

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**AUGUST 1998**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 2. EIGHT AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 9. NINTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
and Thanksgiving  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### 16. TENTH AFTER TRINITY

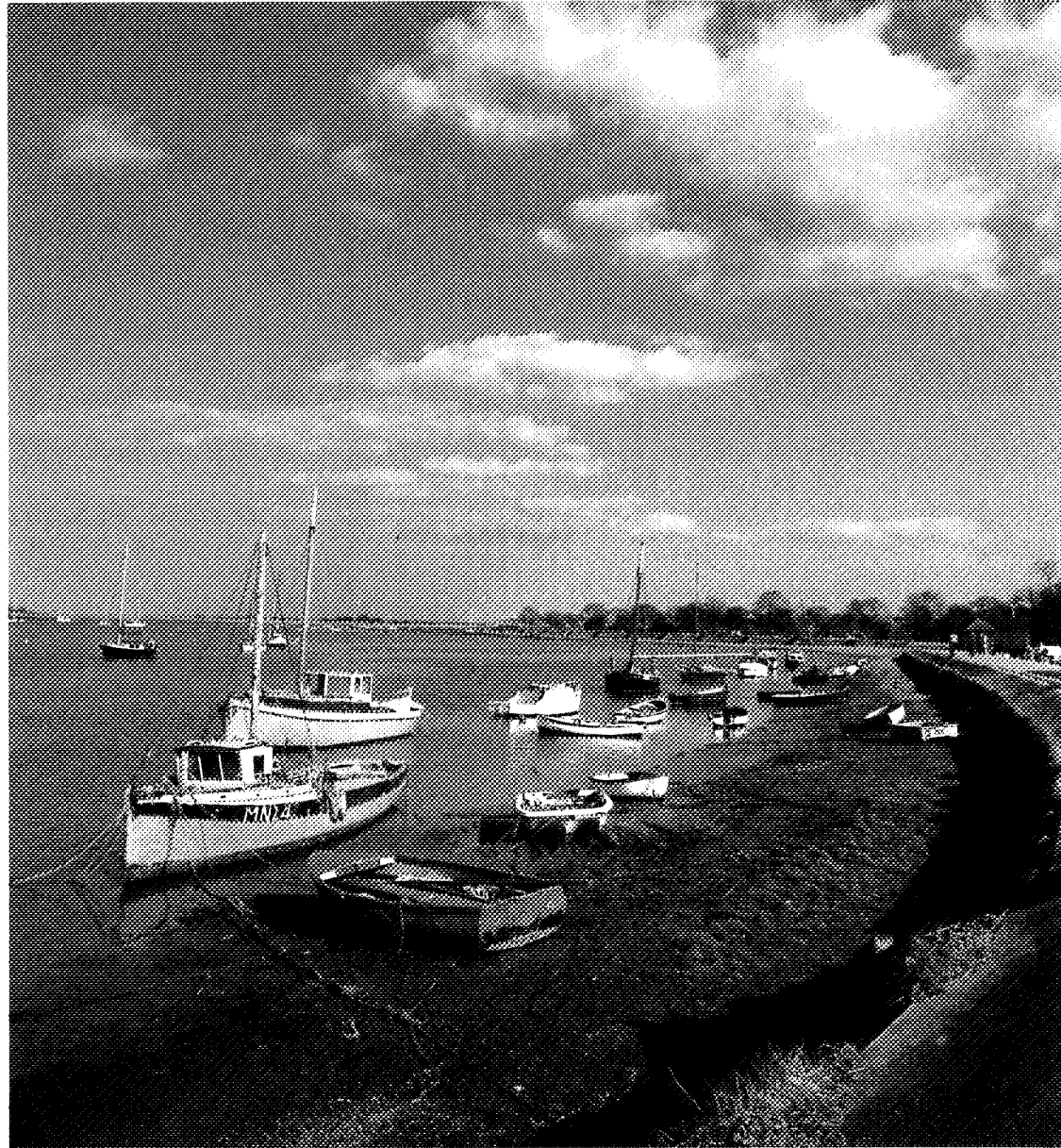
8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 23. ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### 30. TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm United Service



*Low tide on the Blackwater at Maldon, just east of Chelmsford, Essex (Photo: Ron Gregory)  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday in the Church Lounge at 10.00am

Prayer Focus: Wednesday August 5th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Coffee Morning and Mini-Market: Saturday August 1st 10.00am - 12 noon

## 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:** Philip Gore  
12 Ellesmere Rd (63798)  
Bryan Shephard  
57 Molyneux Rd (01942 817288)  
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  
**Worship:** Nola Worsfold  
**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

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.  
Maureen Edwards (419374)

**Mothers' Union:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 2.00 p.m.

**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.  
Clare Miles (63355)  
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.  
Jane Wadsworth (657254)

**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

25<sup>th</sup> July, 1998

One of the aspects of my ministry which I have enjoyed most has been my initial visits to parents who have made enquiries about the baptism of their child. Another has been leading an adult confirmation group which I have usually called a "Believing and Belonging" group. In both cases many of the people have been intelligent folk with little or no previous contact with the Christian faith. This has served to show how distant is the general public, even the educated section of it, from the life and teachings of the Church. Nowadays when I am conducting a wedding or funeral where the young people present are in the majority I often feel that I alone am praying the Lord's Prayer, even though I have invited the congregation to join in. And if the choir are not present at a wedding then I am left singing a solo in the hymns!

Of course, none of this ought to be surprising. People in their 20's and 30's are part of that generation whose education began after the time when the old fashioned "Scripture lesson" was replaced by what is now called "Religious Education". In many cases, though thankfully not all, in practice what this has meant is that pupils have been taught any and every system of beliefs and life style except the one which has shaped our culture and heritage. These young people are the children of parents who 20 or 30 years ago had given up on churchgoing, if they had ever started it. What is surprising, and indeed encouraging, is that the image of God has not been completely erased from their lives. Through things like the Alpha course pioneered by a London West End Church to minister to the needs of intelligent young people, many are finding their way to a faith which is fresh, relevant and their own. Our Church Council has decided that our Church should be identified with a Nationwide Initiative in connection with Alpha. More about this next month.



I am delighted to be able to congratulate 3 of our members who have done exceedingly well in their university examinations. All of them have gained top second honours degrees. Paul Yates graduated in Maths at Oxford and begins training as an actuary at Winchester in the autumn. Most commendable are the achievements of Denise Cox and Vivienne Young who have been awarded degrees by the University of Lancaster as a result of their studies at Edgehill College of Education at Ormskirk. Both are housewives and mothers of 3 children. Denise is the leader of the Climber section of our Sunday School and she has continued in this role throughout her degree course.

**ECCLESIASTICAL**  
**DIRECT**  
INSURANCE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

Finally, I wish to draw to your attention to a scheme which this insurance company operates for the benefit of the local Church. It is the firm with whom all our Church buildings are insured, but their business is by no means confined to buildings.

They offer cover for life, car, house and contents. If you choose a household policy with Ecclesiastical Direct then the company donates a £25 voucher to our Church Council and a further £10 for every renewal. The small nearby parish of St. Mary, Ecclestone, near Chorley benefited to the value of £350 last year. Details of the scheme are contained in the inset to this publication. I believe it is a scheme well worth considering when we renew our home and contents insurance this year.

Roger B. Jackson.

# CHRISTIAN AID REPORT 1998

Should anyone be tempted to think that Christian Aid begins and ends with the annual week of house-to-house collecting this is an attempt to put the record straight. In this short report the operation of Christian Aid is reviewed with particular reference to the Manchester area.

Christian Aid was set up by the British and Irish Council of Churches 50 years ago to help homeless victims of the second World War in Europe. The organisation now helps people in more than 60 countries around the world. This help is achieved by cooperating with partner organisations (churches etc.) which work with poor people in their own countries. The overriding objective is to help people to help themselves and whilst Christian Aid assists in crisis situations the primary aim is to work with local communities on specific projects. Not all of Christian Aid's partner organisations are Christian - some are of other religions and some are of no specific faith - but all share a common concern for the poorest groups of people whoever they are.

In the Manchester area Christian Aid's full time representatives are John Logan and his secretary Eunice Harding (based in Manchester University Chaplaincy). John is responsible for Christian Aid's work in this area which is primarily coordination and education. This involves communication with TV and the press, organising groups and meetings, arranging for speakers and talking to schools and churches etc. throughout the year. In Bolton, as in other parts of Manchester, we have a committee comprising the local area organisers (who are each responsible for a group of churches), a chairperson and a treasurer - all voluntary. Whenever possible John Logan attends to give an update on issues involving Christian Aid. Members of the committee have arranged local information evenings, coffee mornings and have represented Christian Aid at Third World events. At Deane, we also support Tear Fund and other organisations and therefore we concentrate our efforts for Christian Aid on the house-to-house collection.

Christian Aid distributes about £40 million a year of which about 50% comes from the government. The remainder is roughly equally divided between contributions from events/donations and from house-to-house collections. In Bolton the house-to-house collection raises about £20,000. This year at St. Andrews the total is **£1160.4** and in the Deane area the total is £2617 of which the Deane Church total is **£1913.74**. This is down on last year's record total of £2035 due in part to a slight reduction in the average contributions but more specifically to having less collectors. This is still an excellent total and as an individual church second only to Christ Church, Heaton. Thank you to all those who contributed to the effort in their many ways.

Phil Ray

# PLEASE PRAY FOR SUDAN

Sudan is the largest country in Africa, occupying an area the size of Western Europe, with a population of approximately 28 million. Seventy per cent of the population are of Arabic origin and live in the predominantly Muslim North; the remaining thirty per cent are black African and live in the Christian and animist South. As a result of war and famine, Sudan now has four million internally displaced people, approximately 15 per cent of the country's population and the largest group of internally displaced people in the world.

The current war in Sudan is not as simple as 'Muslim North' versus the 'Christian South'. It is a complex situation where an extremist government in the north (allied with various southern factions but with little overall popular support) is trying to impose an Islamic state throughout Sudan. There is fighting between the north and south but there is also conflict within the south and within the north. There are southerners in the Government as well as northerners, and the opposition coalition is made up of Muslim and non-Muslim groups. The initial civil war broke out soon after Sudan gained its independence in 1955. In 1972 there was a brief respite when regional autonomy was promised for the south, but in 1983 civil war broke out once more.

In 1984 a drought resulted in a country-wide famine. Famine now threatens up to 1.2 million people in southern Sudan. The most publicised area of shortages is Bahr-el-Ghazal, but other threatened areas include Eastern Equatoria and Western Upper Nile. Sudan is heavily reliant on food aid, but heavy rains and lack of vehicles hamper access by road, and access by plane is difficult as people are constantly moving.

## **Please Pray:**



**For an end to the war** – For lasting and just peace and stability so that lives and communities can be rebuilt, and for hope instead of despair.



**For an end to the famine** – For the region of Bahr-el-Ghazal and other areas so affected by food shortages; for improved access for food aid and effective distribution of provisions for those in need.



**For those working for peace** – For the New Sudan Council of Churches and its work with the warring parties, with communities and with international contacts; for members of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD – a consortium of regional governments) – Uganda, Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Djibouti; for partners of IGAD – including the UK, most of Western Europe, USA, Canada and Japan and their work in international diplomacy.



**For development work and humanitarian assistance** – For Tearfund partners in Sudan; for effective distribution of relief through Operation Lifeline Sudan and the World Food Programme and for the work of other non governmental organisations.



**For those who are suffering** – For the millions of people who are refugees externally and internally; those without adequate food, shelter or medical care; those who have lost family members or who are suffering trauma, and for the rehabilitation of those whose lives have been shattered.



**For Tearfund partner ACROSS** – Working alongside Tearfund's Disaster Response Team in the relief effort.

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WATCH  
PRAYER LINK**

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# MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
June 7	£744.04	£84.92	£828.96
14	589.40	132.63	722.03
21	681.76	87.59	769.35
28	686.20	82.31	768.51
Standing Orders	255.50		255.50
Weekdays		304.31	304.31
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	£2,956.90	£691.76	£3,648.66
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,420

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## BITS & PIECES



**Millenium Rose.** Some while ago Tom Stokes shared with us his plan for celebrating the millenium with rose beds either side of the main path from the lychgate to the Church porch. He has ordered six varieties of roses from the reputable firm of Fryers of Knutsford. With the discount which they offer on large orders the average cost per bush works out at £4.

Weather permitting they will be collected and planted in November this year. If you wish to pay for a bush in memory of a loved one or to celebrate some occasion or other then please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Millenium Roses" and give it to Tom Stokes or the churchwardens. Thankyou.

### THANK YOU!



**Philip Gore** wishes to thank members of the Church family for their prayers, messages of sympathy and donations to Deane Church and Bolton Hospice following "Auntie Nellie's" death.

**The Ladies Guild** programme for this month begins with their annual Coffee Morning and Mini-Market on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup> from 10.00 am till 12 noon. An evening outing to Slatterys at Whitefield is planned for Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. B. Lewis is their visiting speaker a fortnight later on August 25<sup>th</sup> when the title of his talk will be "Make a Joyful Sound".

**The Mothers' Union's** monthly meeting is on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>.