

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2000

SUNDAY DIARY

3. ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30pm Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

10. TWELFTH AFTER TRINITY

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

17. THIRTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

24. FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

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



*Mr Winsor's award winning garden in a North Devon market town (Photo: Liz Simpson)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except September 13th

Alpha Supper: Tuesday September 26th in the Church Lounge

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) Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) 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</p> <p>Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p>CHURCH CHOIR</p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p> <p>MUSIC GROUP</p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS</p> <p>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 Janetta Makin (658270)</p>
<p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby</p> <p>Worship: Bryan Shephard</p> <p>Social: Julie Cooper</p> <p>Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</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>Gift Aid Sid Harris</p> <p>Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p>	<p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p>Brownies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247) <p>Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p>Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p>
<p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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

14th August, 2000.

The Alpha Supper Initiative.

Throughout the whole country people are being invited this month to an Alpha Supper to be held in their locality during the week beginning September 24th. This is a nation-wide initiative pioneered by Holy Trinity Brompton, a Church in London's West End. Its primary purpose is to invite as many people as possible to a meal after which is shown a talk on video entitled "Christianity, - Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?"

The hope is that people's appetites will be whetted so that they will want to commit themselves to attending the 10 week Alpha Course during the autumn. This course is an excellent introduction to what Christians believe and it is presented on video in a non-threatening atmosphere. Experience is showing that both church people and non-church goers are finding it most helpful. Nowadays the newspapers, especially the 'nationals' tend to be very critical of the Christian Church and what it is saying and doing. However, here is what three of the 'Quality Papers' have said recently:

- "Alpha is an unqualified triumph. The reconversion of England....is suddenly almost believable" Clifford Longley in the Daily Telegraph.
- "Where once there were Billy Graham rallies, now there is Alpha. It is one of the most successful evangelising programmes Britain has seen". Madeleine Bunting in the Guardian.
- "British Christianity has stumbled across the big idea that has eluded it...What distinguishes Alpha from other initiatives is the easy-going, relaxed feel of the proceedings, and its astonishing success". Damien Thompson in the Times.

Our local Alpha Supper is planned for Tuesday, September 26th at 7.00 pm in the Church Lounge. I want to encourage everyone to think seriously about coming. If you have attended the Alpha Course before then come again for a 'refresher', but this time bring a relative, friend or neighbour with you. They are much more likely to come if you give them a personal invitation and tell them you are going too. If you haven't been before then give it a try. I think you will soon discover it to be a real 'eye-opener' as you realise how little you know of the faith you profess. In either case I can assure you that you will not be pressurised. Depending upon the level of 'take up' I hope that throughout the autumn there will be a series of parallel groups meeting weekly on different mid-week evenings and perhaps a day time one too.

At the Family/Parade service on Sunday September 24th we shall be following our normal practice of commissioning the leaders and teachers of our Children's and Youth Organisations for the ministry which they exercise weekly on our behalf. In common with many other Churches the number of children and young people to whom we are ministering is but a very small fraction of the total number who live within our parish boundaries. We need to support these leaders by our presence on this occasion and by our prayers throughout the year.

Roger B. Jackson.



Operation Christmas Child (O.C.C.)

This is an International Christian Charity which aims to collect and distribute shoe boxes filled with gifts given with love from children and families in this country to be sent abroad to children often in desperate circumstances. Last year over half a million shoe boxes were collected and distributed from the U.K. alone. In this millennium year O.C.C. have a new target – one million from this country “A Million for the Millennium” is their slogan for the target which has been fixed in faith.

The Churches in Horwich who have supported this charity in the past have invited us to consider joining them. To that end they have invited the gospel singer Nia, who is vice president of the charity to come to Horwich as part of her tour of the U.K. to both entertain and inform us. On Friday September 29th she is going to give two lunchtime concerts in the Rivington and Blackrod School, followed by an evening concert at the newly re-furbished St. Catherines Church, Horwich. Nia is a very talented young lady with many albums behind her. She has a heart for the Gospel and for the poor. At the concert there will be a moving multi-media presentation of the work of O.C.C. and personal stories from Nia of her own visits helping to distribute the shoe boxes. This is guaranteed to fill you with joy and at the same time to stir your heart.

In Church there are fliers giving details of the concert and it is hoped that a party will be going from Deane. Please sign the list if you would like to join the party.

“A Million Shoeboxes for the Millenium = A Million Smiles”

AUTUMN DATES

September 23/24	Flower Festival at Deane U.R.C.
26 th	Alpha Supper 7.00 pm.
October 1 st	United Quarterly Evening Service at St. Andrew's.
8 th	Harvest Thanksgiving Services.
20/22 nd	Millennium Youth Weekend at Victoria Hall.
November 9 th	Publication day for the new Common Worship Books
12 th	Remembrance Sunday
19 th	Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for those who have been bereaved during the past year.

More New Books in the Church Library.

A few years ago our Tear Fund Harvest Appeal was given to a project in Egypt which was helping the poor who sifted through the rubbish tips in Cairo for their livelihood. **Moving Mountains** is the story of how a Coptic priest in obedience to God's call started a Church for these people. It has grown to such an extent that thousands of them meet each week in a building carved out of a mountainside.

From Ploughshare to Crook is the account of how Bill Flagg from the modest beginnings as a farmer's son leaving school at 14 years of age became the presiding Bishop in South America. It is a story full of adventure and remarkable achievement.

For teenage readers there is a copy of **Mad For Jesus** in which Andy Hawthorne describes the vision of the World Wide Message Tribe.



WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

INDIA Reports of Hindu militants training for action against a 'Christian takeover' are fuelling new anxieties amongst Christians. With nearly 30 Christian workers killed in the last two years, the Pope questioned Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee over the future of India's tradition for religious tolerance. Pray he will be heeded.

Africa

NIGERIA A number of states have imposed Islamic Sharia law, causing further political tension; many Christians have fled their homes. Pray that local officials can maintain peace and protect religious tolerance; for President Obasanjo, a committed Christian, for guidance in this difficult situation.

HORN OF AFRICA Following Tearfund's Disaster Appeal, there is still a desperate need for more funds to provide food before the harvest. Much seed and fertilizer have been delivered; pray that the rains will be sufficient to bring forth crops.

The Middle East

ISRAEL/PALESTINE President Clinton hosted a meeting of Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat last month to try to break the deadlock in the Middle East process. Pray for progress and lasting peace in the midst of rising political tension.

Latin America

NICARAGUA Cross-denominational churches have requested support from the international community following two earthquakes last month that left hundreds homeless in Masaya, south of the capital, Managua. Pray for all involved.

LAOS Persecution of Christians has continued, with officials in the northern province of Luang Prabang accusing Christians of being enemies of the state. Pray for them. Thank God for a group of young believers in a province known to Tearfund partners, holding firm despite imprisonment and pressure to renounce their faith.

HIV/AIDS Last month's international conference in South Africa highlighted the critical situation facing sub-Saharan Africa, with 24 million people HIV positive, and six people under 24 infected every minute. Pray for the church, and Tearfund partners in particular, as they face this challenge.

KENYA An estimated 3.3 million people are facing starvation as a result of drought, leaving Kenya only just behind Ethiopia in the number of people dependent on food aid. Pray for government and church, that relief would be effective and faith strong in the face of need.

IRAQ There is growing concern that UN sanctions are damaging the poor rather than the government. A Day of Prayer has been called for 6 August. Pray for the way forward, that justice would be done and the suffering of the innocent ended.

ARGENTINA The current social and economic crisis has led the National Evangelical Christian Council to speak out against overwhelming national debt and the solutions imposed by the IMF. Pray for the work of the council, and for all pastors supporting their effort.

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MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving	Loose	Totals
	Envelopes	Collections	
July 2nd	£461.06	£29.75	£490.81
9th	912.15	96.66	1,008.81
16th	866.59	105.12	971.71
23rd	534.26	102.82	637.08
30 th	878.07	70.00	948.07
Standing Orders	432.50		432.50
Weekdays		168.94	168.94
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The amount given in the corresponding period last year was £3,765.

In addition the treasurer acknowledges with gratitude 2 donations of £20 each.

This is a most encouraging increase of 18% over last year. It is a direct result of the Christian Giving Revue that was conducted in the Spring and it is enabling the Church Council to increase its regular monthly payments to the Diocese from £3300 to £4000.

BITS & PIECES

The Ladies Guild have invited Mrs. M. Oxtoby on September 5th to introduce them to the work of the Parkinson's Association. On September 19th they are planning to have a Harvest Supper.



We congratulate two members of the congregation Jason Unsworth and Rebecca Burgess whose marriage took place on August 12th.



Our near neighbours, Deane United Reformed Church are celebrating with a Harvest Flower and Craft Festival over the weekend of September 23/24th. Their Church will be open to view the floral displays and handicrafts on the Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and on the Sunday from 12 noon to 6.30 pm. On both occasions light refreshments will be on sale. We are invited to join them at their morning service at 10.30 am and for their evening Songs of Praise at 6.30 pm.