

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1997

SUNDAY DIARY

7. SECOND IN ADVENT

Bible Sunday

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

14. THIRD IN ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
Nativity in Memorial Hall
Pathfinder Service
6.30pm Family Communion

21. FOURTH IN ADVENT

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



'The playgroup Nativity' by K Ellis

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28. FIRST AFTER CHRISTMAS

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday December 3rd at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Monday December 8th at 7.45pm

Carol Singing in Old Peoples Homes, Monday December 22nd. Meet at the Rectory at 7.00pm

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

Christmas Day: Communion at 8.00am and 10.30am

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' 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

29th November. 1997-

At the end of this month Charlie Moore will have completed his period of ministry with us, his last Sunday being December 28th. We will be joined by members of our St. Andrew's congregation for his final evening service after which there will be a presentation to Charlie and Sara in appreciation of their ministry amongst us over the past 4 years. Contributions to this presentation should be placed in a clearly marked envelope and handed to the churchwardens. When they came to Deane they were a childless couple; they will be leaving us with a son, Joseph (2) and a daughter Amana upon whose very recent birth we wish to congratulate them. As I look back over their time with us I wish to pin point 3 things for which I am particularly thankful to God for Charlie and Sara.

1. **Their generous hospitality.** They have frequently used their modest home for entertaining so many of us to a meal. On the whole Boltonians are not particularly good at this, for many of us would only ever consider inviting our very closest friends. I suspect this is why so few of us have been prepared to entertain the African clergymen whom we have sponsored over the years through the 'Study Link' programme. Hospitality is a feature of a healthy Christian Church and we can learn from the example of Charlie and Sara.
2. **Their genuine concern for individuals.** especially those with problems arising from their physical, social or spiritual needs. Their enthusiasm for using the Alpha course to assist people is bearing fruit, for there is now a growing group of younger people, married and single who are beginning to assume leadership roles in our Church.
3. **Their courageous honesty** in being prepared to challenge us personally face to face when it would have been so easy to criticise us behind our backs. Several times I have been on the receiving end of such treatment from Charlie and I guess others have too and it has done us good!

During the 3 months or so before they fly out to Zimbabwe they will be occupied in establishing links with their supporting parishes in the U.K., and in attending preparation courses. Our Church Council has agreed to allow them to continue to occupy the clergy house so that their young family don't have to be uprooted more than is necessary. If all goes to plan there will be a farewell service to them at the end of March.

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Our Christmas Services will follow the pattern of previous years with details on the front page of this publication. They will also be contained in a Christmas Card which, in conjunction with our local Churches, we are planning to distribute to every household in this part of Bolton. At Christmastime our Church looks at its very best because a band of dedicated volunteers work hard. You will be very welcome to join the party on Thursday 18th December from 2.00 pm. Gifts towards the floral decorations should be passed on to Mary.

On Monday evening December 22nd we are planning to sing carols in each of the Old Peoples homes in Deane. These visits are very much appreciated and I hope that there will be a much better turn out this year because for the past 2 years our resources have been very slender. It usually proves to be a most enjoyable evening for the singers as well as the residents.

Last year we initiated the idea of encouraging church members to send a single card to the Church family and to donate the money saved on cards and postage to the Street Children in Embu, Kenya. In this way £58 was raised and I will propose at the Church Council on December 8th that we do the same this year.

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Finally our thanks must go once again to those who are engaged in producing the Deane Church News on time every month. They are Craig and Una Mochrie who do the typing and stapling, Christine Dean of the Deane School whose reprographic skills ensure good quality and Eric Morgan and more recently David Dewhurst who have been responsible for the monthly prayer diary.

My colleagues and our wives join us in sending you our greetings for Advent and Christmas.

Roger B. Jackson.



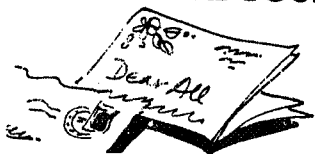
IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM On October 26th we welcomed into membership of our Church Family Nevan Richard Brierley of 27 Winterfield Drive, Beaumont Rise.

Attendance Awards have been received by the following children in the Climbers section of our Sunday School.

75 attendances Lucy Healey and Olivia Healey.
125 attendances Emma Martindale.

THANK YOU!



Nola Worsfold writes – Since being licensed as a Reader in September I have been aware that some people have been wondering when and how I did my training. The answer is that I did it when I lived in the Diocese of Carlisle. After completing my training I was admitted to the office of Reader in 1992, but was not licensed because my completion of training coincided with my move to Bolton. Because of personal difficulties and other commitments I did not feel it right to be licensed in Manchester Diocese until this autumn.

Because of this long gap between training and licensing I have readily accepted the Archdeacon's suggestion that I should receive a further 6 month period of supportive tutoring. Along with David Dewhurst, I wish to thank all those who have sent their best wishes, cards and support by their presence at that wonderful service in our Cathedral followed by that super spread at the Kilsby's home afterwards. Like David, I would also value your prayers and encouragement as I start my Reader ministry here in Deane.

BITS & PIECES

The Social Committee are organising a Tea Dance on Saturday afternoon January 10th from 2 – 4 pm. Whether you see yourself as budding Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers or you just want to enjoy an afternoon out in good company then you are most welcome. Tickets costing 50p will be on sale from December 7th and can be obtained from members of the committee.

Younger members of the congregation can support this party in the following ways:- donating cakes and providing lifts in cars to and from the Memorial Hall. Lists for making offers are in Church together with a list for those requiring transport.

The Ladies Guild meet for their annual Christmas meal on December 2nd and to sing carols the following Tuesday.

The Mothers Union hold their Christmas party on December 3rd followed by carol singing.

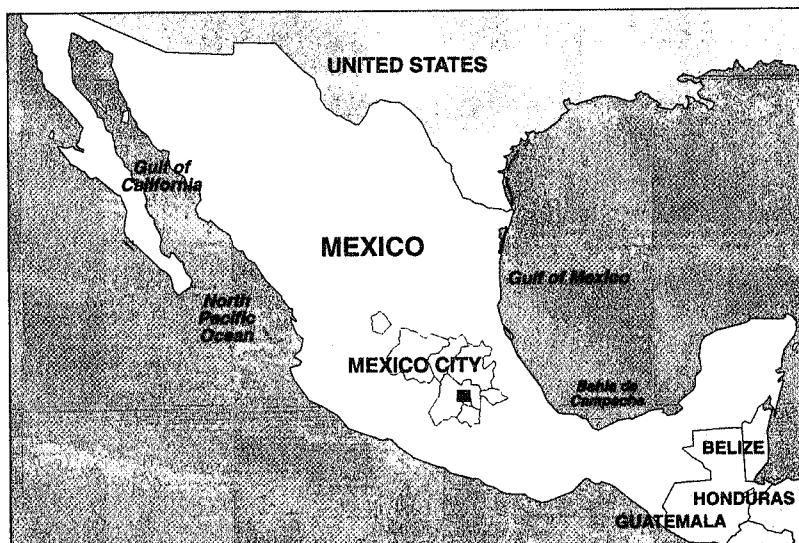
The Celeste Choral Group are giving their annual Christmas Concert in the Bolton Central Library Theatre on Saturday evening December 6th at 7.00pm. The proceeds from the evening will once again be donated to the Roy Castle Cause for Hope Foundation. Tickets costing £5 are available from Booth's Music, Churchgate.

PLEASE PRAY FOR MEXICO

'For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.'
Matthew 18:11

Mexico presents huge inequalities in the distribution of income. An estimated 17.3 million of the total population of 93.7 million live in absolute poverty. The capital Mexico City is one of the largest conurbations in the world, covering an area of 980 square miles. The majority of the city's 20 million inhabitants live in unsafe and polluted areas what is termed the 'urban stain' – a belt of a dozen surrounding cities in Mexico State. Millions of minimum wage workers commute each day into downtown Mexico City. Each year it is estimated that the metropolitan area's population grows by another seven per cent - each day 2,000 newcomers arrive in the capital to seek work and housing.

Tear Fund's partner Armonia runs an integrated urban development programme which aims to accompany the community in all its problems and joys using 'resources and influences to be agents of Christian transformation.'



Pray for:

Saúl and Pilar Cruz and other Armonia workers, that they will be strengthened and upheld by the Lord as they show God's love in practical ways to the poor and marginalized of the city. Pray that they will not be overwhelmed by the needs around them but will depend on the Lord to supply all their needs.

the **No More Tears Tour** taking place in Wales in October 1997, which features the work of Armonia and at which **Saúl and Pilar** will be speaking. Pray that it will be used by God to speak of the needs of the poor and

marginalised in this country and will bring the message of hope.

the Lord to hold back the forces of violence in Mexico where guerrilla warfare is rooted in land disputes aggravated by corruption.

greater democracy following the recent elections, and pray for good co-operation between President Zedillo of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party and Mr Cardenas of the conservative National Action Party.

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
October 5	£680.56	£ 65.51	£746.07
12	805.89	138.31	944.20
19	621.26	57.96	679.22
26	704.76	124.40	829.16
Standing Orders	255.50		255.50
Weekdays		63.90	63.90
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	£3,067.97	£450.08	£3,518.05
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,810

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As a result of this year's **Tear Fund Harvest Appeal** a total sum of £680 was received as follows:-

Rectory garden fruit (part share with Dorothy Cox fund)	45.37
Contents of 122 envelopes	487.13
Loose donations	6.50
Hoe Down raffle	82.00
St. Mary's C.E. Primary School	70.00

	691.00
Less promotional materials	11.00

	£680.00
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Thank you to all who contributed to this total which has been sent to Tear Fund



It's a topsy-turvy title for this year's Tear Fund Christmas Appeal, but the first Christmas was a topsy-turvy event. The King of the Jews born in obscurity! A teenage unmarried mother bearing God's Son! Not even a room for her to shelter in, never mind a cradle for her baby! And we have such a topsy-turvy view of Christmas. So much overeating, overdrinking, overspending – a celebration of excess! Outside Inn challenges us to take a fresh look at Christmas and to recognise that Christians have a duty and responsibility towards those who find it very hard to celebrate at Christmas.