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

25th October, 1997

We have been invited to observe November 2nd as Suffering Church Sunday. It is a day when churches around the world will be remembering fellow Christians in Muslim countries who live under oppression and discrimination because of their faith. It has the support of Archbishops, bishops and other Church leaders in the Muslim world. In several Muslim states Christians can only meet secretly for worship, and in more they are forbidden to share their faith. The rise of militant Islam leaves Christian minorities increasingly vulnerable to violent attacks, and governments less willing to defend them. In these circumstances many Christians are tempted to 'keep their heads down' or even to give up. This is why we need to encourage and support them with our prayers. This can be a two way process for there is much that we can learn from those Christians whose faith has triumphed over tragic circumstances, and who, in the midst of suffering themselves, are eager to reach out to the poor and lost in their own communities.

From other pages in this month's edition of this publication you will notice that there is a certain focus on Kenya. Though not a Muslim country the influence of Islam is considerable. The country faces very important elections this coming month. We have had links with the Church in Kenya over many years through the EFAC Bursary Scheme, one of whose men that we supported has pioneered the Embu Street Children project. In the earlier part of this year our neighbour Simon Tatton-Brown, Rector of Westhoughton, spent a 3 months 'sabbatical leave' observing the Church in Kenya and especially its training of clergy. I have invited him to speak at this month's Prayer Focus on Wednesday November 5th at 8.00 pm. Simon is an extremely thoughtful speaker and I wish to encourage you to hear him even if you don't normally come to Prayer Focus.

Someone else with experience in Kenya is Isobel Booth-Clibborn, the daughter of our late Bishop Stanley of Manchester. Isobel is now the Diocesan Youth Officer and we have invited her to conduct an evening 'workshop' on issues of discipline in children's and youth work. This invitation arose from the resignation of one of our Explorer teachers at St. Andrews who said she was no longer prepared to cope with other peoples unruly and disruptive children on Sunday mornings. If you are having this kind of problem with your own or other peoples children then this workshop is designed for you. Isobel will be helping us to develop positive relationships with children and young people as well as providing discipline. The workshop will be held at St. Andrews on Monday November 24th from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. and places can be booked through Pat Boulton (Tel. 655068).

It is with particular sadness that we record the untimely death of Veronica Jackson so soon after her cancer was diagnosed. Since it opened 15 years ago Veronica has been in charge of our nursery unit at St. Mary's School, and consequently several hundred children have passed through her care before proceeding to their primary education at St. Mary's, Ladybridge and Beaumont Schools. Though she was an active and committed Christian in membership of her local Methodist Church in Brightmet she was also a key leader of our J Team that meets after school on Fridays. By the time Friday afternoon comes most teachers look forward to a weekend of 'non-contact time' with children, but not so Veronica. It was a measure of her Christian commitment that she continued to serve the Lord and the children committed to her care out of school hours. There was a good representation from our Church and School at the most helpful service of remembrance and thanksgiving for her life. We thank God for her life and witness.

Roger B. Jackson.

EMBU STREET CHILDREN

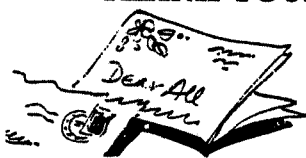
In a recent letter to our local representatives, Chris and Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor, Canon Johnson Maringa expresses his sympathy to Harold Lever on the death of his wife, and also his gratitude to the family and friends who donated £150 in lieu of floral tributes. From Elsie's death comes hope of a better life for these children in Kenya. Since this fund was opened in 1995 a total of £2,455 has been sent from St. Mary's. The practical everyday running of this project is now in the hands of Deaconess Jesse since Johnson has moved from Embu to work in the newly created Diocese of Mbeeni where he is the Archdeacon. He asks prayers for his future since his name is one of those that have been put forward to become the bishop of this new diocese.

The Social Committee having organised another successful Harvest Hoe Down are now planning two more events. This year's **Christmas Dance** will be in the Memorial Hall rather than the Golf Club so that it can have a wider appeal. There will be music to suit young and old alike. It will be held on Saturday evening November 29th. Tickets which include the cost of a buffet meal are now on sale at £6 for adults and £2.50 for children.

The other event is a **Pantomime Outing** to see Dick Whittington at the Albert Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 27th. Tickets at £4.75 must be ordered by Sunday November 23rd.

To raise funds for the Memorial Hall a **Fashion Sale** of ladies, gents and children's clothing supplied by Joan Berry of Harwood is to be held on Thursday evening November 27th at 8.15 pm. There will be many high street names at low prices! Tickets at 50p can be obtained from Julie Cooper.

THANK YOU!



David Dewhurst writes to say – "Thank you to all those who supported me at the Readers' Admission and Licensing /service in our Cathedral last month. I found it to be a truly inspiring service especially when surrounded by family and friends. The evening was rounded off with a splendid buffet meal kindly provided by Les and Chris Kilsby. It was an occasion I shall not forget. In addition to being grateful to the Kilsbys I also wish to thank so many more of you who sent me cards, gift vouchers and made donations towards my vestments and have offered me words of encouragement. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and support.

Now that I am licensed I shall be taking on more pastoral duties and responsibilities. In addition to leading services and preaching, I have agreed to sharing the leadership of one of the homegroups and to assist in visiting the sick, housebound and bereaved and also the families of the recently baptised children. Therefore, as I prepare to undertake these challenging responsibilities in serving God and His Church in this parish, your continued prayers would be much appreciated".

'Living Stones' is the title of a Vocations Conference to be held at the Uppermill Parish Centre in Saddleworth on Saturday November 15th from 9.30 am to 3.45 pm. It is open to all who want to enquire or explore some of the ways in which our Christian discipleship can be exercised in to-day's Church. After a keynote address there will be 'workshops' focussing on different aspects and forms of ordained and lay ministries. No strings are attached! If you wish to attend please inform the Rector who will be happy to pay for your lunch on the day.

Mental Illness. The Department of Health and Social Security have produced a very good series of booklets. They are free and can be taken from the magazine rack in the bookstall area at Church. Their titles include –

Mental Illness – What does it mean? – What can I do about it?

Sometimes I think I can't go on anymore.

A guide to mental health in the work place

Mental Health and older people.

Can children and young people have mental health problems?

PLEASE PRAY FOR KENYA

'Give thanks to the Lord for he is good! For his mercy endures forever'
Psalm 118:1

Further violence and economic pressure threatens to destabilize Kenya - a country which was once an African success story.

Jomo Kenyatta became the first President of Kenya on its independence in 1963. After his death in 1978, Vice-President Moi assumed Presidency of the KANU party. The first multiparty elections were held in 1992, when Moi was re-elected, but he was widely suspected of ballot rigging. Although Kenya's economic performance since independence has been relatively stable, it remains dependent on aid from countries including the UK. The IMF has recently halted loans because of corruption and lack of reform.

Elections are due at the end of 1997. At the beginning of July, reformists held rallies calling for constitutional change that would do away with the dictatorial laws that Moi has used to keep himself in power. The government retaliated by force and some were killed and many injured.



The church has been growing rapidly in freedom since independence, and the East African Revival of 1938 to 1960 has had a profound effect. The National Council of Churches in Kenya has been outspoken in its calls for more democratic government.

Please pray:

That the church in Kenya will be used greatly by God at this time. One Tear Fund partner writes: *'Pray with us for the softening of the hearts of the leaders from both sides to avoid a situation where lives are lost.'*

For Christians in key positions in both the government and opposition parties, that they will know the Lord's strength and wisdom for *'such a time as this.'* Esther 4:14.

For the protection of Tear Fund partners involved in a variety of ways in supporting the poor in their communities, including

vocational training projects, rural development and famine and drought relief.

For Daystar University in Nairobi which has nearly 300 foreign students attending courses, many of whom are very worried that they will be arrested at any time. Pray for their safety and that harassment will stop.

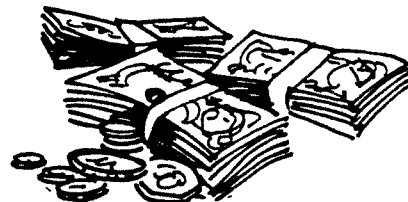
That the Lord will uphold this country and that he will hold back further violence and suffering.



Tear Fund has many long established partners in Kenya and since January 1996 has approved grants totalling over £550,000.

**WORLD
WATCH**
PRAYER LINK

MONEY MATTERS

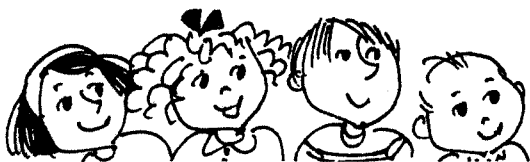


Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
September 7	£776.61	£ 94.92	£871.53
14	523.97	76.94	600.91
21	539.21	65.32	604.53
28	625.20	132.06	757.26
Standing Orders	155.50		155.50
Weekdays		71.32	71.32
	----- £2,620.49 =====	----- £440.56 =====	----- £3,061.45 =====

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,838

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IN THE NEWS

Attendance Awards were given to the following children in Climbers –

- 25 attendances : Mellany Schindler
- 75 attendances : Amy Bickerstaffe, Adam Parton
- 100 attendances : Claire Gardiner, Thomas Hampson, Ruth Kirkby, Ross Shephard.
- 125 attendances : Jessica Cooper, Alicia Harrison
- 150 attendances : Ben Vickers
- 175 attendances : Lois Hodgkinson, Lauren Shephard.

On moving up to Pathfinders Victoria Calderbank received a Bible in recognition of her regular attendance in Explorers.

The Mothers' Union have organised a Coffee morning and Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday November 1st. Gifts for the sale will be especially welcome. The branch meetings will be held on Wednesday afternoons November 5th and 19th. Charlie Moore will be the speaker on the latter occasion.

The Ladies Guild have their annual Members Night on Tuesday November 4th. The Guest speaker on November 18th is to be Eric Thomley and his subject - "Our Area, our Scene".

The 67th Bolton (St. Mary Deane) Brownie Guide Pack are urgently looking for a new leader. Mrs. Lily Jarrett has been most faithfully leading the pack since it opened in 1971 and the organisation's regulations demand that she should retire next May. The pack meets on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 – 7.45 pm. If you are a lady over the age of 18 and can offer to help at this stage Mrs. Jarrett will be most pleased to hear from you. She can be contacted at the Scout and Guide H.Q. on Tuesday evenings or by phone on 63511. The facts of the situation are that if no help is forthcoming the pack will have to close down because our other pack meeting on a Wednesday evening is full and has a waiting list.