

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2002

SUNDAY DIARY

6. EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
10.30pm Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

13. EPIPHANY 1

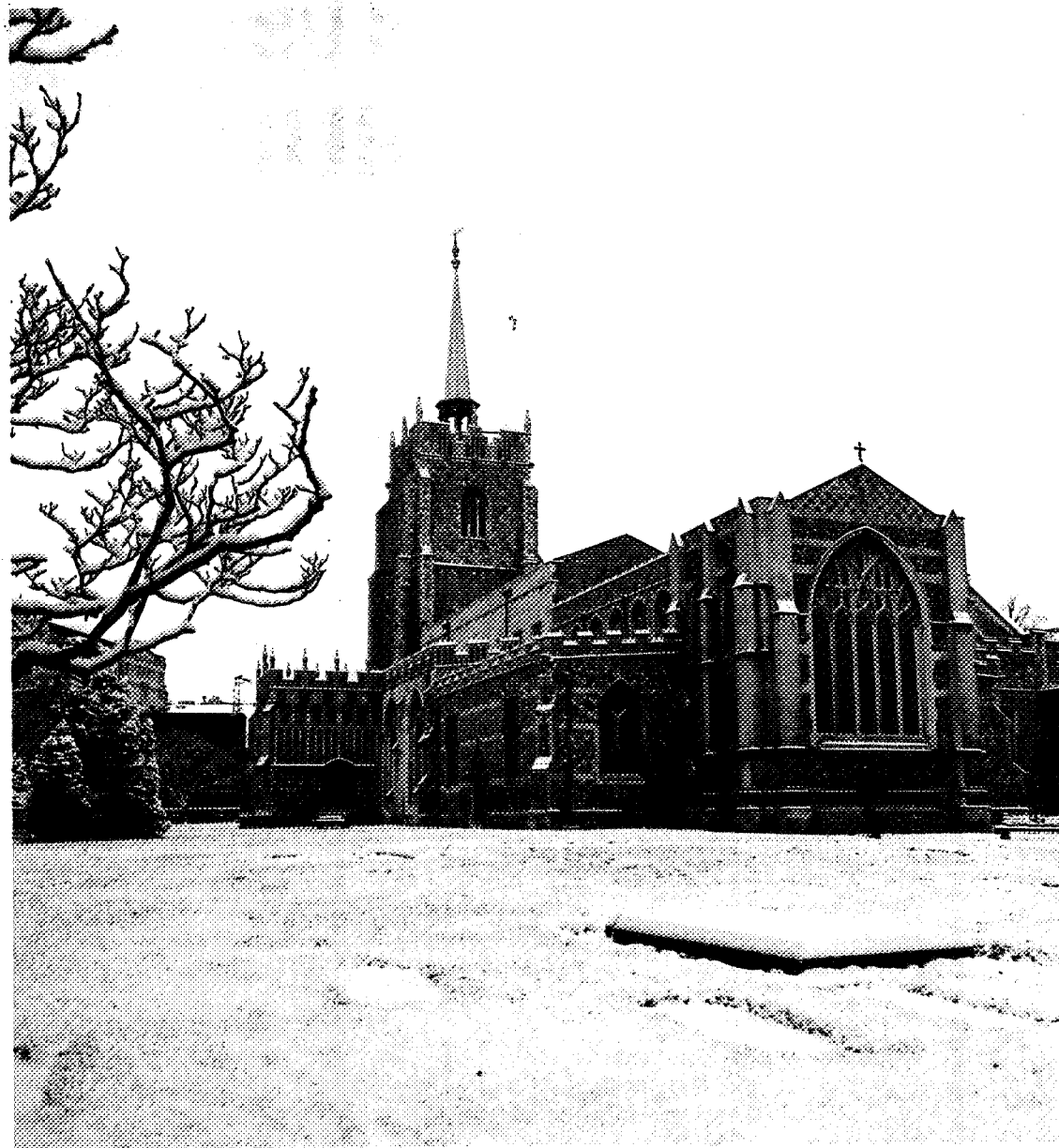
8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer

20. EPIPHANY 2

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion

27. EPIPHANY 3

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family &
Parade Service



Winter setting for Chelmsford Cathedral (Photo: Ron Gregory)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

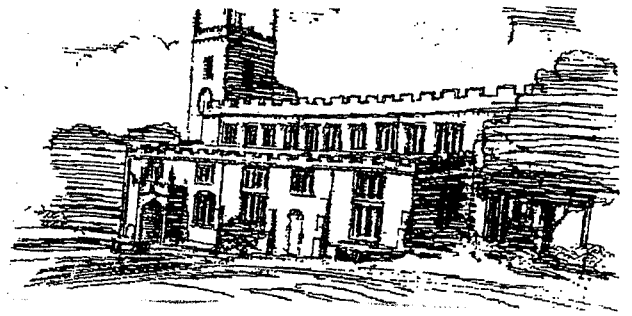
Home Groups: To be arranged

Prayer Focus: To be arranged

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: Elizabeth Plant Social: Julie Cooper Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p>Flowers: Josie Crompton (655964)</p> <p>Vergers: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p>Gift Aid Sid Harris Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355) Deane Elizabeth Plant Church News: 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946) Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Crèche: under 3 years Rachel Bickerstaffe (657161) Scramblers: 3 to 5 years Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093) Explorers: 7 to 11 years Rebecca Unsworth (656700) 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



*A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all who
live in the Parish of Deane. May the year
2002 be the time when many come to know
the love of Jesus Christ*

Did you know?

Did you know that in Deane we are living within 15 miles of the first recorded place in Britain where there were Christians over 1800 years ago? A Christian word square dated to about 175 AD has been found in excavations of Roman Manchester. You can see the site from the railway line not far from Deansgate station.

Similar word squares have been found all over the Roman world including Pompeii. They are thought to have been used as a secret sign between believers in the days when being a Christian could be dangerous. The actual words have little meaning, but they read the same from left to right and up and down.

S A T O R
A R E P O
T E N E T
O P E R A
R O T A S

Roughly translated from the Latin, this means 'the farmer, Arepo, guides the plough with care'! But rearrange these words and you have the Latin words for Our Father (Pater Noster) forming a cross, with A and O left over twice. A and O are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, and they are often used to represent Christ who is the Beginning and the End.

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WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

HIV/AIDS

WORLD AIDS DAY is 1 December.

Worldwide, AIDS claimed 3 million lives, or 8,000 deaths a day in the year 2000 alone. Pray for those searching for hope, and for the bereaved, facing an uncertain future.

Asia

KOREA 10,000 rice farmers have protested in Seoul against attempts to further open the country's agricultural markets, threatening their livelihoods. After last month's World Trade Organisation meeting in Qatar, pray for a global trading system that benefits 1 billion people who live in poverty today.

Africa

SIERRA LEONE Over 31,500 ex-combatants have been disarmed, but the UN may despatch more peacekeepers to oversee elections next May. Pray for Tearfund partner the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone (EFSL), working with those affected by conflict.

Europe/Central Asia

MACEDONIA Last month saw an upsurge of violence as the Macedonian parliament finally considers ratifying the August peace deal. Pray that the range of constitutional changes that improve the position of the Albanian minority will be ratified.

The Americas

UNITED STATES Last month's plane disaster that killed more than 260 people has devastated a nation still grieving after the events of 11 September. Pray particularly for relatives who mourn: over half of those who died were from the Dominican Republic, many returning from New York for reunions with families.

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partners need enormous emotional and spiritual resources to encourage behaviour change amongst the vulnerable, and to show the love of Jesus to those who suffer.

INDONESIA The 40th anniversary of the declaration of independence by Papuan separatists falls on 1 December - the same day planned for the funeral of pro-independence leader Theys Eluay. Pray for Christians too in a troubled and divided province, including a recent Tearcraft partner Yaski Art & Craft, based in Jakarta.

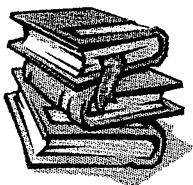
SOUTHERN AFRICA One in five adults are HIV positive in several countries; the rate among pregnant women in South Africa rose to 24.5% last year. Pray for Tearfund partners involved in HIV education and prevention like Scripture Union and MAP.

UZBEKISTAN The country has opened its border with Afghanistan for the first time in four years, providing a major boost to relief efforts. As harsh winter conditions take hold of the region, pray for relief for all those who are cold and hungry at this time.

CENTRAL AMERICA Following Hurricane Michelle, give thanks to God that this storm caused so few casualties. Pray for the people of Cuba, Honduras and Nicaragua as they seek international assistance to help with emergency efforts to provide housing and food to those most in need.

Common Worship

Bible Readings



January 6
January 13
January 20
January 27

Isaiah 60 v1-6
Isaiah 42 v1-9
Isaiah 49 v1-7
Isaiah 9 v1-4

Ephesians 3 v1-12
Acts 10 v34-43
1 Corinthians 1 v1-9
1 Corinthians 1 v10-18

Matthew 2 v1-12
Matthew 3 v13-17
John 1 v29-42
Matthew 4 v12-23

Bits and Pieces



Congratulations to Marjorie and Tom Stokes

Congratulations to Tom and Marjorie Stokes who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on January 3rd. They were married in 1942 at St Mary's Church, Plumtree, near Nottingham, having met in 1940 when Tom was stationed in Nottinghamshire and Marjorie delivered the soldiers' post. The early years of their married life were during the war. Tom had a distinguished army career, rising to the rank of captain. He saw service at Dunkirk, was with the allied forces who liberated occupied Europe in 1944-5 and was one of the first people to enter Belsen concentration camp after its liberation. After the war Tom completed his training in Optometry and opened T J Stokes Opticians in Knowsley Street in 1947. He and Marjorie moved to Deane in 1951. Since then they have given a life time of Christian service to the people of Bolton and Deane, Marjorie through WRVS (she holds the WRVS long service medal), Meals on Wheels, church cleaning and much more, Tom as a church warden for over 20 years and as an enthusiastic gardener. Their loyalty and service to Deane have continued long after they 'retired' to Heaton in 1976. A whole newsletter would be too short to do justice to all their good works. We congratulate them on 60 years of marriage and pray that they will have many more happy years together.

Ladies Guild

January 8th AGM

January 22nd Holiday Slides: Kath Hughes

Lunch and Leisure Club?

Deane Church and Age Concern have joined forces to produce a questionnaire to see if there is a need for a Lunch and Leisure Club in the area. This exciting project could be set up in the Memorial Hall early in the New Year. Watch this space for details!

Available for Hire!

Why not book the Memorial Hall for a birthday or family party this year? Book early with Julie Cooper to avoid disappointment.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Liz Gardiner who celebrated her 40th birthday in December.

News from the Social Committee

The Social Committee wants to thank those who supported the Christmas Bingo last month. It was a great evening. A group of 66 enjoyed the pantomime Aladdin at the Albert Halls over the Christmas period. Oh yes, they did!!!!

An Old time Music Hall event is being organised for the young at heart members of the congregation. It takes place on **Saturday 19th January at 3pm**. Tickets are £2 each and include an afternoon of entertainment and potato pie and peas! Everyone is welcome. Do bring your friends. Transport can be arranged for those who need it.

The Easter Egg Bingo will be held on **Saturday 2nd March**. Make a note in your diary now and look out for further details.

There is a full social calendar for 2002. Do keep supporting the events!

Christmas Box Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who donated a shoe box full of presents for needy children overseas. Your generosity is much appreciated.

In Sympathy

We send our condolences to Sheila Acton whose mother, Mrs Parry, died recently.

Transport to St Andrew's

The following people have 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.

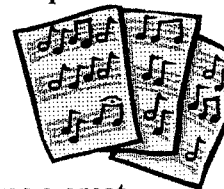
January 6th Service at Deane January 13th Ian Gardiner 660460

January 20th Edna Barlow 01942 817434 January 27th Eric Morgan 01942 814735

Please remember that you need to contact the driver in advance since cars will not automatically wait at the church.

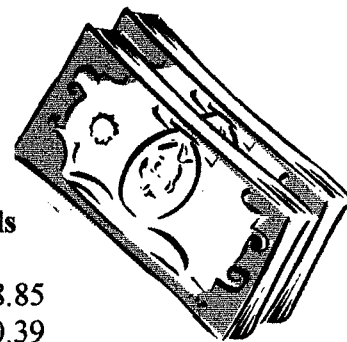
Harry Pendlebury: Tom Stokes writes

"We are saddened by the passing of Harry Pendlebury who was one of our gardeners. His was a kindly and resourceful personality; the only man I have ever seen bringing a wheelbarrow to work in the back of his rather small car! We have happy memories and our sincere sympathy goes out to his daughters Christie, Sandra and Jane."



Money Matters

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



	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
November 4	£851.44	£107.41	£958.85
November 11	£735.17	£95.22	£830.39
November 18	£558.12	£97.86	£655.98
November 25	£953.42	£135.22	£1088.64
Standing Orders	£429.50		£429.50
Midweek		£49.81	£49.81
TOTALS	£3527.65	£485.52	£4013.17

The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude a donation of £30 in memory of Florence Merehall

Tear Fund Harvest Appeal

From 97 envelopes a total of £561.71 was given. Included in this total was a cheque for £11.16 which represents voluntary donations for produce received from the Rectory kitchen garden. Gift Aid donations will increase the total by £73.33 when the income tax has been claimed.

The final total will be **£635.04**.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

News of the Memorial Hall: John Tudor writes

"Early in the year, after full consideration of the costs of repair or rebuild, the PCC decided that the existing Hall should be replaced. In April the Rector was approached by Deane United Reformed Church who requested involvement in joint meetings as they had an interest in a joint project due to problems with their own building.

Since April we have held joint meetings with them and looked at the various options including the merits of existing and alternative sites. In a joint project this could ultimately have resulted in the United Reformed Church having to leave their existing premises. In November they wrote to say that they no longer wished to proceed.

The committee dealing with the project have carried out preliminary investigative work. The cost for a replacement building is likely to exceed £400,000.

To raise this sum we will need to obtain funding from an organisation such as the National Lottery. The preparation of a Lottery bid will require a great deal of work leading to the submission of a business plan. Funding will only be granted to projects which have community involvement. It is extremely unlikely that the total sum would be provided by the Lottery. We will need to carry out fund raising to match any Lottery grant and then possibly some more.

To raise funds we need to start a Hall Rebuilding Fund. Who would like to organise this?

Julie Cooper is dealing with the marketing area of the business plan. She would appreciate assistance from anyone with marketing and analytical skills.

The committee involved with the Memorial Hall project consists of John Tudor, Terry Oakes, Alan Rushton, Bryan Shepard, Alison Partington and Julie Cooper with assistance from Mike Kirkby. The committee will keep you informed of progress."

