

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

## DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**AUGUST 2000**

### SUNDAY DIARY

#### 6. SEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.30pm Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

#### 13. EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY

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

#### 20. NINTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

#### 27. TENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service &  
Baptism  
6.30pm Evening Communion



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### MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesday/Wednesday August 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>

Prayer Focus: Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in the Rectory

Church Council: Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<b>Rector:</b> Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<b>Creche:</b> under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)
<b>Vicar:</b> Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	<b>Scramblers:</b> 3 to 5 years <b>Climbers:</b> 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)
<b>Readers:</b> David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)  Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)	<b>Explorers:</b> 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068) All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am <b>Pathfinders:</b> 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460) The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm <b>CYFA:</b> 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes & Eric Downs (653049) The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm
<b>Wardens:</b> Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)	<b>BELL RINGERS</b> Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b> <b>Lay</b> Stan Wilson <b>Chairman:</b> 11 Clough Meadow (492034)	<b>CHURCH CHOIR</b> Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)
<b>Honorary</b> Keith Acton <b>Treasurer:</b> 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)	<b>MUSIC GROUP</b> Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)
<b>Honorary</b> Les Kilsby <b>Secretary:</b> 1386 Junction Road West (492351)	<b>LADIES GROUPS</b> Meet in the Memorial Hall <b>Ladies Guild:</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Edna Barlow (01942 817434)
<b>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</b> <b>Buildings &amp; Fabrics:</b> Mike Kirkby <b>Worship:</b> Bryan Shephard <b>Social:</b> Julie Cooper <b>Mission &amp; Pastoral:</b> Ian Gardiner	<b>Mothers Union:</b> Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b> <b>Organist:</b> Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)	<b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)
<b>Flowers:</b> Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b> Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut
<b>Verger:</b> Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)	<b>Brownies:</b> 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)
<b>Archivist:</b> Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)	<b>Guides:</b> Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)
<b>Gift Aid</b> Sid Harris <b>Secretary:</b> 11 Manningham Road (656355)	<b>Cubs:</b> Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)
<b>MEMORIAL HALL</b> <b>Bookings:</b> Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946) <b>Caretaker:</b> Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	<b>Beavers:</b> Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (417639)  <b>Rainbows:</b> Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)

**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

29<sup>th</sup> July, 2000

We have two good Church secondary schools in our borough, Canon Slade in Bradshaw and St. James in Farnworth. Both schools are very popular, and deservedly so, and consequently both tend to be oversubscribed. In this very competitive age both schools can afford to be selective and, rightly or wrongly, their major criterion for selection is Church affiliation measured in terms of Church attendance. This is perfectly understandable, but it does have its downside. There will always be some parents who will work the system to their advantage; they will attend Church with their child for a while for the sole purpose of gaining entry into one of these schools. Never has this been more blatantly obvious than this year. At a recent meeting of the leaders of our children's and youth organisations the leader of the Explorers reported that since the places were allocated a few months ago almost immediately there was a most noticeable fall in the attendance. Not only is this a very sad state of affairs, but it is most discouraging for those leaders who voluntarily give of their time week after week to teach the children the Christian faith. If their teaching was poor and boring I could understand children wanting to "pack their bags" as soon as they had earned their prize, but I do not honestly believe this would be a fair criticism in this particular case. Though I wouldn't wish parents to force their children to attend Explorers, for forcing is nearly always counterproductive, nevertheless, I would want them to encourage their children to continue and subsequently to move on to our Pathfinder group. A failure to do this is, I believe, sending the wrong message to our children. I well remember how at the age of 14 I wanted to pack it all up, but I shall be eternally grateful that my parents, who weren't Christians at the time, encouraged me to continue. Subsequently I, together with my parents and 3 brothers and 3 sisters, all became Christians.

To our Explorer leaders who may feel discouraged I would say two things.

**Firstly,** remember the Parable of the Sower which Jesus taught to enable His disciples to have balanced expectations. They saw how Jesus was banished from the synagogue and regarded with suspicion. In many places His message seemed to have failed and they had reason to be discouraged. But this parable was saying "Be patient. Sow seed faithfully. Leave the rest to God and there will be a harvest".

**Secondly,** I pass on a true story told by Nicky Gumbell at the end of one of his Alpha video talks. During the 1939-45 war a soldier was shot and lay dying in the trenches. A comrade leaned over him and asked "Is there anything I can do for you?" "No" he replied "I am dying". "Well then, is there anyone to whom I can send a message for you?" "Yes, you can send a message to this man at this address. Tell him that in my last minutes what he taught me as a child is helping me to die".

The man was his old Sunday school teacher. On receiving this message the former teacher said "God forgive me, I gave up Sunday school teaching years ago because I thought I was getting nowhere. I thought it was no use".

When we tell people about Jesus, be they children or adults, it is never "no use". For the Christian message is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes". (Romans Ch.1 v.16).

Roger B. Jackson.



## IN THE NEWS



**Thanksgiving.** On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their child.

David and Dawn Dobson of 20 Kinross Drive, Ladybridge for Ellie Mae.  
Ralston and Kate Wild of 67 Stonehaven, Knutshaw Bridge for Mia Jade.

**Baptism.** On Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> we received into membership of our Church:  
Nathan Thomas Duckett of 48 Hulton Lane, Deane.

Our **Sympathy** is extended to Mary Edwards on the death of her husband John just a few days after they had celebrated their Golden Wedding, though it must be said John was too ill to appreciate and enjoy the occasion.

We say **Farewell** to Eric and Mildred Downs who are returning to their home town of Hyde. During their time in Deane Eric has served as Churchwarden, Lay Chairman of the Deanery Synod, Leader of the Explorers, CYFA and J Team at different times. Mildred has served in a more behind-the-scenes role. We thank God for them both and wish them well in their new home.

**Attendance Awards** were distributed to the following children  
at the Family Service on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Climbers for 25 attendances:	Olivia Openshaw
100 attendances:	Nicola Burke, Kimberly Burke.
125 attendances:	Andrew Ainscough, Marcus Bates, Bethany
Packwood.	
175 attendances:	Rebecca Smith.
Explorers for 120 attendances:	Alicia Harrison, Lucy Healey, Lois Hodgkinson,
Abbie	Smith.

**Thankyou** to Tom Stokes and Harry Pendlebury for their efforts to improve the appearance of the ground adjacent to the South wall of the Church. In an attempt to kill off the weeds they have used weedkiller and several barrow loads of wooden chippings have been spread over the area.



**Edna Barlow**, who has organised the tea rota in Church after the morning service feels it is time for someone else to step into her shoes especially in view of the fact that on most Sunday mornings she is teaching an Explorer group in the Memorial Hall. If you can assist in this way then get in contact with Edna on 01942 817434.

**THANK YOU!**



The Committee who have organised the **Bolton March for Jesus** over the past 9 years have written to thank those members of Deane Church who have supported this act of Christian Witness. This year's March on June 10<sup>th</sup> was the last one. It is fitting that it was probably the largest and best organised as well as being the most joyful and exuberant of all the marches.

# WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

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## Jubilee 2000

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**G8 SUMMIT** The leaders of the world's wealthiest nations meet in Okinawa, Japan, 21 – 23 July. Pray that their decisions and deliberations will recognise their responsibilities to the world's poorest.

## Asia

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**KOREA** The past month has seen renewed hope of genuine peace between North and South Korea. Pray that this might turn into a reality; pray for those who continue to suffer from famine in the North and for wisdom for leaders of the large and influential Christian community in the South.

## Africa

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**HORN OF AFRICA** Praise God for a peace agreement between Ethiopia and Eritrea: pray that it will hold. The threat of famine still looms for millions. Pray for rain; pray for Tearfund partners working under pressure, that they may be effective in meeting desperate need.

**ZIMBABWE** Whatever the outcome of last month's elections, pray that the new government will display wisdom, determination and justice in meeting the challenges of rebuilding confidence and stability. Pray especially for the leaders of the Evangelical Fellowship of Zimbabwe.

## Latin America

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**MEXICO** In the Chiapas region 50 families were recently threatened with expulsion for their faith. Over the years about 25,000 people have been forced to leave their homes and villages to escape persecution. Pray for those who face suffering and hardship for their faith. Pray that the authorities may act with justice and compassion.

**THE WORLD'S POOREST** Millions are looking for a new start for a new millennium. They long for their children to have the access to health and education currently denied by the reality of debt.

**CAMBODIA** Tearfund is establishing a new initiative here to focus on children at risk. Pray for Glenn Miles and his family as they settle into a new location and a new challenge. His task is to identify potential Tearfund partners with the vision of making a real difference for the most vulnerable children.

**BURUNDI** Nelson Mandela has brokered a peace accord, due to be signed this month by 18 parties, including rebel groups. Pray that this might be the basis for recovery in this nation, shattered by genocide and still in crisis. Remember Tearfund's partners and relief team.

**D.R. CONGO** Neighbouring countries not only send troops to support both sides in the civil war; they sometimes fight each other directly within D.R. Congo as well. The country is fragmented, its people suffering. Pray for peace, and for the church as it contends with enormous pastoral and political difficulties.

**COLOMBIA** The Colombian government is seeking international support for its national development plan, which includes efforts to tackle drug-trafficking and corruption; it has also been involved in peace talks with the largest rebel group. Pray that there may be peace, justice and stability within the country.

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# MONEY MATTERS



Thankyou to all who have contributed to God's work through our Church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
June 4th	£634.98	£69.89	£704.78
11th	816.71	182.80	999.51
18th	758.22	86.71	844.93
25th	660.26	77.16	737.42
Standing Orders	432.50		432.50
Weekdays		43.19	43.19
	<hr/> £3,302.58 <hr/>	<hr/> £459.75 <hr/>	<hr/> £3,762.33 <hr/>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,138. In addition the treasurer acknowledges with gratitude donations of £200, £62.50 £25, £15, and £10. Received during June totalling £312.50.

# BITS & PIECES

**The Ladies Guild** have planned the following programme for August:

August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Games Evening.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Rummage Sale at 5.45 pm.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The General Synod – Philip Gore.



**The Children's Society** hold their annual Coffee Morning in the Lancaster Suite at the Town Hall on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am - 12 noon. Gifts of home made cakes and items for the Bric-a-Brac stall would be appreciated. Our Church representative is Edna Barlow.

## Springboard – June 3-17<sup>th</sup> 2001

Here's a logo we're likely to see a lot of over the coming months. It belongs to Springboard, the Archbishops' Initiative whose Travelling School is preparing to visit our diocese in June next year. Designed by Andy Day, it was commissioned in 1996 after Springboard's first four-year "tour of duty". At its centre is the cross which is central to all of our work and to the message we proclaim.

Some think that the person depicted within the logo is the Risen Christ; others think that it is his life-giving Spirit which sets us free, whilst still others think that it represents a person who is just coming to faith.

We like to agree that the whole logo signifies a fullness of life that comes only through Christ.

Springboard works across traditions and it is important that the logo has some appeal across the breadth of the Church. Over the years it has received favourable comments from people of differing backgrounds. Where criticism has been given, it has sometimes been that it is too conservative and Catholic, sometimes that it is too charismatic. On balance, the designer seems to have got it about right!

There are prayer cards in Church.

