

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 2000

SUNDAY DIARY

5. NEXT BEFORE LENT

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

12. FIRST IN LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Communion

19. SECOND IN LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

26. THIRD IN LENT

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



Rabbit show entrant and steward, Marham, Norfolk. (Photo: Joe Sisson)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Group: Wednesday March 1st at 10.50am

Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
and at St Andrew's at 7.30pm

Lent Groups: Tuesdays March 14, 21, 28 at 8.00pm
Wednesdays March 15, 22, 29 at 10.50am

Alpha Group: Every Thursday at 7.45pm 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>Wardens: Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</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>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby Worship: Nola Worsfold Social: Philip Gore Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</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>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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>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 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>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>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

17th February, 2000.

Review of Sunday Worship Pattern.

On looking through an old parish magazine dating back to the early years of the last century, I was amazed to discover that the times of the Sunday services were exactly the same as they are today. But over this time span there have been enormous changes in our life styles and patterns of living. To begin with Sunday is now a very different day. Moreover, we live in a consumer society where many of us pick and choose if and when we will attend a church service. In very few cases do people attend more than once, if at all. For this reason alone it has been prudent to review our Sunday worship pattern. With a few exceptions the main casualty across the country has been the evening service, and Deane Church is not one of those exceptions. In many cases the evening service has disappeared altogether. It was this situation that prompted me to ask our Worship Committee to consider this matter. This they have done and after consulting our 3 congregations using a questionnaire in the late autumn they have produced a very professional report for the Church Council to make a decision. This they did at their meeting last night. There was a good and wide ranging debate the net result of which is that the service times will not be changed at least in the foreseeable future.

On the one hand I must confess that I am disappointed that the Council was not bold enough to endorse the recommendations of the Worship Committee. Whilst I personally would be very sorry to lose the evening service, I do think that the suggested alterations to the pattern of morning services would have been a great improvement on the present arrangement. On the other hand I am not discouraged and for two reasons:-

- Firstly, I firmly believe that when important decisions have to be taken there should be a unanimous agreement. As we were clearly divided on this issue this was not possible, and so even if the vote had gone the other way I would have been uneasy about it.
- Secondly, we prayed in Church and privately that God would guide the Church Council in its decision making, and so I accept the result as God's will for us for the time being.

One thing that emerged from the discussion concerned the monthly youth service held in the Scout and Guide Hut. At the present time this has a regular attendance of 45-60, the adults outnumbering the young people by 2 to 1. It would seem that this informal service with modern music and guest speakers is meeting the needs of both adults and youth. Though the answers to the questionnaire indicated that this service could be moved into the Church, the Council felt that our medieval building would inhibit both the informality of the occasion and also the willingness of people to stand up front and participate. The Council has asked the Worship Committee to consider the possibility of there being a Praise Service on a regular basis at either the main morning or evening service. If you have thoughts and/or suggestions on this matter do please pass them on to Nola Worsfold, who is the chairman of the Worship Committee.

Roger B. Jackson.



IN THE NEWS



Baptism.

On January, 30th we welcomed into membership of God's Church:
Dane Lewis Easdon of 505 Wigan Road.



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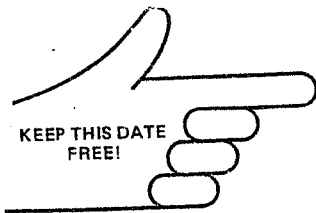
Pat Sewell and family wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the Church Family at Deane for all their prayer support, letters, cards and donations received at the sad loss of their dearly loved mother, grandmother and sister, Barbara Woodfield. We are happy in the certain knowledge that she is now at rest with the Lord freed from the burden of Parkinson's Disease which she bore with great courage.

BITS & PIECES

The Ladies Guild have one meeting this month before taking part in the weekly Lent Programme on Tuesday evenings. They have invited Christine Hart on March 7th to speak about "Alcohol and its effects".

The Mothers' Union continue to meet on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month. On March 8th the speaker is Joyce Mitson. Enquiries should be directed towards Janetta Makin (658270)

The annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll takes place this month. If you are a regular attender at our Church, are baptized and have reached the age of 16 years, then we wish to encourage you to join the electoral roll which is the official legal list of Church members. The purpose of the annual revision is to ensure that the list is an accurate and up to date reflection of our current membership. Application forms are available in Church.



Bolton Festival of Male Voice Praise on Saturday evening April 29th in the Albert Hall. A choir of over 100 voices accompanied by Canon Noel Proctor M.B.E., formerly Chaplain of H.M. Strangeways Prison. Further details next month.



Men's Working Party in the Churchyard on Saturday morning March 4th 9.30 – 12 noon to erect gravestones which have been pushed over by vandals during the autumn. Drinks provided at half time!

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

INDONESIA Violence between Christians and Muslims appears to be intensifying, with massacres involving hundreds of people being reported. Pray for an end to the hatred and prejudice and for the new leaders of the national government to act swiftly and decisively to intervene and stop the fighting. Pray too that military forces will act impartially in the welfare of both Christians and Muslims; pray for all those who have been

affected by the carnage; for reconciliation, forgiveness and the restoration of peace and security.

LAOS Christian agencies are struggling to continue working in Laos. A large group was expelled last year, and last month a Tearfund partner was refused a visa for the project manager. Please pray for the partner's negotiations with the government.

Europe

NORTHERN IRELAND Continue to pray for all those involved in the peace process; that there will be progress on the issue of arms decommissioning.

CHECHNYA As Russia seems determined to pound Grozny to rubble, pray for those trapped by the violence, and for the thousands who have fled for safety.

Africa

ETHIOPIA Famine is affecting up to six million people. Pray for peace with Eritrea and that resources used for the war will be channelled into feeding the hungry.

SIERRA LEONE Tearfund partner EFSL (Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone) reminds us that: many cannot afford a meal a day; even shanty dwellings have been destroyed; safe drinking water is minimal; health facilities are practically non-existent, and over 90 percent of children born in the last ten years are not in school.

Pray for: rapid disarmament (by early January only 4,000 out of 45,000 rebels had handed in weapons and entered demobilisation camps); peace with justice (under the

Lome Peace Agreement, the rebels were given a general amnesty despite barbaric war crimes); the rapid establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Committee; the many innocent Sierra Leoneans living in desperate conditions and continuing to fear for their future; the rebels to give up their control of the diamond mining areas in the East; families that have been divided; pastors to give leadership and pastoral support to their church members.

ANGOLA Since Jonas Savimbi and UNITA relaunched all-out war in November 1998, it is estimated that up to 200 people have died each day and two million have been displaced. Recently the Angolan army has made considerable progress against UNITA. Pray that the war will end and peace come to this war-torn country.

Latin America

BRAZIL Last month flooding badly affected the regions of Sao Paulo, Minas Gerais and Rio, making over 72,000 displaced or homeless. The flooding also caused landslides, blocking major roads and bridges and

isolating communities. Pray for those affected and for the national government and municipalities who have been working to help them.

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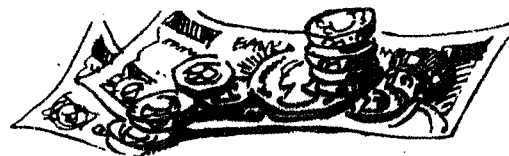
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Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Jan 2nd	£467.70	£ 81.16	£548.86
9th	609.59	88.12	697.71
16th	535.26	86.25	621.51
23rd	753.70	138.59	892.29
30th	499.89	101.44	601.33
Standing Orders	210.50		210.50
Weekdays		124.40	124.40
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In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £3,906.
The treasurer also acknowledges donations of £300 and £20.

The above figures only show the income side of our Church finances, and then only in part. At the 10.30 am service on March 12th the Church Council will be making an important presentation on our Church finances. The aim will be to give us a much fuller and more comprehensive picture of the overall situation with regard to both income and expenditure. It is hoped that as many of us as possibly can will make the effort to be present on that occasion and likewise on the following Sunday morning when Paul Ellis will endeavour to give us a Biblical perspective on how we should respond to the presentation.

MIDWEEK LENT GROUPS



Following the pattern of previous years there will be a short series of 5 Lenten studies held on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings March 14/15; 21/22; 28/29; April 4/5; 11/12. We shall be following a course which is being used nationally. It focuses upon Jesus Christ for this is entirely appropriate considering that in this Millennium year we are celebrating the 2000th anniversary of the birth of the person who made such an impact that the calendars are dated from his birth. There has never been anyone like Him, ever. In our groups we shall be discovering why. Please enrol for a group by placing your name on the lists in Church.