

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER 1998

SUNDAY DIARY

4 SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Frank Bowyer
6.30pm Evensong
Nola Worsfold

11. EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8.00am Communion
10.30am Harvest Family Service
Nola Worsfold
6.30pm Evening Communion
Roger Jackson

18. NINETEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
David Phillips
Youth Service in the
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evensong
Roger Jackson

25. TWENTIETH AFTER TRINITY

8.00 am Communion
10.30am Family/Parade Service
and Baptism
Roger Jackson
6.00pm Evening Communion
David Dewhurst



*Autumn colours at Lyndhurst in the heart of Hampshire's New Forest (Photo: Ivan Berchar)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday in the Church Lounge at 10.00am

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

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays October 13/14, 27/28

Church Council: Monday October 19th at 7.45pm

Harvest Hoe Down: Saturday October 17th at 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:

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)

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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)

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234 Wigan Road (61819)

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32 Junction Road (655375)

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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

20th September 1998.

I have been asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his capacity as President of the recently held Lambeth Conference to read a pastoral letter from him at our services on September 27th. As it takes at least 8 minutes to read I believe it would be inappropriate to do so, especially at our main service that day. Instead I have decided to print the letter below and overleaf so that you can read what the Archbishop has to say at your leisure.

Roger B. Jackson.

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE COMMUNION

August 13, 1998

My dear Sisters and Brothers

Just a few days ago the 13th Lambeth Conference, which brought together 750 Bishops and 650 spouses from the 37 Provinces of the Anglican Communion, ended. Thanks to the prayers of many, and the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst, the vast majority of those present agreed that it had been very worthwhile, with much blessing resulting from our common worship, study and dialogue - blessings which, I know, were experienced as much in the Spouses Programme as in the Bishops' Conference.

At the heart of our Conference was our daily Bible study, in small groups, of Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, which we looked at under the title *Leadership under Pressure* - something which all of us could, I think, readily identify with. As we did so, I was struck by St Paul's emphasis on 'faces': The glory on Moses' face after he had met with God (3:12); the transforming glory on our faces when we turn to God (3:18) and then in 4:6, that wonderful passage where Paul speaks of the light which has shone in our hearts '*to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*'.

And we have been transformed by being together over these three weeks. We have seen one another's faces. People who we might only have heard about in the past are now people we know as friends, whose faces are known to us. And many of us will never be the same again because we have been enriched by the stories those people have shared with us, of leadership under pressure, and of the goodness of God sometimes in the context of great hardship, poverty and persecution or, elsewhere, of secularity and indifference. How could any of us forget the Bishop of Kitgum's simple but moving account of the death of his beloved wife, Winifred, blown up by a landmine? And who was not challenged by his courage in maintaining a faithful witness in an area where terrorists regularly abduct children and take them away to train them as killers? Such an account is a vivid reminder of the context in which some of our brothers and sisters work as bishops and Christians.

In listening to each other and sharing common concerns we have also seen the face of the world in its agony and confusions. We have taken time together to study carefully some of the profound and perplexing problems which the Provinces had requested for our agenda. Some of these problems press hard only on some parts of our Communion but they must be of concern to us all as members of one family. The burden of international debt; the changing pattern of inter-faith relations; the making of moral decisions in an increasingly relativistic climate; the need as a Church to bring peace and reconciliation in those parts of the world threatened by civil strife; the impact of technology on us all - all these were looked at in depth and our Report and Resolutions reflect that fact. (These will be available in due course) What is more, we believe we made considerable progress in addressing these issues as we listened to each other in the context of scripture and the experience of the Communion; and the fruit of our discussions will, I hope, become evident in days to come. Of particular significance, I believe, is the issue of International Debt, and much more will flow from our commitment to press the moral argument for the relief of the burden of unpayable debt.

But there have been times when 'face to face' encounter has been difficult and potentially divisive. This was particularly so with regard to our discussions about human sexuality. Prior to the Conference no Province had asked for homosexuality to figure as a major item on the agenda, but, nonetheless, the issue was debated hotly and we found that our diversity of theology and culture, often a source of blessing, was becoming a 'differing' that could so easily have resulted in bitter confrontation.

But the result of those discussions was a Resolution, passed by a huge majority, that *'this Conference, in view of the teaching of Scripture upholds faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union, and believes that abstinence is right for those who are not called to marriage'*. In the same Resolution we also affirmed that we would *'commit ourselves to listen to the experience of homosexual persons, and we wish to assure them that they are loved by God and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of Christ'*.

For the vast majority of us involved in that debate the friendships that had been established, coupled with a desire to listen to each other, enabled us to transcend our differences. Nevertheless, I recognise that for some parts of the Church, there was considerable pain to be endured both in the debate itself and its outcome and so the listening must go on, not only to Scripture but also to one another.

And the fact of division in the world and the Church is surely something that we should face up to with courage and faith. So much energy goes into maintaining divisions instead of working for unity. It is my strong belief that one of the greatest benefits of this Conference will be our experience as bishops of pursuing a oneness of aim in the midst of diversity. That, I believe, has strengthened rather than weakened our Communion.

But, if we have looked at the difficulties facing our Churches we have also perceived the effects in many Provinces of the Decade of Evangelism that was so wonderfully brought to our Communion by the last Lambeth Conference. We give thanks to God for all that has been achieved. We affirm under God that the Decade of Evangelism does not end in two years' time! Rather, the 201st decade begins then! The Millennium will, I believe, provide a unique opportunity of telling the story of Jesus Christ afresh to our world. Let every diocese aim to present our Lord as Saviour and Hope of the world and let us all seek to bring people to baptism and new life in Christ.


For through this marvellous Conference we have begun to see some of us for the first time, the growth and the vigour of the Communion. Anglicans are at work among the very poor as well as among the most privileged. We have thus gained true insights into our interdependence as Provinces. We know now that we *must* ensure that our structures are more accountable; we know that we must find new ways of supporting the poorest parts of the Communion (often rich in faith and joy); we know that we must become a more outward looking and serving Communion; we know that we must share together our resources in training and Biblical scholarship.

And strengthened by our fellowship together we return to our dioceses more ready to serve that Communion and all its members. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for making it possible for us to meet in Canterbury, because in meeting here we believe we have glimpsed something precious of the glory of God in the 'face of Jesus Christ' and the nature of a serving ministry which comes from following him.

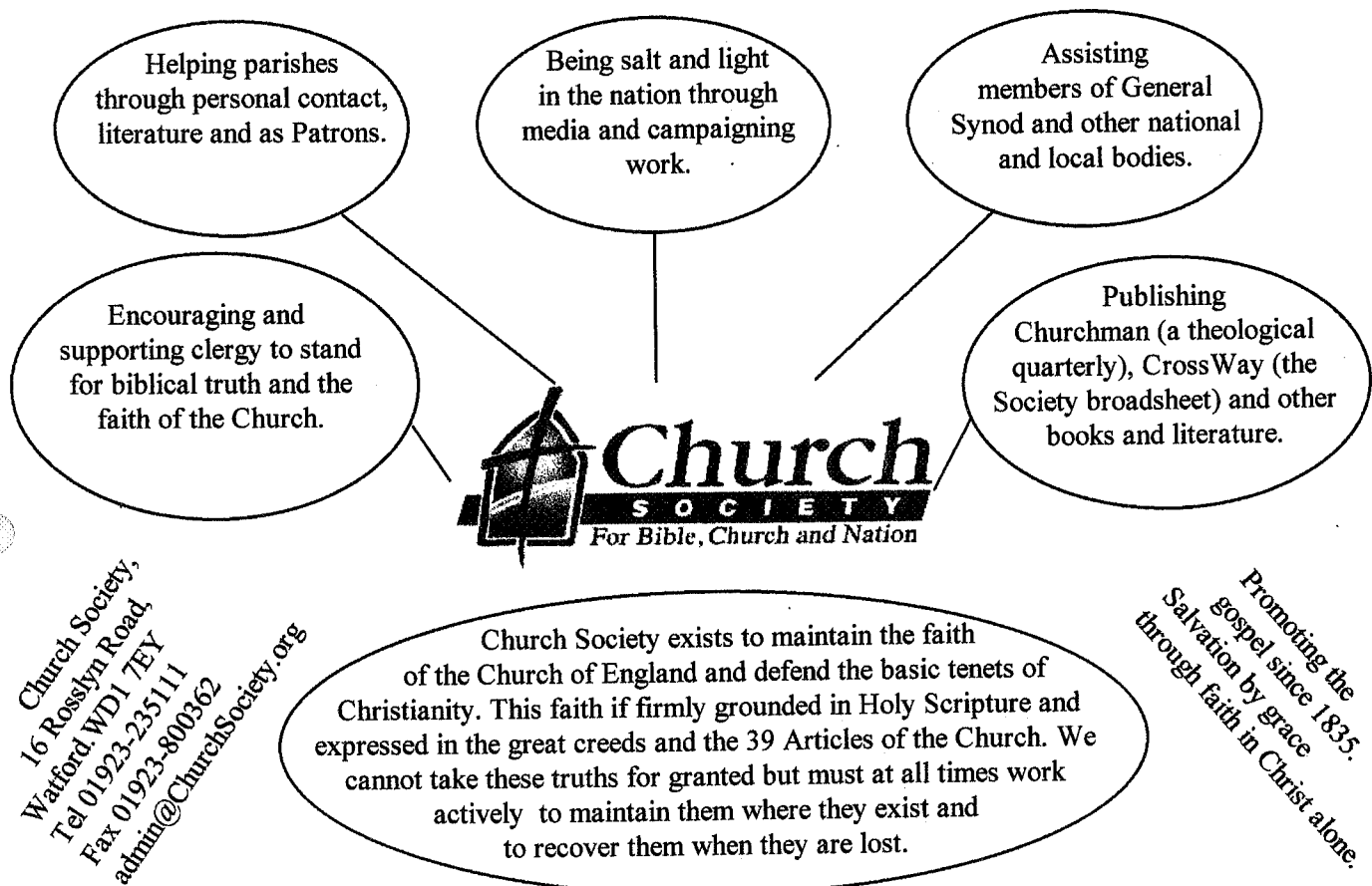
And in the words of St Paul, from that letter which challenged us so very deeply, we salute you from the Lambeth Conference: *Finally, brothers and sisters... put things in order... agree with one another, live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you.*

May God bless you in our faith and life together.

Your brother in Christ

+ 
George

Our visiting preacher on Sunday October 18th (St. Luke's Day) is the Revd. David Phillips, the recently appointed Secretary of the Church Society. The diagram below sets out the range of activities and concerns of this ancient Anglican Society.



Social Committee Activities

■ Hoe - Down

Once again because of the success in previous years (last year was a sell-out) we are holding a Hoe Down with the Haywain Band on Saturday, 17th October at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Tickets costing £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children (includes supper) are available from any member of the committee.

■ Christmas Buffet Dance

We are returning to the Deane Golf Club this year for our Christmas function and this is to be held on Saturday, 5th December at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £9.50 will be available from 17th October. Judging from previous years demand is likely to be high so please see any committee member as soon as possible.

■ Parish Weekend

Finally, we are looking for a volunteer(s) to help organise a Parish Weekend next year with the help of the Social Committee. Due to the majority of the present members of the Committee going to Spring Harvest next year, ideally it should be someone who would be going on the weekend. We need to book as soon as possible and so if you are willing to help please can you have a word with the chairman, Bryan Shephard who can provide more details of what is involved.



AFRICA



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

A year after the fall of dictator Mobutu, the government of Laurent Kabila is under severe threat from rebel forces assumed to be backed by Rwanda and Uganda among others. Meanwhile, President Mugabe of Zimbabwe has indicated that nine Southern African states will try to maintain Kabila in power. This part of Africa desperately needs peace and stability so that it can move forward. Pray for the people whose lives are once again so uncertain, and for those with power to influence the situation.



SUDAN

A limited temporary cease-fire during the rainy season has allowed more aid to reach thousands of displaced people, but much urgent need remains. Pray

that the cease-fire might be extended, and a lasting peace found. Remember the aid workers, including Tearfund's teams, as they attempt to make a positive impact in a rapidly changing situation.



KENYA

Tearfund partner Oasis Counselling is among those working to deal with the aftermath of the horrific explosion in Nairobi which left over 200 dead and more than a thousand in hospital. The experience has stretched all kinds of resources to the limit. Kenyans have been expressing the hope that the nation will find a new heart for unity and righteousness as a result of this tragedy, so that good might be brought from evil.

EUROPE



UNITED KINGDOM

The bomb in Omagh means that many in the UK have shared the experience of Kenya. While the numbers affected are smaller, the political impact is potentially enormous, and the prayer needs much the same.



KOSOVO

Once again Europe looks on apparently helplessly as violence continues in Kosovo, and the numbers of bereaved and displaced people continue to grow. Pray for those attempting to meet the humanitarian crisis,

and for those in power to take action with courage and compassion.



GERMANY

Jubilee 2000 in Germany and outside has been working hard to put international debt on the agenda for the national election on 27th September. Pray that the new government will take decisive action in this area.

LATIN AMERICA

Last month's Tearfund partner consultations brought together many working on the front-line of poverty across the continent. Praise God for fellowship: burdens and ideas shared. Those facing the mounting violence in Colombia were able to learn from those who have been

through the same experience in Peru. Many spoke of their concern for the devastating impact of increasing family breakdown and a rising tide of violence on the streets. In Honduras the two main causes of death are murder and AIDS.



ASIA



AFGHANISTAN

Most expatriate aid personnel have left the country, including some who have given a lifetime of service to the Afghan people. Pray for them in their uncertainty over the future, and for the people of Afghanistan who remain to face the onset of winter with many sources of assistance now closed.



FLOODS

Pray for those involved in the aftermath of the serious floods in Bangladesh and China. Millions have been affected over the past two months. Water levels may return to normal; people's lives take longer.



EMBU STREET CHILDREN

Chris and Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor with their daughter Bethany have recently returned from a visit to Kenya at the invitation of Canon Johnson Maringa to see how the money which is given each month by members of our congregation is being spent. They took with them the following items of recreational equipment for the children being helped on the project:- 3 skipping ropes, 3 tennis balls, a click and catch game, 3 large foam footballs, 8 soft ball sets, 4 cricket bats, 4 tennis rackets, 4 badminton sets, 7 flying saucers, 2 boomerangs together with a number of specific items that people had given them. (I imagine they would have had to charter an RAF Transporter plane from RAF Lynham for this lot! Editor.) "Everyone was so happy with these gifts and we spent a lot of time playing with the children. One of the boys wanted to give us something in return. He decided to make a cross which has been placed on the prayer board at the back of Church. At its base there is an inscription in which he says that as a result of this project he no longer sees himself as a "street child". Before he joined the project 4 years ago he lived on the streets, and ate food from the rubbish tips.

There are now 38 children living on the project. They are well looked after and doing well at school. They do have some failures however; for some children have been so damaged in their short lives that they run away from the project and return to life on the streets, but these are few in number. For every child who leaves the project there are many more wanting to take their place.

The project has recently been renamed. It is now the St. Stephen's Children's Home. This is to enable the children to feel that they now belong to a family and are no longer outcasts" A fuller account of this report can be found in Church. Help yourself to a copy.

Julie Cooper is launching a **Christmas Appeal for the St. Stephen's Children's Home.**

At Christmas we remember the birth of Jesus by giving presents and with your help we want to make Christmas 1998 a special one for the Street Children of EMBU whom our Church have been supporting over the past 3 years.

We wish to invite you to get involved in our Christmas Appeal for EMBU. It is a great way for children, teenagers and adults to share in the joy of giving to these needy children and all we need are small gifts of any of the following items:-

- Gift packed toiletries, etc
- School supplies:- pencils, crayons, rubbers, sharpeners, rulers, colouring books, writing pads etc.
- Sweets

But nothing too heavy please. Donations towards the Christmas party would also be welcome.

NO fragile items, aerosols, liquids, glass bottles, food or chocolate.

The age range of the children is from 8 to 13 years so any other gifts should be with these ages in mind.

If you are willing to support this worthwhile project please bring your gifts (unwrapped please) and place them in the box provided at the back of Church.

Jesus said, Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these (Matthew 19.14 NIV) we want to reach out in Christ's name to these young children and make a difference to their lives this Christmas.

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
August 2	£610.87	£115.74	£726.61
9	600.15	101.21	701.36
16	555.02	79.64	634.66
23	603.43	69.04	672.47
30	592.29	159.50	751.79
Standing Orders	155.50		155.50
Weekdays		288.16	288.16
	<hr/> £3,117.26 <hr/>	<hr/> £813.29 <hr/>	<hr/> £3,930.55 <hr/>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,751

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THANK YOU!



The family of the late Susan Smith have written to express their sincere thanks to all their friends in the Church Family, in particular to those who have sent cards, letters and donations, and to all those who attended Sue's funeral. It has been comforting to know that we are in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. All those things are helping us to come to terms with the loss of Sue and it has been most encouraging to us to know how highly she was respected and liked by so many who will miss her. A total of £170 has been received in donations in her memory.

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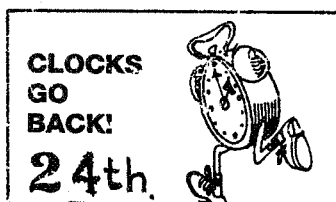
The Ladies Guild have invited Mrs. M. Hamblin to speak about her three months voluntary work in Hungary on Tuesday October 6th. Miss Betty Bamford will give a devotional address a fortnight later on October 20th.

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoon, October 14th.

"The Victor" is the title of a modern Christian Musical by Jimmy and Carol Owens to be presented by the United Christian Singers at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday October 3rd at 7.15 pm. in aid of Bolton YMCA. For further details see the notice board in Church.

All tickets costing the concession price of £4.50. for the Riding Lights Theatre Company's presentation of "A Different Drum" at the Deane School on Tuesday November 3rd are now available at Church.

Anyone for Coffee? Julie Cooper is hosting a coffee morning on Friday October 2nd in conjunction with the World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer Relief. Every cup of coffee means more support to assist people with cancer.



.....which, if you remember will give you that welcome extra hour in bed before coming to the Family Service, in the context of which we will be welcoming into membership of our Church Family at least two new members through baptism.