

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2000

SUNDAY DIARY

2. SECOND OF CHRISTMAS

8.00am Communion
10.30am Millennium
Communion Service

9. FIRST OF EPIPHANY

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

16. SECOND OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

23. THIRD OF EPIPHANY

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

30. FOURTH OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
& Baptism
6.30pm United Service
at Lostock



Fireworks over Tower Bridge in the heart of London (Photo: John Beldom)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday January 5th at 8.00pm in the Rectory

Church Council: Wednesday January 12th and Monday January 24th
at 7.45pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays & Wednesdays January 18th/19th

Alpha Meal: Thursday January 27th at 7.00pm

Bible Seminar: Friday January 28th 7.30 - 10.00pm and
Saturday January 29th 9.30am - 1.30pm

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>Wardens: Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</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>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</p> <p>Lay Stan Wilson</p> <p>Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p>Honorary Keith Acton</p> <p>Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p>Honorary Les Kilsby</p> <p>Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby</p> <p>Worship: Nola Worsfold</p> <p>Social: Philip Gore</p> <p>Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p>	<p>MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Marjorie Oakes & Pat Boydell (61450)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm</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</p> <p>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</p> <p>Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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>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 December, 1999.

I write this on the morning after the night before! Mary joins me in thanking all those of you who contributed to making yesterday's 25th Anniversary of my becoming your Vicar (and subsequently your Rector) such a happy and memorable occasion, not just for us, but also for many of you too. In retrospect I can now see how wrong I was to want to allow the occasion to pass by unnoticed. In doing so I would have been denying you the pleasure which so many of you obviously experienced. The many expressions of your love, your generosity and your appreciation of our ministry amongst you are a great encouragement to us both. We especially wish to thank those of you who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it all possible.

When we left our former parish in S.E. London the tribute which I treasured most was from someone who wrote "Thank you for teaching us to be a Church Family". In the Church where I became a Christian and spent the earlier years of my Christian life, there was a great emphasis upon personal conversion and individual commitment to Christ. This was absolutely right because it is nonsense to talk about the Church Family until you are born (that is spiritually) into it. However, there was little emphasis on commitment to one another in the family of the Church. This is something I only came to recognise and experience later. Yesterday's celebrations were a good example of what it means to be a member of the Church Family.

If you listen only to the mass media you can be forgiven for getting the impression that the only way to celebrate the new millennium is to consume masses of food and alcohol leading to a massive "hang over" during the rest of the extended weekend holiday. Whilst I hope that we have an enjoyable time of celebration I also wish to make a couple of positive suggestions:-

1. Our Church Council has requested that the Church should be open on New Year's Day from 11.30 am – 1.00 pm. and on Millennium Sunday, January 2nd following the morning service until 2.00 pm. It is their hope, and mine, that many of us will wish to spend some time on one or other of these two occasions in private prayer in our ancient Church which has been the scene of so many memorable occasions, both public and personal during so much of the past millennium.
2. We take note of the Clean Slate Campaign. This is an initiative recently launched by the broadcaster Martyn Lewis, the Bishop of London, politicians, sportsmen and leaders of the Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Buddhist communities in this country. The idea behind it is gloriously simple. Begin the new millennium by putting right the things you feel bad about, so that you start a new age with a clear conscience. To move on to the future we have to let go of the past, and to do this we have to make amends. Otherwise we carry the past with us as a lingering wound. It is fascinating to hear the stories of those who have already decided to wipe the slate clean. One has overcome a long family estrangement. Another has given back money to shops from which he had previously stolen. A third, having lost his temper with a local government official, brought her a box of chocolates the next day.

Our world is full of pain of one kind or another. The most tragic is that pain which we could so easily end with the simple words "I was wrong. I am sorry. Please forgive". It takes a special kind of courage to apologise, but the rewards are great.

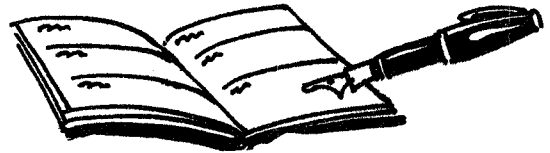
An old Jewish rabbi of the last century used to say: "When I was young I wanted to change the world. I tried but the world didn't change. So I decided to change my town, but my town didn't change. Then I resolved to change my family but my family didn't change. Then I realised – first I have to change myself".

When many more of us decide that we ourselves need to be changed, then we begin to change the world. The Christ whose birth we are celebrating just now came into this world in order that we might be changed. It is never too late to be changed and to mend what we have injured – and never too soon either.

Roger B. Jackson.

Correction: Apologies for getting the Deane Church News web site wrong. It should read:
[http://website.Lineone.net/~deane parish](http://website.Lineone.net/~deane%20parish).

THIS YEAR'S DATES



March 12	Christian Giving Sunday
April 2	Mothering Sunday
April 23	A United Dawn Service on Easter Day at Rivington Pike at 6.30 am.
May 10	Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St. Bedes at 7. 30 pm.
May 21	Confirmation Service at St. Andrew's at 6.30 pm.
June 10	March for Jesus in Bolton Town Centre
July 2	Songs of Praise at the Reebok Stadium 2.00-5.00 pm.
October 8	Harvest Thanksgiving
October 20-22	Millennium Youth Weekend at the Victoria Hall.

BITS & PIECES



Thanksgiving.

On Sunday November 28th we gave thanks with Michelle Allen and Craig Booth of 30 Queens Road for the birth of their son Gary James.

Alice Moone and family wish to thank all those who sent messages of condolence, who prayed for them and who supported them in so many ways following the very sudden death of her husband George.



**WE
APPRECIATED**

Ian, Liz and Sarah Gardiner are most grateful to those who sponsored them on the Manchester to Blackpool cycle ride. They raised £602 towards a grand total of £7,043 for the work of STAY (Short Term Accommodation for Youth) – a local charity pioneered by the Churches in Bolton.

The Ladies Guild hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday January 11th and as is their custom it will be combined with a "White Elephant" stall. On January 25th they have invited Mr. S.T. Sanders to speak about being a "Toastmaster".

The Worship Committee of the Church Council wish to thank all those who recently completed their questionnaire concerning the pattern of our Sunday worship. They will be submitting proposals to the Council for consideration later this month.



AFRICA

ETHIOPIA

During the Derg regime in Ethiopia, churches had their land and buildings confiscated by the government. The current Ethiopian government had said that all this property would be returned but, despite this promise, the handover still has not happened and the church continues to suffer from a lack of resources. In particular, some theological colleges have no premises.

SIERRA LEONE

As a result of recent peace negotiations, the government and rebels have agreed access to areas

formerly behind rebel lines. Conditions for relief workers, however, remain difficult. Pray for lasting and genuine peace. Pray too for Tearfund partners EFSL (Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone) and CHASL (Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone), providing trauma counselling and helping families rebuild their homes, and for Rob Schofield, currently working with Tearfund partners EFSL and CHASL.



EUROPE

CHECHNYA

Russia has launched a ground offensive in an attempt to encircle Grozny. Chechen refugees are facing a dire winter and children are already dying of hypothermia. Pray for an end to the fighting and for diplomatic initiatives attempting to influence President Yeltsin. Pray too for freedom of movement for refugees and access with security for aid agencies.

NORTHERN IRELAND

After last month's progress in the peace talks, pray that all concerned will continue to work together for a genuine and lasting peace.

KOSOVO

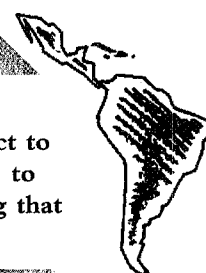
Two Tearfund relief workers lost their lives when a World Food Programme plane crashed on Friday 12 November. Nick Evens (34) and Kevin Lay (36) had been travelling to Kosovo to join Tearfund's team helping ethnic Albanians in the reconstruction of homes damaged during the Balkans conflict. Pray for Nick's wife Caren and their two children, Lauren (aged six) and Ian (aged 18), and for Kevin's wife Lynn and children Jack (aged 11) and Fiona (aged nine), that God will comfort them in their grief. Pray for the Disaster Response Team as it tries to make sure the project is completed before the worst of the winter, while at the same time coming to terms with Nick and Kevin's loss; and for Tearfund staff in Teddington as they continue to offer support to the families.

LATIN AMERICA

COLOMBIA

Five million Colombians marched in the streets last month in an anti-war protest as peace negotiations began. 798 municipalities out of 1,102 are affected by violence – pray for peace. The President of Colombia is

inviting all sides involved in the conflict to declare a cease fire from December 15 to January 15. This act alone is something that brings hope.



ASIA

INDIA

The cyclone that struck the Indian state of Orissa last month left a trail of devastation – 9,465 people died and 12.9 million people have been affected. The total area of flooding from associated rainstorms covers roughly 300km of coastline and extends up to 70km

inland, affecting 1.6 million hectares of crops. Pray for those affected and for Tearfund partners the Discipleship Centre, EFICOR, SHALOM and Emmanuel Hospital Association as they respond to the crisis.



The results of The Christmas Appeal for Tear Fund's work amongst some of the 300,000 children who have been orphaned as a result of the death of their parents through genocide and more recently through Aids will be published next month.

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
November 7th	£538.22	181.99	£720.21
14th	600.00	120.31	720.31
21st	518.96	115.19	634.15
28th	570.66	159.61	730.27
Standing Orders	210.50		210.50
Weekdays		43.07	43.07
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	£2,438.34	£620.17	£3,058.51
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In the corresponding period a year previously the amount given was £2,958.

The treasurer wishes to acknowledge donations of £10 and in memory of James Whitehead a further £35.

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Our Christian Giving Programme.

As a Christian Church we are committed to giving a proportion of our income to missions and charities. Set out below is what was given last year. In the first column are the amounts given by individuals through our Church accounts. In the second column are the sums allocated by the Church Council out of its budget. In the third column are the totals passing through the Church accounts. These figures do not represent the whole picture because a number of people give directly to Crosslinks in support of Charlie and Sara Moore in Zimbabwe, to the Church Army in support of Dorothy Cox who is in training and to the Embu Street Children's Project in Kenya. Moreover the Ladies Guild allocate sums from their separate accounts to a number of charities.

Overseas Missions and Agencies.

	£	£	£
Crosslinks (Charlie and Sara Moore)	400	1,000	1,400
SAMS (Bob Lunt)	170	600	770
CMS		565	565
Bible Society		205	205
Study Link (EFAC Bursary)		205	205
Tear Fund Child Sponsorship	180		180
Christmas & Harvest Appeal	1,035		1,035
Emergency Appeals	925		925
Christian Aid	204		204
Embu Street Children			150

Home Missions

CPAS	510	510
Church Army	50	50
Scripture Union	105	105

National and Local Charities

The Children's Society	123	123
Simeon Trustees	50	50
Bolton Hospice	67	67
The Samaritans		150
Winter Watch		100
Derian House Children's Hospice	210	210
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