

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2001

SUNDAY DIARY

1. FIRST OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
10.30pm Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

4. SECOND OF EPIPHANY

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

11. THIRD OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm United Service at
Lostock Church

28. FOURTH OF EPIPHANY

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



*A bitterly cold Winter's morning at Pittville Gardens, Cheltenham (Photo: Paul Felix)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Central Prayer Gathering: Wednesday January 3rd at 8.00pm in
the Rectory

Home Groups: Tuesday/Wednesday January 16th/17th

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>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>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>CHURCH CHOIR</p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</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>Vergers: 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>MUSIC GROUP</p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p>
<p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</p>
	<p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p>
	<p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles</p> <p>2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)</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

30th December, 2000.

After 26 years as your Rector the time has come for me to declare the innings closed. It is no secret that Mary and I have been looking for a house to which to retire for some considerable time. We haven't found this easy, not because we have been looking for a "dream home", but because so few properties in our price range appear to have those features which we believe are desirable. In the end we have decided to go for a new house on the Edges Fold development in Daisy Hill, Westhoughton. Though it is perhaps a little closer to Deane than I would have wanted, it is the type of house which incorporates most of the features for which we have been looking. Because there appears to be no let up in the appalling wet weather conditions of the past 4 months, the builder understandably feels unable at this stage to commit himself to a completion date. However, in my letter to the Bishop of Manchester I have indicated that I ought to be thinking of finishing sometime in the May/June period.

In the meantime I want to make 2 suggestions:

- that you **think and pray** about the kind of person whom you believe would be God's choice to take His work forward in this parish. Then feed your ideas to the members of the Church Council who, in due course, will be required to provide a parish profile and job description of the person for whom you should be looking.
- recognising that there could be a considerable period when you are without a Rector (the Parish of Horwich and Rivington hasn't had a Rector for 15 months and at the present time there is no one in sight) **think and pray** that God will show you and all other members of the Church Family at Deane what duties and responsibilities you could be taking on board to share those things which I have been doing but which don't require a priest to do them. In this way the "interregnum" as it is called can be a period of spiritual growth. It need not be a disaster.

Farewell to the A.S.B. and Welcome to Common Worship

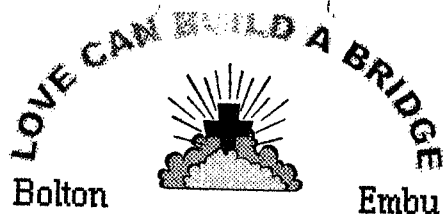
The Alternative Service Book comes to the end of its life tomorrow, December 31st. When it came into use in 1980 it was always seen as a book of alternative services to the Book of Common Prayer (1662) with a "shelf life" of 10 years which was subsequently extended by a further 10 years. Its replacement is Common Worship – a book containing both new services and the traditional ones authorised for use in the Church of England.

We shall be using the new services of Holy Communion and Morning and Evening Prayer at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm. You won't find a great deal of difference in these services. The main changes will be in the use of inclusive language, and a much greater variety of alternative material. For the occasional services like Thanksgiving for the Gift of a child, Holy Baptism, Marriage and Funerals we shall be experimenting with our own locally produced service sheets before we decide to make more permanent service cards. In this way it is hoped that the use of our own orders of service will make these services more "user friendly" both for visitors and regulars at Deane Church.

At all services we shall be making use of the Common Worship lectionary – a 3 year cycle of readings which we have normally been using for the past 3 years at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm. Especially for the benefit of those who read the lessons at the 8.00 am. service the readings will now be published in the Deane Church News. Whatever service we attend may I encourage you to read through these passages at home as part of your preparation for worship.

Mary joins me in thanking the many of you who sent us your Christmas greetings. We send you our best wishes for the coming year.

Roger B. Jackson.



UPDATE

ST Mary's Embu Street Children Fund

by
Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor.

As the drought in Kenya continues more problems are arising. Aid from other parts of the World has helped to provide food in the worst hit areas, and this includes Embu. There was no harvest and very little water. The well on Johnson Maringa's shamba is dry and people are having to go further afield to find water. Those with transport and who can afford petrol can drive to other areas like Nairobi to buy food and water. This past year has seen the worst drought for 50 years and who knows how long it will take for things to get back to normal once the rains do finally arrive.

The Embu Street Children Fund is still functioning although it is a struggle to send our gift of £50 each month. God has blessed this fund and as yet we have never missed sending this contribution. The money helps with school fees and the running of the project to improve the quality of life for these children. It is not often that we make an appeal for donations, but the situation caused by the drought is such that we feel we have no choice but to ask for additional gifts.

So we ask you to pray asking God what He would like you to do. If after praying you don't hear God speaking to you then turn to your Bible for He may speak to you through your reading.

All the monies received through this drought appeal will of course go to help the Street Children and to those who help on the Project. Sometimes, I'm sure we think the problem so big that our contribution will make no difference. Just take a look once again at that Cross at the back of our Church. It was made by one of the Street Children who now lives at the St. Stephen's Home. It says "No more are we Street Children".

Finally a short story.

One day Anthony De Mello saw a starving child shivering in the cold. Angrily he looked up and said "God, how can you allow such suffering? Why don't you do something?" There was a long silence and then De Mello heard these words "I did - I made you" (Matthew Ch.25 v 40)

Please continue to pray for these children and if you would like to make a donation by cash or cheque (payable to Embu Street Children Fund) please send it to: Chris and Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor, 17 Foss Gill Avenue, Bolton. BL2 3FR.



Winter Home Groups.

There will be 4 home groups meeting for 3 sessions at fortnightly intervals on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between now and the beginning of Lent. We shall be looking at the first Christian Church to be established in the continent of Europe at Philippi (near Halkidiki if you have been on holiday in N. Greece). The passages we shall be looking at are -

January 16/17
January 30/31
February 13/14

Acts Ch. 16 v 6-40
Philippians Ch. 1
Philippians Ch. 4 v 1 - 13.

The groups will meet at 1 Winton Grove, Ladybridge and 902 Wigan Road Hunger Hill on Tuesdays, and the Church Lounge and 4 Laxford Grove, Ladybridge on Wednesdays.
Do join one of these groups.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

SRI LANKA Sri Lankan president Chandrika Kumaratunga has expressed willingness to open peace talks with Tamil Tiger rebels after 26 Tamil prisoners were massacred without police protection recently. Pray for democracy and a strengthened Christian community there.

INDIA Millions are recovering from heavy floods in Assam, West Bengal, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh; in Bangladesh, 350,000 families, already homeless, were further battered by a cyclone during October. Pray for areas most vulnerable to the impact of global warming.

Africa

HORN OF AFRICA Nearly three million people in Kenya now rely on food aid; long term needs will continue well into next year. Pray for Tearfund's Disaster Response team, now providing supplementary feeding for over 4000 children, and for all Tearfund partners stretched by relief work in this area.

SIERRA LEONE Give thanks for last month's cease-fire deal between the Government and the RUF. Pray that the RUF will finally adhere to this amazing opportunity for progress and disarm as promised. Pray for safety and security for Tearfund's Disaster Response team as they undertake needs assessment up country.

Europe/Central Asia

SERBIA Elections for the parliament take place this month. Pray that the momentum for democratic change remains strong, that Christians might gain greater freedom following the elections. Pray too for Christians working with the neediest people, including Tearfund partners.

AFGHANISTAN The worst drought in 30 years increases the hardship of the severe winter, especially in southern and western areas. With Pakistan, Iran and Tajikistan having now closed their borders to refugees from the north, pray for almost 80,000 people fleeing from fighting, and now at risk from starvation.

Latin America

PERU Tearfund partner Peace and Hope defends those falsely imprisoned during the terrorist years. In a recent burglary, irreplaceable information on legal cases was stolen. Pray for protection on them, and other human rights organisations experiencing similar attacks at present.

ARGENTINA Pray for partner SACDEM, ministering to the mentally ill, bringing hope and good news to women psychiatric prisoners trapped by drugs, occult addiction, crime and depression. 'They are thirsty for a clear conscience and a fresh start,' says SACDEM.

Common Worship



Bible Readings

January 7th
14th
21st

28th
February 4th

Isaiah Ch. 43 v 1-7; Acts Ch.8 v 14-17; Luke Ch.3 v 15-22.
Isaiah Ch.62 v 1-5; 1 Corinthians Ch.12 v 1-11; John Ch.2 v 1-11.
Nehemiah Ch.8 v 1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians Ch 12 v 12-31a; Luke Ch.4 v 14-21.
Ezekiel Ch. 43 v 27- Ch.44 v 4; 1 Corinthians Ch.13; Luke Ch 2 v 22-40.
Isaiah Ch. 6 v 1-8; 1 Corinthians Ch.15 v 1-11; Luke Ch. 5 v 1-11.

Note: All 3 lessons will be read at the early morning communion service and normally only two at the other services.

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
November 5th	£626.38	£80.31	£706.69
12th	910.30	90.86	1,001.16
19th	838.86	239.56	1,078.42
26th	660.80	90.67	751.47
Standing Orders	429.50		429.50
Weekdays		263.23	263.23
	----- £3,465.84	----- £764.63	----- £4,230.47

In the corresponding month a year previously the total amount given was £3,059. This represents a most encouraging increase of 38% in the level of giving for which we give thanks to God.

The treasurer also wishes to acknowledge the following anonymous donations of £5, £5, £5, £10, £20, £20, £50 and £50 totalling £165 during October and November.

Dates for your Diaries.



April 29	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12 noon.
May 13-19	Christian Aid Week.
May 16	Archdeacon's Visitation service at 7.30 pm.
May 27	Confirmation Service.
June 16	Springboard 2001 Central Training Day at Salford University.
June 17	Springboard 2001 Deanery Festival Service at 6.30 pm.
June 24	Deane Sermons
September 23	Commissioning of Children's and youth leaders at 10.30 am.
October 14	Harvest Thanksgiving
November 18	Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at 6.30 pm.



IN THE NEWS

Baptism: On Sunday December 10th we welcomed into membership of the Church Family:
 Olivia Kaye Bannister of 6 Wyndham Avenue, Middle Hulton.
 Holly Neve Ghoorun of 27 Hawthorne Road, Deane.
 Erika Smiley of 24 Melbourne Road, Deane.
 Jordan James Whittaker of 43 Winterfield Drive, Beaumont Rise.

Attendance Awards were received by the following children for –
 25 attendances in Climbers: Lucy Bannister, Katie Healey, Alysia Makinson, Stephanie Simpson, Adam and Michael Weston.
 75 attendances in Climbers – Laura Bannister.