

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2000

SUNDAY DIARY

1. FOURTH BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Youth Service in the
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evensong

2. THIRD BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Remembrance Service
6.30pm Evening Communion

3. SECOND BEFORE ADVENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Remembrance and
Thanksgiving
Bishop J W Roxburgh

4. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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



*The beach at Polzeath, near Padstow, Cornwall (Photo: Richard Darrington)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Central Home Group: On Tuesdays November 7th and 21st at 8.00pm

Alpha Groups: On Tuesdays November 7th, 21st & 28th at 8.00pm at
1 Winton Grove
On Wednesdays November 15th, 22nd & 29th at 2.00pm at
1 Braeside Grove
On Wednesdays November 8th, 22nd & 29th at 8.00pm at
4 Laxford Grove

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 (845772)</p> <p>Fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm</p>
<p>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</p> <p>Lay Stan Wilson</p> <p>Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p>	<p>BELL RINGERS</p> <p>Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)</p>
<p>Honorary Keith Acton</p> <p>Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p>	<p>CHURCH CHOIR</p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p>
<p>Honorary Les Kilsby</p> <p>Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p>MUSIC GROUP</p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</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>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>OTHER OFFICIALS</p> <p>Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</p>
<p>Flowers: Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p>	<p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p>
<p>Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p>	<p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles</p> <p>2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)</p>
<p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p>	<p>Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p>
<p>Gift Aid Sid Harris</p> <p>Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</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

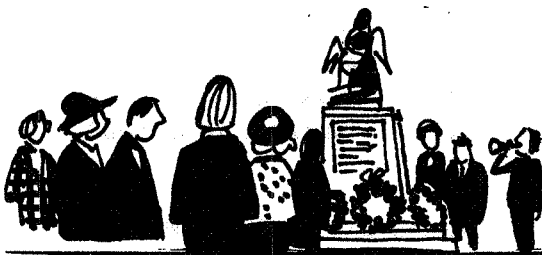
28th October, 2000,

This year's Tear Fund Harvest Appeal with its emphasis on water is a reminder to us that whenever there is an Emergency Disaster Appeal as often as not it is concerned with water, either the abundance or the lack of it, in flooding or drought. Some of us feel able to respond generously to these appeals; others of us much less so probably because we find it hard to identify with disasters as far away as in Africa and India. In more recent days the flooding disasters have come much nearer home, in our own country, in Kent and Sussex.

Those who know much more about these things than I do tell us that in these disasters we are seeing the first effects of global warming. Two hundred years or so of industrial pollution has poisoned the atmosphere and disrupted our weather patterns. In spite of these warnings given by scientists the society of which we are members continues to pour fumes into the atmosphere, from our cars and our factories, from our chimneys and our aircraft. I think we are beginning to realise that we have got to reverse these trends, not only for the sake of those who live in Africa and India, but for ourselves too. This means that we must be prepared to change our life styles and to start caring for our planet earth. In practical terms this means cutting back on the energy we use, reducing the waste we create and the resources we consume. A nation like ours that continues to pour out so much filth into the air is behaving little better than someone who, deliberately or unintentionally, fouls the water supply.

Remembering.

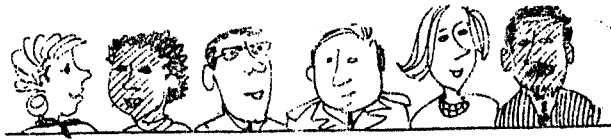
November is traditionally the month for remembering. It begins with our bonfire and firework celebrations when we remember the unsuccessful attempt of Guy Fawkes to blow up the Houses of Parliament 400 years ago. It continues with the more solemn occasion when we remember with thanksgiving those many young men and women who laid down their lives in the world wars of the last century.



As usual we will have an Act of Remembrance in our morning service on November 12th when we shall lay a wreath on each of the war memorials. Following last year's very successful experiment we shall be holding a service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving on Sunday evening, November 19th. To this we have invited the next-of-kin of all those whose funerals the Deane Clergy have conducted over the past year – about eighty in all.

In the service there will be an opportunity for a representative from each family to light a candle in thanksgiving and remembrance of their loved one. This is a symbolic act which people found very helpful last year. It is not to be seen as the first step on the road to Rome! I have invited Bishop Jim Roxburgh to preach on this occasion. He is now enjoying a very active retirement as the Assistant Bishop of Liverpool. He was the vicar with whom I served my second curacy in Hull and he preached at my induction service 26 years ago. It will be good to welcome him back to Deane for this important service.

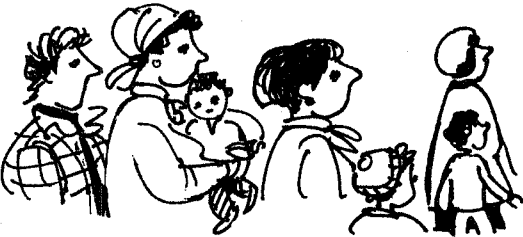
Roger B. Jackson.



IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to our Churchwarden, **Philip Gore**, who in the recent elections to General Synod (the parliament of the Church of England) was elected to serve for a further 5 years. When he was first elected 15 years ago he was one of the youngest members to serve.

Sympathy We express our condolences to **Lynda Smith**, our Climbers leader on the death of her mother, and also to **Ruth Bailey** who has recently lost her mother, Martha Baldwin (92) after 71 years of marriage to Jonathan who lives with Ruth.



Julie Cooper joined the Parent and Toddler group when it was set up 9 years ago by Michael and Alison Saunders, and when they left us 7 years ago she became its leader. Julie has seen this as a very rewarding and important part of our Church's reaching out into the community. She now feels that the time is right for her to step down from this role and to move on to something new. We are therefore looking for someone who is prepared to take on this leadership position from January. The group meets on Thursdays from 1-3 pm. during school term time. Here is some idea of what is involved.

- Setting out the toys.
- Welcoming everyone and marking a register.
- Chatting with parents over a "cuppa"
- Playing with the children until tidying up time.
- Singing the nursery rhymes and action songs (the children's favourite item)

If you feel that this is something you could do and that God may be prompting you to offer your services either as the leader or to become part of a leadership team, then please speak to Julie. (tel. 660946).

Bob Lunt, our link missionary serving the Church in N. Argentina as a translator of the Bible into the Wichi language of the native Indians. The Government of Argentina undervalues the culture and language of these people. In addition to his translation work, Bob has written and published a book on Wichi Grammar which has been received with enthusiasm by bilingual teachers in the state schools.

More Indians reading in their native language means more potential Bible readers. The final read-through of the entire Bible is about two-thirds complete and Bob's next visit in June next year should be his final one before the launch of the Wichi Bible in 2002. The translating team are in good heart, the Church is growing, new pastors are being ordained and there is a good number coming to the July Bible School each year. All this is most encouraging news.

Charlie and Sara Moore.

Much to their own disappointment and that of their congregation at Mutare in Zimbabwe, Charlie and Sara have been asked to leave the Cathedral Church where they have been serving the Lord for two and a half years. Because they have a desire to continue to serve in that troubled country they have been invited and accepted an invitation to minister in the very extensive parish of Banket not too far from the Capital, Harare. Before they can take up this new appointment they have to have a new work permit, and since the wheels of African bureaucracy move ever so slowly they are finding it very frustrating having to wait in what is very cramped temporary accommodation.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

BURMA The imprisonment of human rights protester James Mawdsley and the treatment of opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi by the military junta has heightened international concern about Burma, now one of the world's poorest countries. Pray that mass detentions and widespread use of slave labour will cease.

Africa

SUDAN Recent weeks have seen increased insecurity. Pray for Tearfund's Disaster Relief Team, evacuated from Maluakon recently due to intense fighting nearby. Pray for their safe return by now, and for all in Maluakon and Rumbek, anticipating having to move when they should be free to plan for their harvest.

ETHIOPIA Over half the population, ten million people, risk starvation. The deep south's 'green famine' has increased death rates markedly. Pray for partner Full Gospel Believers Church, who reports heavy rains in North Shewa zone, without seed for planting.

VIETNAM As the authorities assess the damage in Ha Tinh province after last month's typhoon, significant flooding in Cambodia and Laos means water levels in southern Vietnam could also rise dangerously. Pray for the 10,000 people already homeless, and for those living vulnerably in the Mekong Delta region.

SIERRA LEONE Instability continues; the government largely powerless, with rebels thriving on diamond export abuses, killing and looting. Pray for international will to bring lasting peace. Pray for Tearfund's Disaster Relief Team, sending a Programme Director and Support Manager to Sierra Leone this month.

GUINEA Hosting more refugees than any other African nation, Guinea is under attack from Sierra Leonean rebels; police and civilians are retaliating against Sierra Leone's refugees. Pray for Tearfund partner SECADOS, seeking urgently to resume food distribution to 200,000 refugees.

The Middle East/Europe

ISRAEL/PALESTINE As Yasser Arafat delays the Palestinian declaration of an independent Arab state until next month, pray for officials, indicating a determination to resume intensive and 'decisive' peace talks to end 52 years of conflict.

BOSNIA Despite increased political stability, the country is still on the edge of economic collapse. There is little evidence of spiritual reconciliation between differing religious groups. Pray for the church and Tearfund partner, Novi Most International and Bread of Life.

Latin America

CHILE Following violent demonstrations to mark the 27th anniversary of General Pinochet's military coup last month, many still mourn and seek justice. Pray for a spirit of repentance and an end to retribution.

COLOMBIA US officials claim the flow of illicit drugs could worsen before promised development and military aid turn the tide. Pray for millions suffering from drug exploitation, civil conflict and kidnapping.

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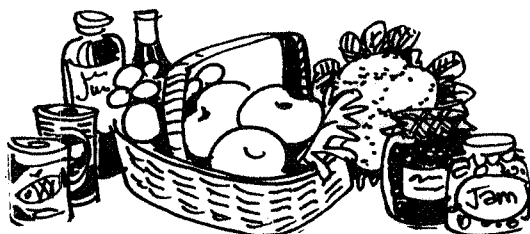


Thankyou to all who have contributed to God's work through our Church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
September 3rd	£832.89	£79.40	£912.29
10th	589.00	67.45	656.45
17th	682.90	87.30	770.20
24th	706.61	126.99	833.60
Standing Orders	432.50		432.50
Weekdays		256.97	256.97
	----- £3,243.90 =====	----- £618.11 =====	----- £3,862.01 =====

In the corresponding month last year the amount given was £3,043. This year's giving therefore represents an increase of 26%.

The treasurer also acknowledges single donations in September of £500 and £50.



Harvest Gifts.

In addition to giving generous harvest parcels to the sick and elderly who live locally, we were also able to send the many remaining items to two local Christian Charities who are ministering to the homeless and others who have various extreme needs. They are the St. Lukes Halliwell Drop in Centre on Chorley Old Road. Up to about 100 people call in each day where they know that they can sit down in the warmth and have a hot meal and a drink.

This can make all the difference in the world to people who might think they have no friends. What St. Lukes do in the day time Winter Watch does at night at the recently refurbished Spa Mill where a hot meal and overnight accommodation will soon be offered.

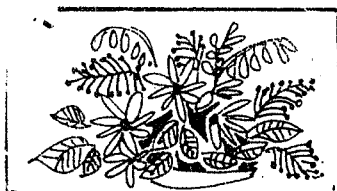
The money gifts will be sent to the Tear Fund Harvest Appeal which at the time of going to press stands at £479.84.

The contents of 100 envelopes	£475.64
Loose donations	9.20
Recovered Tax through Gift Aid donations	7.00

	491.84
Less promotional materials	12.00

	£479.84. =====

BITS & PIECES



Church Flowers. The rota for next year is on the notice board in Church. If you would like to be responsible for paying for the decoration of the main communion table one weekend next year, please place your name in one of the vacant spaces. Most people appear to use this as an opportunity to celebrate an anniversary or to remember with thanksgiving the life of a loved one.

The Ladies Guild have planned to meet on Tuesday November 14th when Miss Kathleen Cooper will show her holiday slides. On November 28th members have their early Christmas meal at Deane Golf Club.