

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1998

SUNDAY DIARY

1. FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT All Saints

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8. THIRD BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Evening Communion

15. SECOND BEFORE ADVENT

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

22. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

8.00 am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Evening Communion

29 ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Advent Carol Service



*Good Lake District walking country at Watendlath, above Borrowdale (Photo: Ivan Belcher)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Wednesdays November 4th, 18th, 25th at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 18th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays November 10/11, 24/25

Theatre Outing: Tuesday November 3rd at 7.30pm in The Deane School - the Riding Lights Theatre Company presentation of "A Different Drum"

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)

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

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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

24th October, 1998.

Sunday Evenings

Two vicars were discussing what to do about their Sunday evening services in view of the fact that so few attended. One of them admitted that he hadn't actually held one for 6 months. This prompted the other to ask how he dealt with those who opposed his action. He replied "Strangely enough, I've had no opposition at all; in fact I don't think anyone has noticed yet!" Things aren't that bad at Deane, but it is disheartening the way in which numbers attending the evening service have diminished especially over the past 2 years. Many Churches have abandoned their evening service altogether. I don't want to do that because I recognise that there are some, especially those involved in teaching in our children's departments, who cannot attend the main service in the morning. However, I am left asking myself whether we are justified, especially in the winter months of heating our large building for an additional 7 hours for so small a congregation. Ought we not to be seriously considering using the Church Lounge instead as we do on Wednesday mornings? I am interested to receive your observations before the Church Council considers the matter at its December meeting. Even if you don't normally attend on Sunday evenings, I hope you will make a special effort to be present on November 29th. On this occasion I have invited Jane Hampson to bring her Bolton Youth Choir to lead our worship in an Advent Carol Service.

Christian Giving

The new sets of Christian Giving Envelopes will be allocated shortly. I understand that out of the 235 sets distributed this time last year as many as 24 will not be re-issued this year. This is because some people have moved away, sadly others have died, but even more sadly because some simply haven't been using them. The plain teaching of Scripture is that every Christian should set aside a proportion of his/her income every Sunday to give to Christian and charitable causes (see 1 Corinthians Ch. 16 v 2). A failure to do this is, to put it bluntly, disobedience. Disobedience in this, as in many other matters, often arises from a lack of self-discipline. I have found that using these envelopes assists me in being disciplined in my giving to God's work. I, therefore, urge you, if you don't already do so, to start making use of this system of regular giving.

A Sad Note

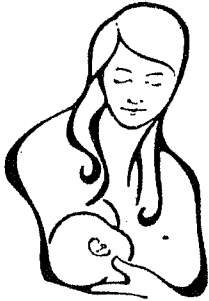
For many of us it was a great shock to read in the Bolton Evening News about Chris Kilsby, one of our Readers and the Headteacher of our Church School. For the quality of her ministry and work she has been greatly respected both in the Church Family and also in the wider community which serves as the catchment area for the school. When people have such a high profile their private lives are inevitably in the public domain. I was left with no option but to accept her resignation from membership of Deane Church and as a Reader. Children, young people and adults who have looked up to Chris as an example and role model have been left confused by what has happened. However, I believe the overriding reaction has been one of sadness rather than recrimination. Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the 2 families who have been deeply hurt by this episode.

Roger B. Jackson.

P.S. I hope to see you at the Deane School on Tuesday November 3rd for the Riding Lights Theatre Company's production of "A Different Drum". All tickets are at the concessionary price of £4.50 and are available at Church or from the rectory.

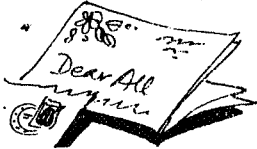
BITS & PIECES

On September 20th we gave thanks with Andrew and Deborah Wardley for the birth of their son Adam. He was born several months prematurely and this was an anxious time for his parents. He is now making good progress and we look forward to receiving him into membership of the Church through baptism in the near future.



Baptism. On August 30th we welcomed into membership of the Church Family: Luc Colin Ogunby, 9 Saltorgate.

THANK YOU!

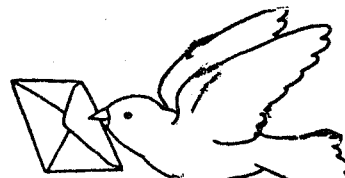


Edna Barlow and her sons Kirk and David wish to express their gratitude to everyone in the Church Family for their tremendous moral and spiritual support during the very difficult period when it became clear just how seriously ill her husband, John, was. They appreciated the cards, flowers and messages of sympathy received on John's death and they thank all those who attended his funeral service.

You may have noticed that on some Sunday mornings recently the bells have not been rung to welcome you. This is because we now have an acute shortage of people able and willing to ring. If you would like to learn how to ring them have a word with either David McCormick on 654502 or Kenneth Higson on 63754. At the present time there is a campaign to increase the number of bellringers in preparation for the forthcoming millenium celebrations.

Volunteer Reading Help

VRH is a national organisation which is looking for volunteers to help children in our local schools who are having difficulty learning to read. No formal qualifications are needed, but you do need to have patience, a love for books and children and to be able to give 4 hours of your time each week during term time to make reading fun for children who do not enjoy reading books. Interviews and training courses are held at the Castle Hill Centre, Castleton Street, Bolton BL2 2JN where the organiser, Rachel Sawbridge can be contacted on 373688.



Bob Lunt of the South American Missionary Society.

He has recently returned from 2 very fruitful months in Argentina where he has been working with 4 translators of the Old Testament scriptures into the Wichi language. His long standing fellow translator, Isidro has now fully recovered from TB and has also been ordained as a deacon in the local Church. On this trip Bob spent most of his time with Juancito, a very gentle man who like Isidro has also been ordained. They have been working together on the books of Leviticus and Ezekiel. (Copies of the full text of Bob's letter are on the magazine table in Church. Please take one).

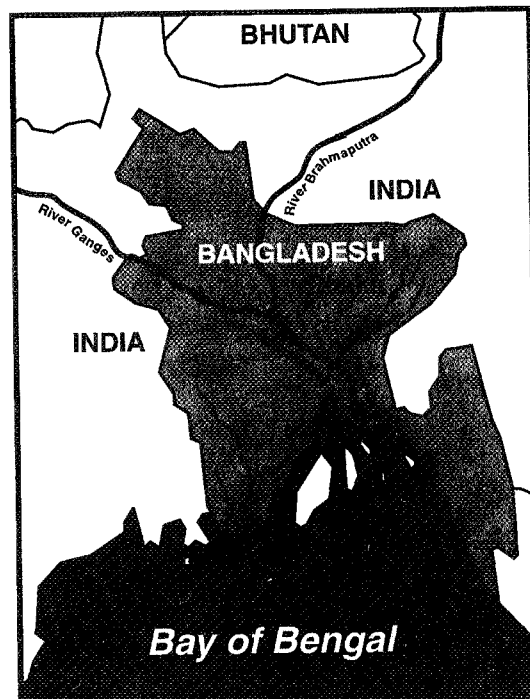
PLEASE PRAY FOR BANGLADESH

Bangladesh was formerly part of India under the British; then from 1947 it became East Pakistan. In 1970 a massive flood disaster killed half a million people; the following year civil war led to the formation of the independent People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh lies at the head of the Bay of Bengal in the flood plain of three major rivers – the Ganges, Meghna and Brahmaputra. It is always, therefore, vulnerable to flooding. Despite increasing deforestation in the upstream catchment areas, enormous efforts have been made by government and charities to prepare for and protect against the worst effects of the floods.

From July to September 1998 Bangladesh saw the worst floods in the country's history. At least thirty million people have been affected, and two-thirds of the country submerged under water. A quarter of the population has been made homeless and one million hectares of crops damaged. Food prices have risen sharply and an estimated 4 million metric tonnes of grain is needed to avert famine.

Whilst immediate loss of life has been under 1,000, the future looks grim. A nationwide Disasters Emergency Committee appeal, which includes Tearfund, has been launched to raise funds for short-term relief and rehabilitation, including food-distribution, cash for work, seed for new crops and medical help to combat water-borne diseases.



Please pray

- giving thanks that flood defences and disaster mitigation projects have saved thousands of lives.
- for those working to provide food, emergency services and preventive healthcare: that effective help comes in time to save more lives.
- for Tearfund partners HEED and KOINONIA as they help the relief effort. Both have block grants of £20,000 to use in this situation. Additional grants for these and other partners are also being sent.
- for the response to the DEC appeal – that people will give generously and the agencies act wisely and well to provide material help and hope for the future.

Statistics

Population	124 million (1995)
Area	143,998 sq km (approx. the size of England and Wales)
Capital	Dhaka
Currency	Taka

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PRAYER LINK

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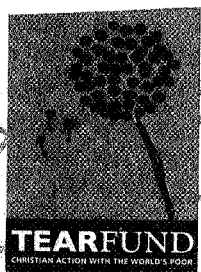


Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
September 6	£ 645.70	£ 92.96	£738.66
13	692.23	101.57	793.80
20	502.88	91.36	594.24
27	532.55	134.17	666.72
Standing Orders	155.50	-	155.50
Weekdays	-	159.27	159.27
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	£2528.86	£579.33	£3108.19
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In the corresponding month last year the total amount given was £3061.

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In response to the Disaster Emergency Appeal for the victims of the disastrous flooding in Bangladesh a total of £210 was given and has been sent to Tear Fund.

The results of the annual Harvest Appeal will be published in next month's issue of this news letter.

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The Ladies Guild have invited Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor on Tuesday November 17th to give an illustrated talk about her recent visit to the Embu Street Children project in Kenya.

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoon November 11th.



Church Flowers

Next years flower rota is now on the Church notice board. If you wish to make a donation for the flowers decorating the main communion table one weekend next year, then please place your name in one of the vacant spaces. Many people use the opportunity to celebrate an anniversary or to remember with gratitude a loved one,.

Next year's **Parish Diaries** are now available and they still only cost 75p.