

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 1998

SUNDAY DIARY

6. SECOND IN ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.00am Family Communion
Youth Service in
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evensong

13. THIRD IN ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
Nativity in the
Memorial Hall
6.30pm Evening Communion

20. FOURTH IN ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Carol Service
6.30pm Christmas Agape

27. FIRST OF CHRISTMAS

8.00 am Communion
10.30am Family Communion



*A seasonal stained glass window in Hazlemere church, Buckinghamshire (Photo: Keith Elliot)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday December 9th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Thursday December 10th at 7.45pm

Dinner Dance: Saturday December 5th at 7.30pm at Deane Golf Club

Carol Singing in the Residential Homes, Monday December 21st. Meet at the Rectory at 7.00pm

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day: Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.30am

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)

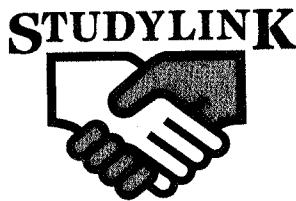
Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30 p.m.
Margaret Latchford (657101)

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

28th November, 1998.

When I came to Deane I introduced you to the EFAC Bursary Scheme which has subsequently been renamed as Study Link. Since then our Church has regularly supported it through our Christian Giving Programme.



The scheme has been in operation for over 30 years now. Its purpose is to enable potential leaders and theological educators from the growing Third World to study at colleges in this country for further qualifications which are not available in their own countries. In addition, it forges personal links between overseas churches and churches and colleges in the UK.

Over the years we, like a number of other parishes and colleges, have provided funding, parish experience, vacation hospitality, academic supervision, prayer and pastoral support, but we have also received and learnt much too.

The strong and growing link that we have with the Embu Street Children Project in Kenya is a direct result of the friendship that began in 1983 when we supported Johnson Maringa. Johnson had a meal with Sheila and Chris Dewhurst-Taylor and Sheila has been out to Kenya on several occasions. Sheila's enthusiasm has galvanised many of us to support this project.

To my knowledge one of these men, Edmond Alieu is now a theological college principal in Nigeria. Two others, William Magambo and Elisha Kyemugambi, are now bishops in neighbouring dioceses in Uganda, and Daniel Zindo has been a bishop in the troubled area of Southern Sudan since 1984. It is about Daniel that I want to inform you now for he was tragically killed in a road accident in Kenya in October.

Daniel was born into a Christian family. Though he had little education, he was identified as a person of special quality and was encouraged to be ordained at the Oak Hall Theological College in London. He was essentially a pastor and no one was more surprised than Daniel when people wanted him to be their bishop soon after his return to Sudan.

The situation in Sudan is one of 32 years of violent conflict between the Arab north and the African south. In 1990 when the fighting between the Sudanese government based in the north and the Sudanese Peoples' Liberation Army based in the south overran his diocese Daniel and 27,000 of his people went into exile in the Central African Republic from where he returned in 1993.

His death is a very serious blow to the Church in Sudan because having recently been appointed as the acting Archbishop he was seen as the one person who could, with the help of God, bring together the two halves of the Church in this divided country. His death is an equally serious blow to his own family. His wife, Grace, was murdered a year ago by a battle-crazed soldier who turned out to be their own son-in-law. In addition, Daniel had lost his brother and 4 other family members in recent times. Since there was now no other senior surviving member of his family to care for his own children and the other children he was supporting he decided to move into exile, taking with him 23 dependants of whom only one had completed his education. The others are college students, children at school and others still too young to go to school. An appeal fund has been launched to support this family, and as a Church which supported Daniel in the past we have been approached. Mary and I will be making a personal donation and I hope that our PCC will allocate something from its Christian Giving Programme. If any of you feels sufficiently moved to make an individual contribution please make your cheque out to the "Sudan Church Association" and I will send it with mine.

Finally, at this time of the year I wish once again to thank those who assist with the production of this monthly communication, Craig and Una Mochrie for typing and stapling, David Dewhurst for the prayer diary and to Christine Dean, the head of the Deane School Reprographics unit, whose expertise with modern printing technology is an enormous help saving us a great deal of money had we to go to a commercial printer.

Mary joins me in sending you our best wishes for Advent and the forthcoming festive season of Christmas.

Roger B. Jackson

BITS & PIECES

Baptism. On Sunday October 25th we welcomed into membership of our Church Family at Deane: Adam Alexander Glenn Wardley, 10 Roland Road.
Jacob Dada Yakia, 11 Falconwood Chase, Worsley.



The Ladies Guild meet twice this month, for their Christmas Meal on December 1st and on December 8th for Carols and Readings.

The Mothers' Union wish to thank all those who supported their Coffee Morning last month. They raised £190 which is to be donated to the Memorial Hall fund. At this month's meeting on Wednesday afternoon December 9th they will read lessons and sing carols.

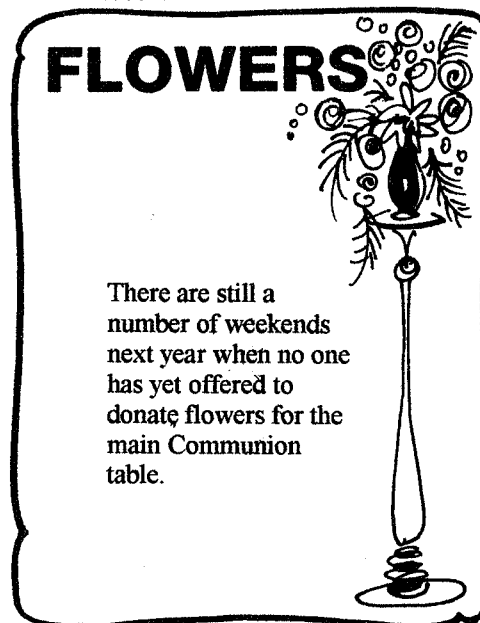
The Christian Choral Group **Celeste** present their annual Christmas Concert at the Bethel Church, Clarence Street on Saturday December 5th at 7.30 pm. Tickets costing £5 (students £3) are available from Booths' Music on Churchgate. Proceeds are to go to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Stay stands for Short Term Accommodation for Young People. It seeks to be a Christian response to the problem faced by teenagers, the majority of them between 16 and 18, who come from situations which have been very stressful for them. Sadly the organisation is struggling to find homes in which to place these young people. Usually the accommodation required is for one or two nights and the longest time would be 3 weeks. The young person has to abide by certain rules such as not being in the house when the householder is not present. Moreover, the host/hostess is only required to provide bed and breakfast and sometimes an evening meal.

It is understandable that we might be fearful of such a young person coming into our home, but experience shows that they are not to be feared. Many of them respond to love, and some express amazement that there are people willing to take them in. More information can be obtained by contacting either our Church representative, Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor on 598889 or Sandra Lee on 385848.

Justicia is the new trade name for the Christian Traidshop at 81 Knowsley Street, Bolton (opposite Debenham's). They stock a wide range of goods made in the Third World and for which those who made them have been paid a just and fair price. Consequently this is a good shop to visit when looking for suitable Christmas presents such as letter-racks, candle sticks, musical instruments, jewellery, ornaments, picture frames etc.

Decorating the Church for Christmas is going to be done on Saturday morning December 19th from 9.30 am in preparation for the first of our Christmas services the following day. It is not necessary for you to be an experienced flower arranger. You will be most useful if you are able to cut holly and ivy for laying on the window sills, hanging decorations, inserting candles in holders and generally making our Church attractive for this festive season.



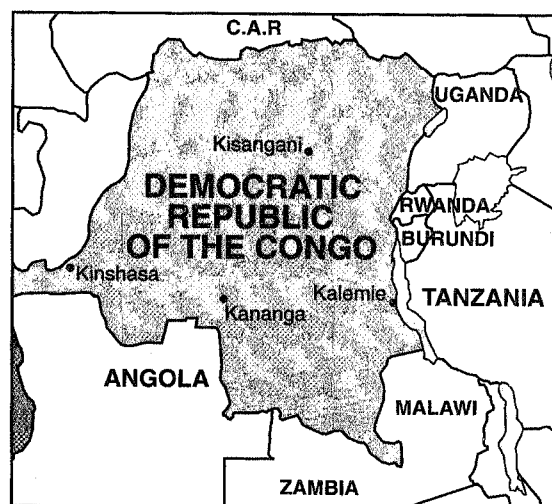
Have you got a diary for next year? Church Diaries are still available at 75p.

PLEASE PRAY FOR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Former Zaire, the size of western Europe, is rich in minerals and could potentially feed a substantial part of Africa.







The corrupt presidency of Mobutu Sese Seko was ended by Laurent Kabila in May 1997 following a rapid military advance from eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Since then, however, Kabila's government has made no clear move towards increased democracy, nor has it been able to root out corruption. Political parties have been banned, and opponents jailed. Kabila also refused to allow a United Nations team to fully investigate alleged massacres by his and Rwandan forces.

In August this year, another rebellion began in the east of the country, this time against Kabila, originally led by a group of predominantly rebel ethnic Tutsis formerly in the Congolese army. The Banyamulenge rebels had previously supported Kabila but became disenchanted and announced they wanted independence.



Since then the conflict has grown to include neighbouring countries, and all attempts at peace talks have been unsuccessful. Other countries' interest stems from different reasons – Uganda and Rwanda have rebels who use Congo as a safe haven and would hope to replace Kabila with someone who would protect their borders from rebel raids, so they currently support the new rebel movement. For the government, Angola is worried that a rebel victory would allow its own rebel force UNITA to establish safe havens in Congo, and Zimbabwean interest comes from Mugabe's own military ambition and quest for power. Chad and Sudan have also been reported as sending troops to support Kabila's government. Fighting continues.

Please pray

-  For a negotiated settlement for peace between all parties concerned, that the involvement of other nations would represent a positive African solution to African problems, rather than an escalation of the conflict across the region.
-  For communications: that a direct and regular communication line can be opened up and maintained with Tearfund partners in DR Congo, despite the volatile environment in which they are operating.
-  For partners, particularly at Nyankunde - CME Hospital/Health Zone and IPASC (Pan African Institute of Community Health) as they respond to health needs and for the
- protection of vital hospital medicine, equipment and vehicles from theft by the military and rebels.
-  For church leaders as they advocate on behalf of their communities to the authorities and seek to bring the confidence and hope of the Gospel where fear is prevalent.
-  For the local population as they live in economic hardship and fear of violence.
-  An outpouring of God's love, grace, mercy and peace on this nation.

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WATCH**
PRAYER LINK

MONEY MATTERS



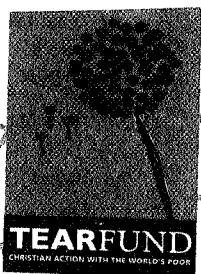
Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Oct 4	£558.13	£ 59.05	£617.18
11	710.29	122.26	832.55
18	634.25	62.30	696.55
25	367.44	131.08	498.52
Standing Orders	255.50		255.50
Weekdays		104.32	104.32
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	£2,525.61	£479.01	£3,004.62
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,518

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As a result of this year's **Tear Fund Harvest Appeal** a total sum of £483 was received as follows:



Donations for Rectory garden fruit	£16.50
Contents of 111 envelopes	404.00
Loose donations	11.50
Hoe Down raffle	53.00

	485.00
Less promotional materials	2.00

	483.00

Though this figure is well below last year's total of £680 we wish to thank all those who contributed to this appeal which has been sent to Tear Fund

Following the horrendous devastation that "Hurricane Mitch" left in its wake in the Central American States a total sum of £270 was donated to the Emergency Disaster Appeal. £160 has been sent to Tear Fund and £110 to Christian Aid.

The CYFA and Pathfinders members are most encouraged by the response to their sponsored efforts at the end of September. They have raised £350 for the Embu Street Children's project in Kenya.

The **Brownie Guides** wish to thank all those who supported their recent Coffee Evening when a total of £210.65 was raised. Half of this sum is to be given to the Embu Street Children Project.

Harold Lever is most grateful to all those who sponsored him in his latest Abseil. On the first occasion he performed the exercise blindfolded in order to simulate blindness; on the second occasion he did it with his eyes open and is still not quite sure which is the more daunting! Through sponsorship he has been able to raise a further £220 for the Royal National Institute for the Blind.