

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

DECEMBER 2001

SUNDAY DIARY

2. ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am Communion
10.30pm Family Communion
Joyce Mitson
6.30pm Communion
Paul Ellis

9. ADVENT 2

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
& Baptism
Nola Kilsby

Youth Service in Scout Hut
David Oakley from
Ambassadors in Sport

16. ADVENT 3

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Paul Ellis

Children's Nativity in the
Memorial Hall

23. ADVENT 4

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Carol Service
David Dewhurst
6.30pm Festival of Lessons
& Carols

30. CHRISTMAS 1

8.00am Communion
10.30am Songs of Praise
Nola Kilsby



*John A Blakey's striking modern portrait of The Madonna & Child (Photo: John Edenbrow)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Christmas Eve: 11.30pm Midnight Communion
Granville Spedding

Christmas Day: 8.00am Communion, 10.30am Family Communion
Paul Ellis

Communion: Every Thursday at 10.00am at St Andrew's

Home Groups: Tuesdays/Wednesdays 11/12 December

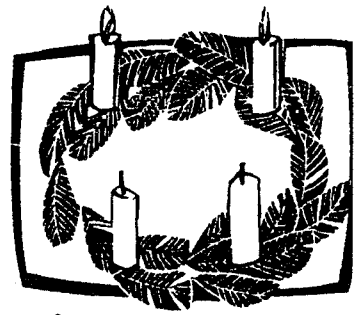
Prayer Focus: Thursday 6 December at the Memorial Hall

Parochial Church Council: Thursday 13 December at 7.45pm
at the Memorial Hall

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p>Rector:</p> <p>Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p>Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</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>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: Bryan Shephard Social: Julie Cooper Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692, Flowers: Josie Crompton (655964) Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375) Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417) Gift Aid Sid Harris Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946) Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Creche: under 3 years Rachel Bickerstaffe. (657161) Scramblers: 3 to 5 years Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093) Explorers: 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068) All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460) The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm CYFA: 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes (845772) Fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm</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 Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Brenda Dixon (653333) Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p> <p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Elaine Cockerham (650347)</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles 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>

Initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Revd. Paul Ellis during the period we are without a Rector.

Editor's Page



We wish all members of the church family, friends and neighbours, and all who live in the parish of Deane a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful and Successful New Year. May all know the blessings of the Christ Child this Christmas.



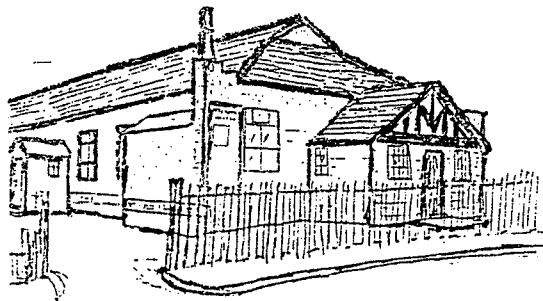
Life at Deane before the Memorial Hall!

We are grateful to Tom Stokes for the following article

When in 1877 Revd H S Patterson became Vicar of St Mary's, Deane was a very large parish with twelve daughter churches and eleven church wardens! Mr Patterson was a very go-ahead Vicar, he had many innovative ideas and tried to have a community centre built near the junction of Wigan Road and Junction Road.

Two of the daughter churches were at Daubhill and Heaton. In 1880 Revd HS Patterson purchased an iron, corrugated structure which had been used as a church building in Blackpool and had it re-erected as a church at Daubhill. After George the Martyr's church was built in 1878, the iron structure was taken to Heaton. Records state "James, Lord Bishop of Manchester, gave his full permission for Divine Service to be said in the iron building, known as Christ Church, Heaton." Deane Curates served at Heaton until 1896 when a permanent church was built to a design by the Revd H S Patterson which is almost identical to Deane Church.

In the same year, 1896, the iron building was brought to Deane and was erected as a Parish Hall on the site where the Memorial Hall now stands. By the 1920s the building had become dilapidated and by 1930 the rust had created so many large holes in the floor that hungry choir boys sometimes crawled under the building and up into the kitchen to help themselves to cups of tea and biscuits!



The iron building was replaced in 1934 by the present Memorial Hall so called because it was built in memory of those who had suffered and died in the 1914-1918 war. The names of many of those who subscribed towards the cost of the building are engraved on stones along the west wall. It is now the turn of this generation of the church family to consider how best to renovate or rebuild the present building which is almost 70 years old.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

BANGLADESH Traditionally a moderate Islamic country, October's election results permit some radical Islamic groups to work in coalition with the new government. Pray for the safety of Christians in Bangladesh at a tense time of rising Islamic fervour, Muslim solidarity and hostility towards the West.

PAKISTAN Religious leaders including bishops from the Church of Pakistan met President Musharraf recently to express concern for the safety of the country's minority Christian population in the wake of air strikes in Afghanistan. Give thanks for the resultant improved security for minority groups.

Africa

NIGERIA Violence has once more erupted between Muslim and Christian youths in the northern city of Kano. Christians are being forced to conform to strict Islamic law in some of the northern states, despite exemption claims by the government. Pray for partners CAPRO and the Fellowship of Christian Students, all reaching out in social action in strongly Muslim areas.

SUDAN Religious minorities have been subjected to slavery and forced conversions by government soldiers. Even so, Sudan's church remains one of Africa's fastest growing. Pray that it may continue to prosper in peace.

MALI Persecution is the norm for Christian converts; they face rejection and physical violence from their families. Pray for the Good Seed project in Diré that provides a living to such Christians, and also seeks to show God's love to Muslims. Pray for new initiatives in Timbuktu's church, reaching out to the community.

MOROCCO An interfaith church service was held in Rabat after the 11 September attacks. Give thanks that it was attended by prominent Moroccan officials, it attracted favourable media attention and improved openness towards the Christian church within society.

Europe/Central Asia

TURKMENISTAN The president's independence speech granting religious freedom has proved ineffective; Christians face property confiscations, national travel restrictions, and difficulties acquiring work permits. Pray for the church's staying power.

AFGHANISTAN Last month the trial of eight expatriate aid workers on charges of Christian proselytism continued as the bombing continued. Pray for justice and safety for them, and their Afghan colleagues, that they do not become further victims of the conflict.

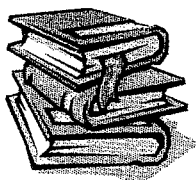
Latin America

PERU The painful but vital work of the 'Truth Commission' continues. Pray for Tearfund partner Peace and Hope, among those supporting the investigation of human rights abuses and wrong imprisonments committed against the evangelical community.

COLOMBIA Churches are suffering threats and violence amid the intense conflict in Sur de Bolívar, where the government and National Liberation Army (ELN) are negotiating a clearance zone. Pray that peace and justice will come.

Common Worship

Bible Readings



December 2	Isaiah 5 v1-5
December 9	Isaiah 11 v1-10
December 16	Isaiah 35 v1-10
December 23	Isaiah 7 v10-16
December 24/25	Isaiah 9 v 2-7
December 30	Isaiah 63 v7-9
January 6	Isaiah 60 v1-6

Romans 13 v11-14	Matthew 24 v36-44
Romans 15 v4-13	Matthew 3 v1-12
James 5 v7-10	Matthew 11 v2-11
Romans 1 v1-7	Matthew 1 v18-25
Titus 2 v11-14	Luke 2 v1-20
Hebrews 2 v10-18	Matthew 2 v13-23
Ephesians 3 v1-12	Matthew 2 v1-12

Bits and Pieces

Ladies Guild

December 11th Carols and Readings

Carol Singing

If you enjoy Carol singing and would like to join other members of the congregation in visiting the residential and nursing homes in the parish, please meet David Dewhurst at the Memorial Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 18th December.

Transport to St Andrew's

The following people have kindly volunteered to offer lifts from the lych gate at Deane to St Andrew's for the 6.30pm services on those Sundays when there is no evening service at Deane.

December 9th Alan Cheetham 405829 December 16th Pat Boydell 61450

In December there are evening services at Deane on December 2nd and 23rd. Owing to the many different services taking place at Deane over the Christmas period, there will be no extra lifts to St Andrew's on December 30th. Please remember that you need to contact the driver in advance, since cars will not automatically wait at the church.

Intercessions Rota

David Dewhurst is in the process of producing a new rota for those who lead the intercessions at the 10.30am services. The duty comes round every 9-10 weeks. If you wish your name to be added to this list and/or you would like occasionally to be asked to read one of the lessons, please contact David either in church or on 651347.

Calling all Gentlemen

The gentlemen of the congregation are invited to a Men's Night Out on Friday 21st December. It begins with drinks at 8pm in the King's Head and is followed by a fish and chip supper.

Family Carol Service

This year the Family Carol Service will take the form of an all age nativity service. This will take place at 10.30am on 23rd December. It will be rather different to the usual format and will involve congregational participation. It will be suitable for all ages.

6.30pm Services at Deane on the First Sunday of the Month

Following requests from many of those who attend the 6.30pm service at Deane, it has been decided that from December the service will alternate between being Holy Communion and Evening Prayer. Therefore the service on December 2nd will be Communion, January 6th Evening Prayer and so on.

Christmas Greetings

As in previous years there will be an opportunity for you to send one card to the whole church family rather than sending lots of individual cards. Your card can be placed on the special display unit in church in December. The money saved will be donated to charity.

In Sympathy

We send our condolences to the families and friends of Harry Pendlebury, Eda Barton and Florence Marshall who died recently.

The Campaign for the Real Christmas

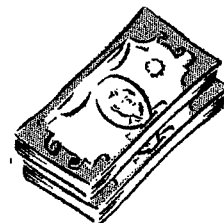
Deane Church is participating in the Campaign for the Real Christmas which aims to put Jesus Christ back at the centre of the season's celebrations. Watch out in Church for details.

An Opportunity to Give

When this newsletter went to print discussions were underway about the financial deficit that there will be this year if we pay the diocesan quota in full and continue to give to missions and charities on the same scale as in previous years. The PCC is keen that there should be no reduction in our gifts to those who depend on us for support. It is hoped that over the Christmas period an occasion will be arranged when those who wish can make an extra donation to enable our giving to missions and charities to be on the same scale as in other years.



Money Matters



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
October 7	£824.02	£75.49	£899.51
October 14	£872.50	£78.52	£951.02
October 21	£627.11	£64.41	£691.52
October 28	£598.92	£89.86	£688.78
Standing Orders	£429.50		£429.50
Midweek		£21.80	£21.80
TOTALS	£3352.05	£330.08	£3682.13

The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude a donation of £5.50

News of former Curates



John and Virginia Corbyn have recently moved to Kent on John's appointment as Vicar of Bearsted near Maidstone.

Mike and Alison Saunders are moving from Eccles to the Diocese of Winchester at the end of the year. Mike is to be Associate Vicar in the parish of Yateley which is not far from Alison's home in Reading. A contributory factor in their move has been to find a suitable secondary school for Christopher who is dyslexic.

Also taking up a post in January is **Charlie Moore** who becomes Rector of St Ann's, Bermondsey in south-east London. He has not been able to return to Zimbabwe. Charlie, Sara and the children are looking forward to moving from Wimbledon, where they have been fortunate to have been living in a spacious flat made available by a generous Christian lady.

Tony Woodward is returning to service as an ordained minister as an assistant priest in the Halliwell parish. For the time being he and Carol will remain at their home on Wigan Road, but he will be taking a break from chiropody.

A Christmas Quiz for all the family



- 1 Which is the only gospel which records the visit of the Wise Men?
- 2 Who ordered the census which caused Mary and Joseph to have to travel to Bethlehem?
- 3 What does the word Advent mean?
- 4 In how many inns in Bethlehem did Mary and Joseph seek a room?
- 5 Who was Jesus' cousin, born about six months before him?
- 6 Which two gospels record Jesus' birth?
- 7 Does the Bible say there were **three** Wise Men?
- 8 Did the shepherds and Wise Men arrive at the same time to see Jesus?
- 9 What does the name Emmanuel mean?
- 10 How did the shepherds hear about the birth of Jesus?

Answers: 1 Matthew, 2 The Roman Emperor Augustus, 3 'Coming' from the Latin word 'advenit', 4 One, the Bible says there was no room in the inn, 5 John the Baptist, 6 Matthew and Luke, 7 No, it just records the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, 8 No, Jesus may have been as old as two when the Wise Men arrived, 9 God with us, 10 Luke says an angel of the Lord appeared to them