

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 1999

SUNDAY DIARY

7. THIRD BEFORE ADVENT

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

14 SECOND BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Evening Communion

21. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

28. ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family/Parade Service
6.30pm Evening Communion



Colourful scene of the Thames at Chelsea (Photo: Paul Felix)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays, November 3rd, 17th and 24th at 10.00am
In the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays November 9th & 23rd at 8.00pm
Wednesdays November 17th & 24th at 10.50am

Musical: "Snakes and Ladders" on Monday November 15th at
7.30pm in the Victoria Hall

Theatre: The Riding Lights play "Balancing Act" on Saturday November 20th
at 7.30pm at Thornleigh Salesian College

Prayer Focus: Wednesday November 3rd at 8.00pm in the Rectory

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p>Rector: Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p>Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)</p>	<p>Creche: under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)</p> <p>Scramblers: 3 to 5 years</p> <p>Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)</p> <p>Explorers: 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)</p> <p>All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am</p> <p>Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p>CYFA: 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes & Eric Downs (653049)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p>
<p>Wardens: Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</p>	<p>BELL RINGERS Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p>CHURCH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p>
<p>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Lay Stan Wilson Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p>Honorary Keith Acton Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p>Honorary Les Kilsby Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p>MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Marjorie Oakes & Pat Boydell (61450)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm</p>
<p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby Worship: Nola Worsfold Social: Philip Gore Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p>
<p>OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p>Flowers: Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p>Covenant: Sid Harris Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p>	<p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (665896)</p> <p>Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p>Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p>
<p>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Beavers: Monday at 5.45pm Jane Wadsworth (657085)</p> <p>Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)</p>

The Parish Office at the Rectory, 234 Wigan Road (61819) is open on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00am to deal with initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage.

The Rector writes

20th October, 1999.

Harvest Gifts.

There was such an encouraging number of traditional harvest gifts this year that we had enough and more than enough to give generous parcels to the sick and elderly who live locally. The remaining items were given to two local charities – to Sarah Lodge and Winter Watch. Sarah Lodge is home for a number of young women who are at risk and would otherwise be homeless. It was initiated by the Methodist Church and is run by the Manchester Methodist Housing Group. One of our own members, Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor, works there. Apparently our gift was put to very good use as the residents joined together and made a large communal supper for themselves which was greatly enjoyed. Winter Watch is another scheme pioneered by the local Churches. It provides a safe haven for Bolton's street community with an all-night shelter at Spa Mill. In previous years it has operated for the 3 coldest months of the year, but because it has been promised support from the Borough Council, the Bolton and Wigan Health Authority and the police it is now planning to operate for the whole 12 months of the Millennium year. The scheme has snowballed since it started 2 years ago for it is now able to provide a place where the homeless can get free food, health advice and treatment, clothes and a place to sleep.

Christian Giving Envelopes.

These will be distributed during November. If you read the back page of this publication you will notice that throughout this past year our weekly regular giving has been below last year's. This has to be a cause for great concern. A major reason for this decrease is that fewer envelopes are being distributed and of those that are, a sizeable number of people are either not using them as they are meant to be used or are not using them at all. For instance, the Church Council was informed recently that of the 217 current sets of envelopes 25 (i.e. 12%) are not being used and consequently will not be re-issued. I, therefore, wish to encourage all current users of Christian Giving Envelopes to review their level of giving, and to invite those who still don't use them to start doing so.



The Nation's Favourite Hymns

I have heard from the BBC that they have been so inundated with applications for this programme to be recorded at the Bridgewater Hall on Thursday, November 18th that they could have filled the building twice over! Though I have received all the tickets for choir members I asked for I haven't as yet received any congregation tickets.

If this continues to be the case it will be a huge disappointment for the many of you who had wished to go. May I suggest that in this event you seriously consider going to one of the other activities that same week. There is the Christian Musical "Snakes and Ladders" to be performed at the Victoria Hall on Monday evening November 15th and the Riding Lights Theatre Company's production of "Balancing Act" on Saturday evening November 20th. Mary and I are planning to go to both. Further details are on the notice board in Church. Do join us.

Roger B. Jackson.

November



The speaker at this month's **Youth Service** on November 7th in the Scout and Guide Hut will be John Squires of "Ambassadors in Sport".

Secondary School Selection.

Most of the secondary schools in Bolton hold open evenings this month for prospective parents and pupils. For those who are thinking in terms of applying for a place in one of the Church Secondary Schools there are two from which to choose – St. James in Farnworth and Canon Slade at Bradshaw Brow. The headmaster of Canon Slade has sent details of their open evening which is on Wednesday November 10th. Further details are on the Church notice board.

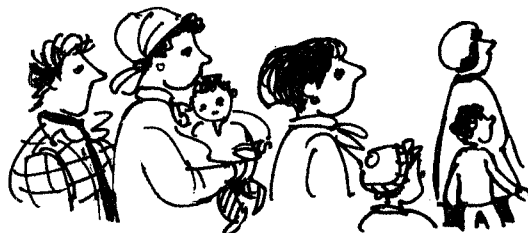
"**Living Stones**" is the title of the annual vocations conference to be held this year at Christ Church, Chadderton on Saturday November 13th from 9.45 am to 4.00 pm. During the day there will be times for prayer, reflection, workshops and information-exchange to help participants to discover ways in which God may be wanting us to serve Him – Licensed Readers, Ordained Ministers or as workers in the caring agencies. If you are interested contact the Rector by Thursday November 4th at the latest.

The Ladies Guild meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm on –

November 2nd for "Members Night".

November 16th for "Over the Garden Wall" with Mr. A. Healey!

November 30th.



A report from the **Parent and Toddler Group.**

Time passes by so quickly, it is about 3 years ago since I last reported to you via the Church News. So what's been happening? I and everyone at Toddlers send our thanks to Lynda Smith for all the time she spent preparing for and helping the children at the activity table every Thursday and we wish her every success in her job.

Having worked together at Toddlers for approximately 3 years I will personally miss her. Fortunately, Susan Burke has agreed to assist in this role and another mum, Elaine Gilroy has volunteered her services too. So thankfully the children will be able to continue doing this much loved part of our afternoon.

The group is still as popular as ever with an ever increasing waiting list. It is a pleasure to run such a group as it is so friendly and relaxed.

Two of our mums are expecting new editions to their families (one of them twins!) so we'll be kept busy for some time yet.

Please pray for those children who have recently left us to start school or nursery, that they settle in quickly to this next big step in their lives. They are Kimberly Burke, Serena Ball, Daniel Calderbank, Emma Gilroy and James Mochrie.

Julie Cooper.



AFRICA

ANGOLA

Civil war continues, and the United Nations estimates that 200 people are dying each day. In areas such as Uige there are refugees who have walked for two weeks to escape the fighting, and sleeping sickness is rife. Pray for peace, for the 1.7 million internally displaced people and the 2 million classified as "very vulnerable".

ETHIOPIA

Approximately 4-5 million people are affected by famine, and food aid is desperately needed. Pray that relief will reach those in need and for a successful harvest in December/January. The Ethiopian government has rejected the peace deal to end the border war with Eritrea - pray that a way forward will be found for a genuine and lasting peace.



EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

MIDDLE EAST

Formal talks on the creation of a Palestinian state are taking place after the signing of a revised Wye River deal by Yasser Arafat and Ehud Barak. Talks are aimed at reaching a framework for a final status agreement in five months and a full accord in a year on issues including Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees and final borders. Pray that talks will be successful and lead to lasting peace in the region.

TURKEY

Continue to pray for those whose lives have been shattered by the earthquake as they begin the rebuilding process. Pray for those who have lost family and friends and for the local churches addressing immediate and long-term needs. Tearfund has made contact with a

number of evangelical

Christian groups and churches working in the aftermath of the earthquake. All gifts from supporters specifically for the Turkish earthquake are being channelled to Tearfund's US equivalent World Relief for their shelter programme being carried out with Turkish Protestant churches.



UZBEKISTAN

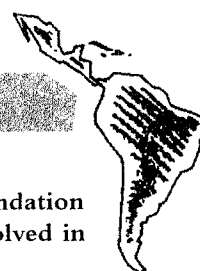
Praise God that the four Christians imprisoned for their faith have now been released and their sentences commuted. Praise God too that the local church, denied registration with the government in 1994, has now received registration. Pray for the men as they return to everyday life and for the Christian population in Uzbekistan.

LATIN AMERICA

COLOMBIA

Pray for the ongoing reconstruction work in the town of Armenia following the earthquake earlier this year.

Pray too for Tearfund partner the Foundation of Christian Churches of Quindio, involved in rebuilding and rehousing work.

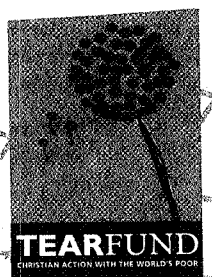
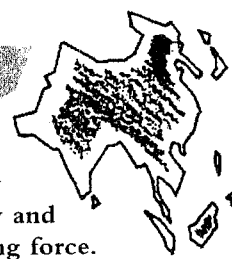


ASIA

EAST TIMOR

Pray for peace to be restored following the violence in the aftermath of the referendum on independence. Half the province's inhabitants have been driven from

their homes and food aid is needed. Pray for those who have lost homes and family and for the UN as they send in a peace-keeping force.



This year's TEAR Fund Harvest Appeal has raised £564.55

The contents of 116 envelopes	£532.55
Loose donations	18.00
Rectory kitchen garden donations	26.00
	576.55
Less promotional materials	12.00
	£564.55

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
September 5th	£440.55	111.26	£551.81
12th	642.11	134.55	776.66
19th	601.39	77.90	679.29
26th	531.00	158.53	689.53
Standing Orders	210.50		210.50
Weekdays		135.08	135.08
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	£2,425.55	£617.32	£3,042.87
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,061

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BITS & PIECES



.....Well just 60 years ago to be precise!

Congratulations to Sam and Ivy Baum who reached this important milestone on October 21st. The wedding took place in Deane Church just after the start of the Second World War.

A New Year's Eve Celebration??

It has been suggested that we have a celebration party on New Year's Eve in the Memorial Hall followed by a short Watchnight service in Church from 11.45 pm – 12.15 am. It is envisaged that the party will include a Bring and Share buffet meal, and in order to reduce the amount of organising and work it is suggested that we each bring our own crockery, cutlery and glasses. If you would be interested in coming to such a celebration then please place your name on the list in Church this month. This will enable us to gauge whether the suggestion is viable.



Church Flowers.

Next year's flower rota is posted on the notice board in Church. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of decorating the main communion table one weekend next year please place your name in one of the vacant spaces. Many people use this as an opportunity to celebrate an anniversary or to remember with thanksgiving the life of a loved one.



The Millennium **Parish Diaries** for next year are now available and selling at 75p.