

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**JANUARY 1998**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 4. 2nd AFTER CHRISTMAS

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 11. 1st AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 18. 2nd AFTER EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 25. 3rd AFTER EPIPHANY

The Conversion of St Paul

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family/Parade Service  
6.30pm Family Communion



*Sledding in Roundhay Park on the north-eastern outskirts of Leeds (Photo: John Edenbrow)  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday January 7th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesday/Wednesday January 20th/21st

Tea Dance: Saturday January 10th 2.00 - 4.00pm at 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)

**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)

**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  
Alan Cheetham (61152)  
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  
at 7.45 p.m.  
Maureen Edwards (419374)

**Guild:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 2.00 p.m.  
Janetta Makin (658270)

**Mothers'** Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.

**Union:** 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

27<sup>th</sup> December, 1997.

## "Resourcing The Church"

This is a sequel to "The Way Forward" initiative which took place throughout the Diocese of Manchester in 1995. In common with over 300 other parishes we committed ourselves then to having a fresh vision for our service of Christ in our own parish situation. "Resourcing the Church" is a challenge which Bishop Christopher is issuing to all church members to prayerfully consider how God can use us to resource the mission and ministry of His Church as a new Millennium approaches.

For us it begins with an Evening of Prayer on Wednesday January 7<sup>th</sup>. This is followed by a special series of 3 Bible Studies to be considered in home groups at fortnightly intervals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>. These studies are attractively presented and with lively illustrations they are designed to help us think through three big questions:

- Who on earth do we think we are?
- Where on earth do we think we are going?
- How on earth do we think we will get there?

Each Bible study will be introduced by a short video presentation.

I am fully aware that at present only 40-50 members are involved with home groups and far fewer ever join me at the monthly Prayer Focus whereas our bishop's challenge is to everyone of us to consider these issues. I do hope and pray therefore, that those who do not normally attend Prayer Focus and home groups will make a special effort to come to these gatherings.

On Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> the Bishop of Bolton accompanied by a lay person will visit an open and extended meeting of our Church Council in order to see how we are responding to "Resourcing the Church" which is unashamedly about money. In a material world the Church simply cannot get on with its job of mission and evangelism without adequate finance. Money is not a diversion from the real business of being the Church. The collection on Sunday is as much a part of worship as any other element. It is an important part of our response to all that God has given to us. The Bishop of Manchester's motto for this campaign is "Go for growth and give for growth".

## The Revised Common Lectionary.

For the past 17 years we have been making use of the Bible readings appointed in the lectionary of the Alternative Service Book (1980). Initially people were appreciative both of the wider use of Scripture than in the lectionary of the Book of Common Prayer (1662) and of the freshness of the thematic approach. However, over the years the narrowness of the themes has worn thin with repetition, and also we have been in danger of using the Bible to support a pre-determined theme rather than approaching God's Word with an openness that looks to see what God may be saying to us through a particular passage. Our Church Council has agreed that this year at our main morning and evening services we shall make use of the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). This is being increasingly used by many Christian denominations. Unlike the A.S.B. it follows a 3 year rather than a 2 year cycle of readings. The readings are not based on themes. Instead they more or less follow a semi-continuous reading of books in the Old and New Testaments. At the early Sunday morning and Wednesday morning services we shall continue to use the A.S.B. lectionary.

## New Area Dean

After 10 years in the post Canon Denis Gatenby, Rector of Horwich is handing over to the Rev'd Philip Brew, the recently appointed Vicar of :Lostock. He will be licensed at a service in Lostock Church on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

Mary joins me in thanking the many of you who have sent your Christmas greetings to us. We have been very happy to make use the display board in Church in sending our greetings to you and all members of the Church Family at Deane.

**We send you are best wishes for 1998.**

Roger B. Jackson.

# THIS YEAR'S DATES



**Prayer Focus:** Wednesdays January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8.00 pm in the Church Lounge.

**Resourcing the Church Bible Studies in Homegroups:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays January 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>.

**Lent Home Groups:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays March 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>.18<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, March 31<sup>st</sup>/April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Parochial Church Council:** Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

**Archdeacon's Visitation Service:** Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Deane Sermons/Celebration Weekend:** Saturday/Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>.

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Farewell/Commissioning Service for Charlie and Sara Moore:** provisionally Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.

**Christian Aid Week:** Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>.



The Lancashire Wildlife Trust invite volunteers to join their working parties on Wednesday January 14<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 10.30 am to 3.00 pm or for whatever shorter time you can spare. The objective is to improve the entrance to Deane Clough by clearing excess vegetation, litter and fly-tipping. No previous experience is necessary – you will get it on the job. Gloves and tools will be provided, but do bring stout footwear, old warm clothes food and a flask of drink. Go on – give it a try!

**Ladies Guild** hold their annual general meeting on Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> when Maureen Edwards takes over as leader from Brenda Dixon. At their meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup> Mr. White will be giving a talk entitled "Stickmaker".

## AFRICA

### SENEGAL

Rebels in the Casamance region of Senegal have stepped up their campaign for an independent state. Roads have been mined and attacks made on public transport have resulted in fatalities. Dave and Ann De Leyser, Tear Fund overseas personnel, are unable to work outside of Ziguinchor, the region's capital. Pray for calm in the region so that the work of Tear Fund partners in rural areas can resume.

### SIERRA LEONE

Following the coup in Sierra Leone early this year, an agreement has now been reached under which the coup leaders will hand back power to the democratically elected government of President Kabbah by April 1998.

Under the agreement coup leaders will be granted an amnesty. Please pray that the transition will be completed peacefully and on time.

### SUDAN

Tear Fund staff visiting the region recently met a pastor from Juba in southern Sudan who had been detained and brutally tortured for his faith. His story highlights the on-going persecution of the church. Pray for Christian leaders and their families whose ministry endangers them. Pray for peace talks taking place in Kenya.



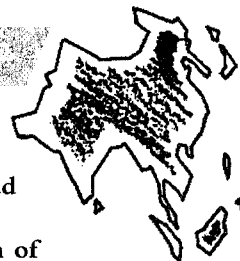
## ASIA

### SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Forest fires continue, with satellite images showing an increase around Sumatra and Borneo. Hot dry weather has exacerbated pollution, leading to crop failure. The region is facing a major environmental and economic disaster. Pray for those involved in the response.

### SRI LANKA

A recent bomb in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka, left 18 people dead and 900 injured. Pray that the church will model reconciliation in a situation of ethnic violence.



## EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

### RUSSIA

Police have begun to implement the country's new law restricting religious freedom. Just one day after President Yeltsin signed the law, police stormed a Ukrainian Orthodox church. Pray for the safety of those seeking to worship freely.

### NORTHERN IRELAND

Continue to pray for the Northern Irish peace process and for churches such as Springfield Road Methodist Church, Belfast, which recently received a grant from Tear Fund's UK Action. The church's cross-community projects involve up to 1,000 local people a week from across the sectarian divide. Pray that the church will realise its vision. Gary Mason, the church's minister, says, 'I'd like this project to be a model for

other churches. The church needs to be a growing, all-embracing, inclusive body, leaving sectarianism behind it and realising that the gospel is for all people.'

### IRAQ

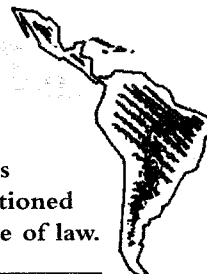
After a stand off lasting several weeks Iraq has agreed to allow the UN weapons inspection team back into the country even though it includes US inspectors. Nevertheless tension remains high in the region. UN sanctions imposed against Iraq following the Gulf War are causing great hardship among the country's poor. Pray for peace in the region and for Tear Fund partners in Baghdad providing food for those hardest hit by sanctions.



## LATIN AMERICA

### COLOMBIA

President Samper has called a 'war council' of military leaders following attacks by Marxist guerrillas resulting in the death of 28 policemen, soldiers and judicial officers. At the same time, government-sanctioned paramilitary groups are seizing land from poor communities. Pray that all concerned will respect the rule of law.



## COMING IN

## MONEY MATTERS

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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
November 2	£566.08	£ 69.92	£636.00
9	584.65	72.70	657.35
16	632.40	98.35	730.75
23	523.17	100.50	623.67
30	563.11	109.08	672.19
Standing Orders	155.50		155.50
Weekdays		63.16	63.16
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,688

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## GOING OUT

For many years it has been the aim of our Church Council to give at least 10% of our general income to missions and charities thus setting an example of the level of Christian giving to which individual members should aim.

Unfortunately because our Church income has not risen as it should we have had to reduce our level of giving to missions and charities by almost 50%. Instead of reducing our contributions across the board we have slimmed down the number that we assist. We have dropped (temporarily we hope) those with which we have little contact and those to which we as a Church give considerable support in other ways. Because those we have been unable to support financially this past year are still deserving of our support we are keeping them on our list. Our giving has been allocated as follows:

### Overseas Missions and Agencies

Tear Fund (from the Christmas and Harvest Appeals) £1,210 and through the Child Sponsorship programme £360. Embu Street Children £940.

Church Mission Society, Crosslinks and South American Mission Society £800 each.

The Bible Society and Study Link £200 each.

### Home Missions

Church Pastoral Aid Society £500 and Scripture Union £100

### National and Local Agencies

The Children's Society £309, Bolton Hospice (from donations for Christmas Bells and Roses) £104 and Simeon Trustees £40.



The Brownie Guides wish to thank everyone who supported their recent Coffee Evening which raised a total of £175 of which a donation of £100 has been sent to Derian House, the hospice for children at Chorley.

And finally, remember that used postage stamps, can be sold and the proceeds sent to Missionary societies. There is a collection box in church so don't throw away all those extra stamps you received with your Christmas mail. Joyce Sutcliffe wishes especially to thank those who are collecting stamps throughout the year. Some have even donated their whole collection. The Missionary agencies are most grateful.