

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**SEPTEMBER 1998**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 6. THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 13. FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
Youth Service in the  
Scout & Guide Hut  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### 20. FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong



*A good crop of apples from this orchard in the North Yorkshire Dales (Photo: John Edenbrow)  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

### 27. SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
Derek O'Brien  
6.30pm Evening Communion  
Philip Brew

Communion: Wednesdays September 2nd, 9th, 16th at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday September 2nd at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Monday September 7th at 7.45pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays September 15/16, 29/30

National Alpha Prayer Meeting: Saturday September 19th 6.30 - 7.30pm

## 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)

**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

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

**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.  
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

29<sup>th</sup> August 1998

One of the biggest national campaigns ever conducted by the Christian Churches in Great Britain is to take place this autumn when thousands of Churches of all denominations take part in the National Alpha Initiative.

Alpha is a 10 week introductory course to the Christian Faith recorded on video. After each talk we divide into small groups to discuss any questions raised from the talk. No question is regarded as too simple or too hostile. It is suitable for enquirers wanting to investigate Christianity, for newcomers to the Church and for those who recognise a need to brush up on the basics. Over the past 6 years there has been a phenomenal growth in the number of people attending Alpha courses and being helped by them. Within our own membership we have a number of people who can testify to the help they have personally received.

At a recent meeting of our Church Council it was decided that we should be identified with the national initiative. The campaign is being launched at a national press conference on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. On the following Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 1,500 posters will go up on prime site billboards around the country together with countless smaller posters on Church notice boards. Throughout the country participating Churches are encouraged to set aside part of Saturday evening September 19<sup>th</sup> to pray for the campaign. On Sunday evening September 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a special "Alpha" edition of the BBC's popular "Songs of Praise" expected to have an audience of between 5 and 6 million viewers. In the following week we are planning to distribute a leaflet to every home in the parish containing details of Alpha Courses to be run locally from October to December. For this task we will need a good number of volunteers. Archbishop George Carey says "I hope that through this National Alpha Initiative many people up and down the country will take the opportunity to discover more about Jesus Christ and His relevance for our lives to-day". It is my hope and prayer that many of us will avail ourselves of this opportunity to be helped ourselves and to encourage our relatives, friends and acquaintances to join in too.

The Bolton Neighbourhood Economic Development Agency (NEDA) are in the early stages of setting up a Credit Union in what has become known as the 3 D's Area (Deane, Derby, Daubhill). There are at least 2 others in Bolton and this latest one is based upon the model of that which is up and running in Breightmet. What is a Credit Union? It is a "Peoples' Bank" which encourages its members to be financially responsible people by saving on a regular basis and borrowing money at a fair rate of interest rather than resorting to the 'loan sharks'. The activities of a Credit Union are controlled by law and covered by insurance so the money is safe. For it to run successfully a Credit Union requires

- a Board of 4 Directors who meet for a couple of hours each month to advise and supervise the affairs.
- 12 Committee members who can give a couple of hours each week for the 'hands on' tasks of receiving and banking money, interviewing those seeking loans etc.

NEDA have approached us as a resource of potential volunteers. No previous experience is necessary, for training will be provided. I firmly believe that this is an appeal to which some of us should be responding thus showing that the faith we profess has about it that important element of social concern. You can offer your services through me or directly to Jeanette Fowler (the 3 D's Community Enterprise Officer) on Tel. 22213.

Roger B. Jackson.

# IN THE NEWS



## Thanksgiving

On August 9<sup>th</sup> we gave thanks to God for the birth of Alice, the daughter of Mark and Sarah Hewson, 348 Willows Lane.

Luc Colin, the son of Nigel and Carol Ogonby, 9 Saltergate.

## Baptism

On July 26<sup>th</sup> we welcomed into membership of the Church Family

Katie Elaine Bonnar-Jackson, 130 Beaumont Chase.

Chloe Danielle Burke, 3 Beaumont Chase.

Lucy Nicole Waddington, 27 Cornwall Avenue.

## News of Former Curates.

After a brief spell in the Prison Service at H.M. Prison Maghull **Frank Sudworth** is returning to parochial ministry in Bradford, West Yorks.

In addition to being a Team Vicar in the Eccles Team Ministry **Michael Saunders** is to become the Bolton Archdeaconry Adviser in Evangelism for which he will be commissioned in Bolton Parish Church on Sunday evening, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.

**Charlie Moore** is on the fast track to promotion in Zimbabwe. The bishop has appointed him as the Sub-Dean of St. John's Cathedral Church in Mutare. As there is no Dean at present this effectively makes him the acting Dean!

## Sympathy.

We are very sorry to record the death of **Nora Smith**. For a number of years she had been fighting cancer, but during her several periods of remission she continued to live a full and active life. Nora was a very self-effacing person who was happiest when she was busily engaged in work behind the scenes. No task was too mundane for her. We extend our sympathy to the members of her large family and we are grateful to them for the generous donation which they have promised in order to purchase something tangible in her memory. Suggestions will be welcome.

**Lynda Smith** has accepted the Rector's invitation to become Judith Valentine's successor as secretary of the Climbers and Explorers section of our Sunday School.

# BITS & PIECES



**The Ladies Guild** have invited Mr. Morris, the butcher to speak about "The other Black Beauty" on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. A fortnight later on September 22<sup>nd</sup> they have their annual Harvest Supper.

**The Mothers' Union** meet on Wednesday afternoon September 9<sup>th</sup>.

# Coffee Morning

You are invited by the Scouts and Guides to their Coffee Morning and Mini Market to be held in their hut on Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10.00 - 12 noon.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR AFGHANISTAN

A diverse country split by tribal allegiances, religious beliefs and civil war, Afghanistan has experienced fluctuating intensity of fighting and suffering since 1978.

The Islamic State of Afghanistan was proclaimed in 1992 after mujaheddin guerrillas overthrew the Soviet-backed communist government and took over Kabul. Fighting continued between various mujaheddin groups. Currently the Taliban controls Kabul and about two-thirds of the country.

Since 1992 almost 2 million of the 5 million refugees who had fled to neighbouring Iran and Pakistan have returned to settle in the provinces where conditions are more peaceful. Elsewhere, however, the situation is harsh, especially for women who under Taliban policy are banned from work and education and are not allowed to go out alone or speak in public. Landmines continue to claim many innocent lives, and two earthquakes in 1998 caused further suffering.



## Pray for:

**Peace** - that genuine and lasting peace would come to this suffering country and for God's justice to be known.

**The economy** - that this would be restored, having been so disrupted by the war and flight of refugees.

**Refugees** - for those still in Iran and Pakistan and for those returning - for their safety and protection.

**The United Nations and NGOs** (Non-Governmental Organisations) as they attempt to ensure the needs of the poor and vulnerable are not overlooked under very difficult circumstances.

Those in **Tearfund** responsible for considering how best to respond to the ever-changing situation in Afghanistan.



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# MONEY MATTERS



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

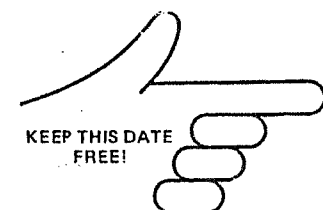
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July 5	£559.14	£ 66.38	£625.52
12	629.54	123.81	753.35
19	708.07	74.84	782.91
26	598.15	103.78	701.93
Standing Orders	155.50		155.50
Weekdays		164.43	164.43
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,980.

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**Chris and Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor** wish to thank those who contributed a total of £94.02 enabling them to purchase items of a recreational nature for the children in the Embu Street Children's Project which we support in Kenya. When they return from their visit to Kenya for the dedication of the new building for the children they will report on their visit and what they purchased with your donations.

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We have invited **The Ridings Lights Theatre Company** to come to Bolton during their National Autumn Tour to present their latest production entitled "A Different Drum".

Date: **Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm**

Venue: The Deane School.

**Riding Lights** is a Christian Theatre Company based in York, with 21 years professional experience. It has produced over 100 shows ranging from new plays to classics, satirical revues and educational shows to musicals.

**A Different Drum** is centred in the Derbyshire village of Eyam which was devastated by a plague in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Around this story other stories are told from different cultures and times of similar acts of resistance and sacrifice. We meet people who have dared to cross accepted boundaries of self-interest, living out a truth as hard as nails with revolutionary results.

Here are some of the comments from those who have seen the show.

"One of the best performances I have seen – very inspiring, moving and innovative" (Weybridge)

"I can genuinely say that this production was the most powerful and effective theatre I have ever seen – and I've seen lots" (Chester)

"Not just an evening's entertainment – an experience. Sometimes bewildering, sometimes sorrowful and sometimes joyous. I'm full of admiration for how much was achieved by so few with so little" (Wallasey)

"Excellent. There were times when I had a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes. I have told friends around the country that they must see this production if they can". (York)

So book the date now: Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>.