

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2000

SUNDAY DIARY

6. FIFTH BEFORE LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

13. FOURTH BEFORE LENT

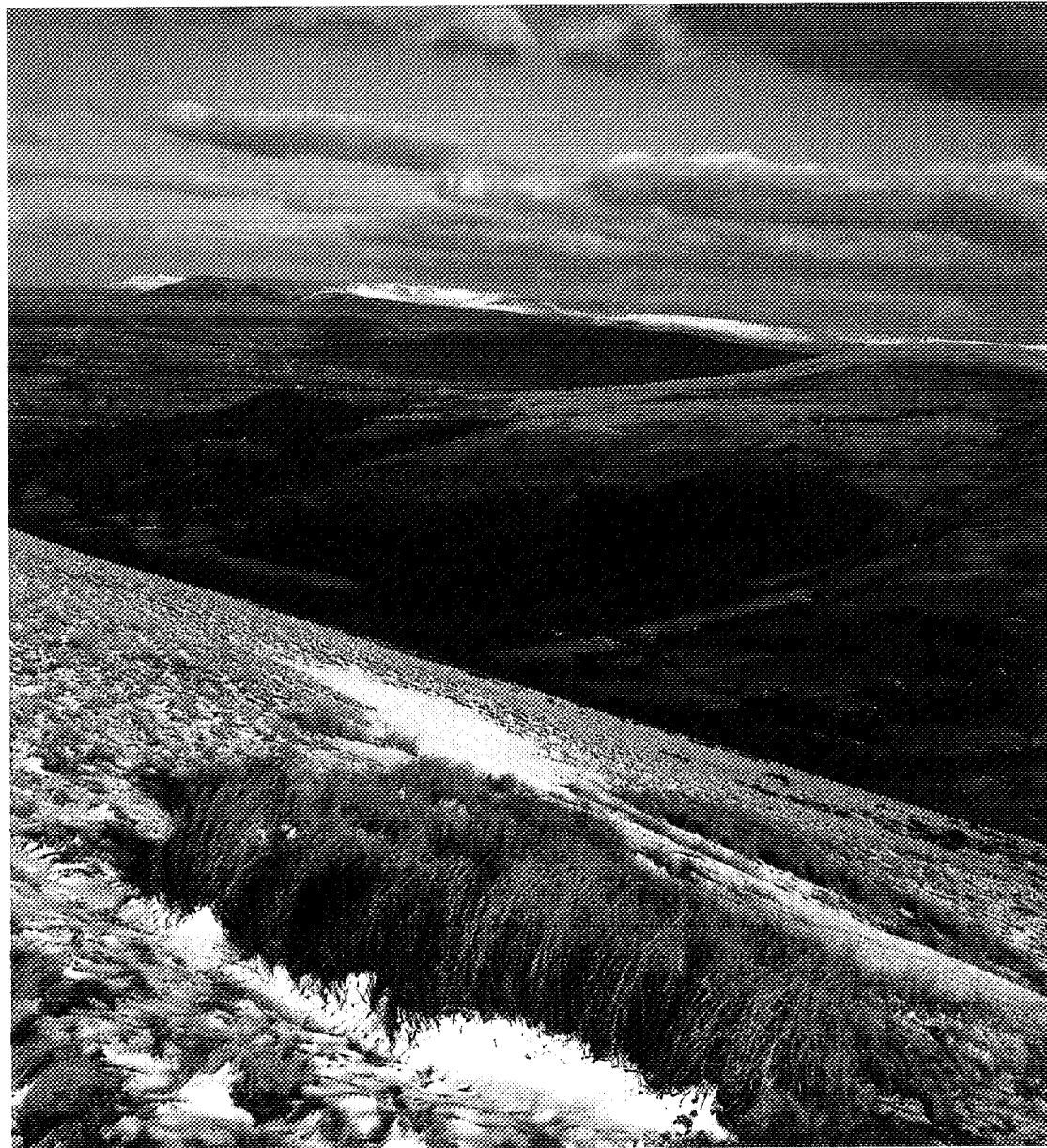
8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
Youth Service in
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evening Communion

20. THIRD BEFORE LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

27. SECOND BEFORE LENT

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



*A cold winter's day high in the Brecon Beacons (Photo: Paul Felix)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday February 9th 8.00pm in the Rectory

Church Council: Wednesday February 16th at 7.45pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays February 1st, 15th & 29th
and Wednesdays February 2nd & 16th

Social Event: 10 Pin Bowling, Wednesday February 23rd at 6.00pm

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>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>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>MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</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>LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Edna Barlow (01942 817434)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm</p> <p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</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>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</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 Liz Yarwood (417639)</p>
<p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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

26th January, 2000.

Bolton's Biggest Birthday Party.

I have just returned home from my first visit to the Reebok Stadium and though I don't particularly find the arena attractive from a distance, I was most impressed with what I saw and experienced inside. I can see why it was given a prestigious national award for its construction in the year of its completion in 1998.

Bolton Wanderers fans will be sorry to learn that the purpose of my visit was not to watch their team, but to attend the launch of what is planned to be Bolton's biggest event in this 2000's year of our Lord. It will be the first time that the stadium has been used for a non-sporting event, beating by a fortnight the much heralded visit of the Oasis band later in July. The event is to be called "Bolton's Biggest Birthday Party" and it will be held on Sunday afternoon July 2nd. It is being organised, jointly by the Bolton Council, the Bolton Evening News and the Church leaders in Bolton.

The aim is to bring together as wide a company of people as possible from our town to celebrate this special anniversary of Christ's birth, but to do so in a non-threatening way. Artistes of both national and local repute, have been invited to entertain and express their faith in a contemporary manner. It is hoped that we will see this event as our event when we can come together in what is undoubtedly Bolton's premier venue to laugh, sing, listen and pray. It is intended to be a family occasion with something which will appeal to children, teenagers and adults. The comperes for the day will be the comedy duo Cannon and Ball, and the programme is set out below:

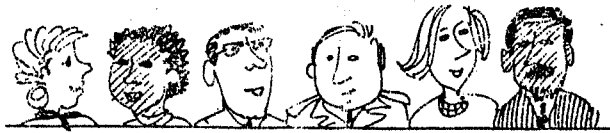
12.30 pm	Stadium opens.
1.30 pm.	Songs of Praise led by Noel Richards and his band together with the massed choirs of our primary and secondary schools conducted by our own Jane Hampson. This part of the programme will also include some drama by members of the Canon Slade School.
2.30 pm.	The London Community Gospel Choir who often appear on T.V.
3.30 pm.	World Wide Message Tribe who are most popular amongst teenagers. You can guarantee that they will produce more decibels than even the largest crowd attending a Wanderers Match!
4.30 pm.	Event ends.

Tickets are due to go on sale early March, but you can book tickets in advance by ordering them through our Church. Adult tickets cost £5; Children (12 years and under) £3; Concessions £3; Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children under 12) £15.

These tickets are remarkable cheap when compared with the usual price for entry into the Reebok Stadium. In addition the very extensive car parking facilities will be free on the day. This had been possible because Bolton Wanderers have generously made the stadium and its facilities available at a very reduced rate.

It will be a great encouragement to the organisers, who have taken a great step in faith, if they have some early indication of a good positive response. Consequently I wish to encourage you to book tickets now using the lists in Church.

Roger B. Jackson.



IN THE NEWS

Attendance Awards have been given to the following children in the Climbers section of our Sunday Schools.

50 attendances:	Jack Brown
100 attendances:	Andrew Ainscough, Marcus Bates, Bethany Packwood
125 attendances:	Helen Smith
150 attendances:	Rebecca Smith.

Sympathy. We extend our condolences to the relatives and friends of the following members of our Church Family who have died recently: Barbara Woodfield, Kenneth Marsden, Coralie Marsh, Barbara Hodge, and also to Audrey Rushton in the loss of her dear mother Mary Barlow.

At the Family Service on January 23rd, we dedicated a purpose built table in memory of **Susan Smith**, one of our team of youth leaders who died very unexpectedly in August, 1998. The table was donated by the pupils, parents and staff of the North Walkden County Primary School where Susan had taught for 7 years.

BITS & PIECES

The Ladies Guild hold a "Open Evening" for discussion on Tuesday February 8th. On February 22nd they have invited Mrs. P. Sutherland to give a talk entitled "Child Flight".

At the monthly **Youth Service** on Sunday February 13th at 10.30 am in the Scout and Guide Hut the visiting speaker will be Mr. Dave Baguey of Urban Outreach and STAY (Short Term Accommodation for Youth)

The **Social Committee** have organised a Ten Pin Bowling Evening on Wednesday, February 23rd. Details are available on the notice board in Church.

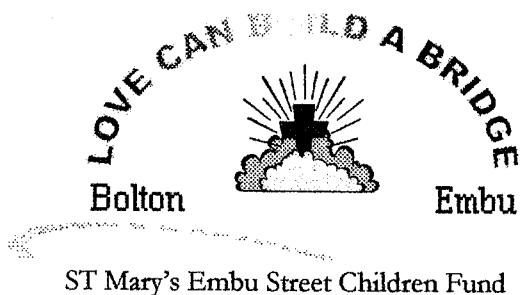


On Millennium Sunday, January 2nd the following prayer was used in the morning service broadcast on ITV. Why not use the prayer yourself.



Dear God
Thank you for taking the time to listen to me
You know I'm only human.
You know I make mistakes,
But I do believe there's a spiritual side to my life.
As we begin this new Millennium,
I'd like to be more helpful than hurtful.
More grateful than grumbling.
I would like to build people up, not tear them down.
I would like to know you better
And to live my life more the way
You have in mind for me.
I may not be there yet,
So I'm asking you for help.
And by saying this prayer
I'm taking one step closer.

Embu Update



Quite a lot has happened over the past 12 months. The good thing is that on the street children project at St Stephen's orphanage there have been no emergencies. The rains and sunshine have arrived on time so there have been no drought or floods. Food has been able to be bought or grown without problem. There are at least 10 more children on the project since our last visit. The girls have doubled from 5 to 10. Age range at St. Stephen's is 4 to 18 years.

The projects that we have been able to undertake have come about because people have given money to the street children fund, whether it be one person sponsoring a child or our youth raising money to take on a specific project. We are very thankful for organisations, groups and individuals for giving money.

We send £150 a quarter which helps with the running of St. Stephen's, including school fees. This means the children will have a better standard of living and opportunities than they ever would have had on the streets or dysfunctional abusive homes. All the children are vaccinated against certain diseases. In the last 12 months £770 approx. was given and £975 was sent over to Embu. (money was already in the bank to cover outgoings from the year before)

- Power has now been connected to the building that was finished last year. This helps the children carry on doing work after school because at 6 pm it is dark.
- Money was sent to buy asthma sprays for one boy as there was a problem with the cost and availability of the medication.
- Benches have been bought for the dining room.
- It was hoped that we could provide permanent wash/shower room, but there was a problem with planning so at the moment there are only temporary ones, so with the money Deaconess Jessie asked if they could buy a gas cooker to help with the boys and girls learning to bake.
- Extra money is sent to pay for the cost of retrieving the parcels that we send from the post office.

It has been through great thought, discussion and prayer with Jessie that we have taken on the following projects. We decided to help some people who do not live on the project, but people who would become homeless if we had not helped them. We do not take on anything that is not fully investigated. Jessie and the committee are willing to spend time and effort investigating any project in great detail before we make any commitment to give money. And they are aware that any projects we undertake will be checked out on our next visit.

On our first visit in 1994 we were looked after by a young girl called Mercy. Her mother and family live in really bad slums. This year they were to be evicted from their 'slum' because they owed rent of £64. The mother is too ill to work and the

oldest girl cannot find work. They scrape money together to send Justin to school for the final year. After this year and with an education it is hoped work can be found so the rent may then be paid. The £64 has been donated and the debt paid. This money is not paid to the family. It is paid to the landlord directly.

Hopefully this is a project that our youth will undertake. It has not been decided yet but a year's rent could be paid for the family or depending on how much money is raised a plot of land may be purchased.

With the last money that our youth raised they decided to pay for 2 girls Irine and Consolata to attend school for one year. Their mother, Agatha, as a 'house girl, earns only £10 a month; she had no husband. Agatha has written to tell me she met a good Christian man. She has married him and he will now be able to send the girls to school. They are very grateful to you for providing a year's education.

Canon Johnson Maringa wrote to me last year with the following:

"Jim Nyeru is in High School. He lives only with his grandmother and has no other parental input. January 1999 I was asked if we could support this young man as he is very gifted in his school work. The community where he lived had tried to find the fees but were unable to meet the cost" As Jim was about to be asked to leave school I was approached by one of our congregation who wanted to sponsor a child and a year's education was paid for.

Jim is showing such promise that they have enrolled him in a boarding school starting January 2000. The cost of the schooling is £230 plus food and clothing, a total of £300. I have already had one offer of a donation to help with the fees. If anyone else would like to contribute to sponsoring Jim, please contact me.

A new dormitory for girls has been completed, but is not in use yet as there is no furniture. We hope to provide furniture as soon as we have enough funds.

As for the cross at the back of Church, which was made for us by one of the street children, it says "No more are we Street Children". This is because of you. Thank you for your support and encouragement and generosity.

So as you can see from this update, your money makes many changes in the lives of others. The only overheads we have are bank transfer costs at £15 a quarter. If you would like to support financially the street children in Embu, there are forms at the back of Church (in the bookstall area with the photographs and video) or you can contact Chris or myself on 01204 598889.

Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor.
17 Fossgill Ave.
Bolton.
BL2 3FR.

Living Bible Malachi 3 v 10

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my temple; if you do, I will open the windows of Heaven for you and pour out a Blessing so great that you won't have enough room to take it in!

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

A new millennium begins with God's world and God's people facing the challenges inherited from the last millennium. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit: 'your kingdom come, your will be done.'

Asia

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Harassment, imprisonment,

torture, death - Christians worldwide face continued persecution. Fundamentalist Islam and Hinduism, ethnic tension and state oppression cause suffering from Indonesia, India and Pakistan, to Sri Lanka, Laos, China and Vietnam.

HIV/AIDS

While two thirds of those with HIV/AIDS are in Africa, Asia faces a frighteningly rapid spread of the disease, particularly in

India, Thailand, Cambodia and Burma. Pray for increased awareness and education; that the spread of HIV/AIDS will be halted; that the church will respond with compassion.

NATURAL DISASTERS

Many areas are vulnerable to

devastating cyclones, earthquakes and flooding. Pray for those still desperate for recovery and hope after recent disasters and for Tearfund partners working in relief and rehabilitation, also disaster preparedness.

N.Africa, Europe and Central Asia

THE CHURCH

In many countries the church is small and its witness can seem

overwhelmed. There has been great opportunity for Christian witness in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; pray that restrictions currently being re-imposed will not prevent the opportunities for relief and development work that exist, even in Islamic parts of the region.

POWER STRUGGLES

The collapse of the socialist economy

has led to power struggles between ex-communists and emerging democrats, inter-republic wars in the Caucasus, ethnic discrimination and mass movements of population. Pray for Tearfund partners working where new free market economies leave many unable to provide for themselves.

Africa

THE VULNERABLE

The devastation of debt, war and corruption

adds to urbanisation and unemployment in multiplying the impact of poverty. Pray for Tearfund partners helping those most affected: orphans, child soldiers, widows, people living with HIV/AIDS, displaced people, refugees, street children, the physically and mentally disabled and ethnic minority groups. Pray for those facing food emergencies, particularly in

Somalia, Sudan, Ethiopia, Angola, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda, Eritrea and Rwanda.

CONFLICT

Conflict and its aftermath continues to ravage much of Africa. Pray for the

people and leaders of the countries involved such as Sierra Leone, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Guinea Bissau, Angola and Liberia. Pray that there might be peace, justice, reconciliation and reconstruction.

Latin America

GLOBALISATION

At a national level globalisation offers

economic benefits, but also a threat to local cultures and livelihoods, and the risk of marginalising those unable to participate in the formal labour structure. Pray for individuals and families struggling to survive.

URBANISATION

74 per cent of the population now lives in cities; people

flee rural areas due to poverty and violence. Pray that the violence in countries such as Colombia will cease; for churches facing the challenges of rural and urban poverty, particularly those helping children at risk.

Further information on Tearfund's prayer resources is available from the
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CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
December 5th	£593.46	94.69	£688.15
12th	546.00	130.04	676.04
19th	811.70	356.81	1168.51
24/25th		189.91	189.91
26th	518.20	60.26	578.46
Standing Orders	314.50		314.50
Weekdays		112.28	112.28
	<hr/> £2,783.86 <hr/>	<hr/> £843.99 <hr/>	<hr/> £3,627.85 <hr/>

In the corresponding period a year previously the total amount given was £3,295.

The Treasurer also acknowledges donations of £40 in memory of George Moone, £300 in memory of Susan Smith, £20 in memory of Barbara Woodfield and anonymous donations of £167, £50, £20.

As a result of our annual **Christmas Appeal** a sum of £632.57 will be sent to Tear Fund to assist its work amongst some of the 300,000 children in Rwanda who have been orphaned as a result of genocide and Aids. This figure compares favourably with the £470 sent last year.

Contents of 94 envelopes	£585.87
Christmas Card savings	33.20
Carol Singing Parties to the Residential Homes	15.50
	<hr/> 634.57
Less promotional materials	2.00
	<hr/> 632.57 <hr/>

The Director of Fund Raising at the **Bolton Hospice** has written to express his sincere thanks to all those who have donated foreign coins during the past year. Whereas we can normally only exchange foreign notes for cash, the Hospice is able to exchange coins for much needed cash for the furtherance of their important service to the terminally ill and their relatives. There is a container in Church for you to continue to deposit your unused foreign coins and also British coins which are no longer legal tender.