

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

## DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**FEBRUARY 2002**

### SUNDAY DIARY

**3. SECOND BEFORE LENT**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

Joyce Mitson

6.30pm Communion

Paul Ellis

**10. NEXT BEFORE LENT**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

& Baptism

Noia Kilsby

Youth Service

in Scout Hut

**17. LENT 1**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

Paul Ellis

**24. LENT 2**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

David Dewhurst



*Sunset over a castle tower folly near Cranbury, Dorsetshire (Photo: Paul Faller)  
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### MIDWEEK DIARY

Ash Wednesday: 13 February, communion at 7.30pm at St Andrew's

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

Home Groups: Tuesday/Wednesday 19/20, 26/27 February

Parochial Church Council: Thursday 7 February at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

## WHO'S WHO

### Rector:

### Vicar:

Paul Ellis  
St Andrew's Vicarage  
Crescent Avenue (651851)

### Readers:

David Dewhurst  
11 Braemar Gardens (651347)  
  
Nola Kilsby  
1386 Junction Road West (492351)

### Wardens:

Philip Gore  
12 Ellesmere Road (63798)  
Les Kilsby  
1386 Junction Road West (492351)  
Bryan Shephard  
57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Stan Wilson  
Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

Honorary Keith Acton  
Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

Honorary Les Kilsby  
Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)

### CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby  
Worship: Elizabeth Plant  
Social: Julie Cooper  
Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner

### 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)  
Deane Elizabeth Plant

Church News: 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)

Website: [www.deaneparish.info](http://www.deaneparish.info)

### MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings: Julie Cooper  
16 Clunton Avenue (660946)

Caretaker: Ian Cooper  
16 Clunton Avenue (660946)

## WHAT'S ON

**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

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

### BELL RINGERS

Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)

### CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am

Jim Needham (01942 812692)

### MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm

Ray Howarth (652602)

### LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

**Ladies Guild:** Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm

Pat Sewell (61278)

**Mothers Union:** Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm

Janetta Makin (658270)

**Parents & Toddlers** Thursdays at 1.30pm

Elaine Cockerham (650347)

### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

**Brownies:** 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm

Clare Miles

2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm

Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)

**Guides:** Mondays at 7.15pm

Carole Baxendale (419167)

**Cubs:** Thursdays at 6.45pm

Wendy Gooding (653277)

**Beavers:** Monday at 5.45pm

Liz Yarwood (417639)

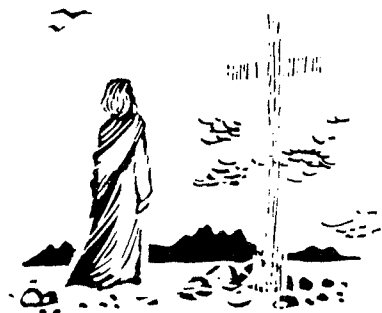
**Rainbows:** Fridays at 6.30pm

Margaret Latchford (657101)

*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

## Lent



This year Lent begins early. Ash Wednesday is on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Lent is the season when Christians remember the forty days and forty days which Jesus spent in the wilderness at the start of his ministry and the time when he was tested by the devil.

You are warmly invited to join one of the Lent House Groups which will be meeting during Lent. Full details are given elsewhere in the newsletter.

As in previous years we are all encouraged to mark Lent in some way. We could miss one meal a week or perhaps have a snack rather than a full meal and donate the money thus saved. Or you may wish to do something more positive and perhaps participate in some form of service to others. There will be an opportunity to give towards a Lent Appeal at Easter.

## Have you visited these websites yet?

### *Deane Parish now has its own site*

Visit it on [www.deaneparish.info](http://www.deaneparish.info)

Deane's website has been developed by Paul Ellis.

There you can learn more about the history of the parish, see pictures of the two churches and even take a tour inside and outside St Mary's. You can also read Deane Church News online.

From the site you can get into the Manchester Diocesan web pages which will give you more information about the whole diocese and about Manchester Cathedral.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for new items or ways our website could be improved, email Paul using the **contact us** section on the web pages.



### *BBC online has among its many sites a useful section on religion*

The religion section is to be found on [www.bbc.co.uk/religion](http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion)

Don't be put off by the negative publicity. Admittedly the world religions are listed by the BBC in alphabetical order and so Christianity is listed after atheism and Buddhism, but there is useful information on this site for students of all ages.

### *Have you ever wanted to know the Lord's Prayer in a language other than English?*

Visit [www.christusrex.org](http://www.christusrex.org) and then click on **Jerusalem-Pater Noster**. You will find yourself on the site of the Pater Noster Church in Jerusalem. This church is built on the spot where Jesus taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer. The walls of the actual church are decorated with 111 ceramic tiles each of which has the Lord's Prayer in a different language. However on the website you can find the prayer in 1207 languages, from Spanish to Scottish Gaelic, from Japanese to Swedish. Here is a version in Welsh.

CYMRAEG ( Welsh )



**Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd, Sancteiddier dy enw.**

**Deled dy deyrnas. Gwneler dy ewyllys, megis yn yr nef, felly ar y ddaear hefyd.**

**Dyro i ni heddiw ein bara beunyddiol**

**A maddau i ni ein dyledion, fel y maddeuwn ninnau i'n dyledwyr.**

**Ac nac arwain ni i brofedigaeth; eithr gward ni rhag drwg.**

**Canys eiddot ti yw'r deyrnas, a'r nerth, a'r gogoniant, yn oes oesoedd. Amen.**

# WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

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## Asia

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**CAMBODIA** More than 7,000 people have been left homeless after huge fires swept through two slum areas last month. Give thanks that the government has allowed some agencies including Tearfund partner Halo to resume relief work and provide food and basic shelter for those who were already living in dire poverty.

**INDONESIA** At least 1,000 people have been killed in sectarian violence in Central Sulawesi in the Moluccan Islands since religious violence erupted in 1998. With some Christians encouraging reprisal attacks towards Muslim neighbours, pray that international pressure helps the government to be decisive in halting continued strife.

## Africa

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**D.R. CONGO** Following last month's breakthrough peace talks held in Nigeria, pray that previously warring factions will continue to work together as full talks resume this month. Pray too that the ebola epidemic that has claimed several victims can be halted.

**NIGERIA** With an estimated 3.5 million Nigerians newly infected with HIV last year, there are controversial plans to treat 10,000 patients with anti-retroviral drugs imported from India. Pray the church takes a lead in care, and encourages the changes in behaviour that will halt the spread of this disease.

**SOMALIA** The country is now gripped by long-term drought conditions. 400,000 are at risk from starvation, particularly those living in the southern Gedo region. Pray for aid agencies aiming to meet emergency needs, including Tearfund partner World Concern.

**KENYA** Last month violence erupted in the slums of Kibera in Nairobi, home to 700,000 people. Clashes between landlords and tenants resulted in several deaths; hundreds are now wounded or homeless. Pray for a peaceful resolution of tribal disputes in the build up to elections in Kenya later this year.

## Europe/Central Asia

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**KOSOVO** Opposition leaders staged a walkout at the province's newly elected multi-ethnic parliamentary assembly last month. Pray that politicians can set aside years of hatred, and for reconciliation work being undertaken by Tearfund partners ARM, the Evangelical Movement of Kosovo, RUTH and Messiah Church.

**AFGHANISTAN** Hopes of getting increased humanitarian aid into the country have been boosted with the reopening of the Friendship Bridge, linking Uzbekistan with northern Afghanistan. With winter at its height, pray that the lives of millions will now be saved as a result of similar international initiatives.

## Latin America

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**ARGENTINA** To avoid defaulting on its \$132 billion debt, the government plans to use money held in private pension funds as a loan to pay its debt bill. Pray for all affected by economic crisis, including Tearfund partners El Retoño, SACDEM, Asociana and Kairos.

**VENEZUELA** Last month business leaders and unions united to hold the first General Strike in 40 years, in protest at President Chavez's 'authoritarian style' government. Pray for peaceful change and for an estimated 70 per cent of the population living in poverty.

### Common Worship

February 3	2 before Lent	Genesis 1 v1-23
February 10	Next before Lent	Exodus 24 v12-18
February 17	Lent 1	Genesis 2 v15-17 & 3 v1-7
February 24	Lent 2	Genesis 12 v1-4a
March 3	Lent 3	Exodus 17 v1-7

### Bible Readings

Romans 8 v18-25	Matthew 6 v25-34
2 Peter 1 v 16-21	Matthew 17 v1-9
Romans 5 v12-19	Matthew 4 v1-11
Romans 4 v1-5&13-17	John 3 v1-17
Romans 5 v1-11	John 4 v5-42



# Bits and Pieces



## *M B E Congratulations*

Congratulations to Raymond Speakman, one of the 8am congregation, who was awarded an M B E in Her Majesty The Queen's New Year's Honours List. Raymond, a local solicitor, now retired, was the founder chairman of the Bolton Hospice. He was awarded the M B E for his work for the Hospice ever since 1984 when the idea of a hospice in Bolton was first conceived. Speaking in the Bolton Evening News, Raymond typically paid tribute to the many volunteers, around 400 in number, without whose support the work of the Hospice could not flourish. He says that he is accepting the award on their behalf.

## *Ladies Guild*

February 5<sup>th</sup> Betty Badiford

## *Youth Services: Dates until June: All services begin in the Scout Hut at 10.30am*

Youth Services usually take place on the second Sunday of the month and have been arranged for the following dates: February 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. On March 10<sup>th</sup> there will be no Youth Service because of the Mothering Sunday Service in Church. Everyone is most welcome at any of the services.

## *Thanksgiving*

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we gave thanks with Catherine Jackson and Brendan Whittle of 15 Wigan Lane, Coppull for the birth of their son, William James Whittle.

## *Baptisms*

The following children were baptised and welcomed into the church family on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Hannah Sheree Critchley, daughter of Andrew and Gaynor Critchley.

Benjamin John Olawumi, son of Paul and Denise Olawumi.

Anna Victoria Livsey, daughter of Paul and Vikki Livsey.



## *Wedding*

Congratulations to Neil and Linda Yates who were married at St Mary's on December 27<sup>th</sup>.

## *Lent House Groups*

There will be a short series of six Lent study groups on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8pm: February 19/20, 26/27, March 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27. The Tuesday groups meet at 1 Winton Grove, Ladybridge and 902 Wigan Road. The Wednesday group meets at 4 Laxford Grove, Ladybridge. Please consider joining one of the groups.

## *Deane Lunch and Leisure Club*

The club opens its doors on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon. If you, a relative, friend or neighbour wish to register for a place, contact Sylvia Jones at Age Concern on 01204 382411. Places are limited, so register early!

## *Have you any gifts for recycling?*

If you have any unwanted presents which could be used as raffle prizes at the Lunch and Leisure Club, please place them in the box provided at the back of church.

## *A Big Thank You. Tom and Marjorie Stokes write:*

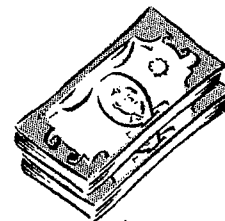
"We wish to thank all the church family at St Mary's for their kind thoughts, good wishes and congratulations on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding Anniversary. God bless you all."

## *Newsletter Deadlines*

The Deane Church Newsletter usually has to be completed and sent for duplication around the middle of any month. Therefore if you have items you wish to be included in the next issue, please let the editor, Elizabeth Plant, have them by the second Sunday of the month. She can be contacted at 25 Kintyre Drive, telephone 63730, email [eplant@supanet.com](mailto:eplant@supanet.com)

# Money Matters

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



	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
December 2	£878.73	£97.37	£976.10
December 9	£504.10	£158.49	£662.59
December 16	£560.00	£142.78	£702.78
December 23	£1262.29	£325.94	£1588.23
December 30	£393.88	£67.00	£460.88
Standing Orders	£429.50		£429.50
Midweek		£283.86	£283.86
<b>TOTALS</b>	£4028.50	£1075.44	£5103.94

The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude money received for **Gift Day**. 54 envelopes containing a total of £1076 were given. When income tax of £224.23 has been recovered the grand total will be **£1300.23**.

## Overseas News

### From Embu

Canon Johnson Maringa sent greetings for the New Year to all members of the Deane Church family. He especially thanks all those who have supported the street children through St Stephen's Children's Home. 2001 was a good year for the people of Embu. There were no bad droughts or floods. St Mary's, Deane, sent them almost £700 during the year to support their projects. The underground water tank is now in use and, thanks to plenty of rain recently, it is now filling with water which can be used in the dry season. The project, which Deane is now funding, is the building of a library on top of the water tank.

There is a special certificate at the back of church from the Bishop of Embu to say thank you for all your support and prayers without which many more young people would be living on the streets.

Chris and Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor, the coordinators in Deane of support for the Embu project want to thank everyone who has given in the past and urge more to give of their money, time and efforts in the future in this most worthwhile cause. Funds for Embu are running low at the moment and Chris and Sheila are keen that our support should increase rather than decline. There is still much to be done for the children there. If you would like to know more about Embu, contact Sheila or Chris of 17 Fossgill Avenue, Turton Heights on 598889.

### From SAMS

Bob Lunt has sent us greetings for 2002 and news that the Wichi translation of the Bible is now finished! In December Bob despatched the completed Wichi Bible to the Bible Society of Bolivia for typesetting. The project which Bob has been working on since 1981 is complete. The Bibles will be printed in Korea and the dedication and presentation is scheduled for Juarez in late August. There are a number of celebrations planned. The Argentine Bible Society is holding a special celebration in March. In the UK on July 14<sup>th</sup> there is a celebration service in Rayleigh when Bishop Pat Harris, the former Bishop of North Argentina and the man who introduced Bob to the Wichi language, is to preach.

Bob does not know what the future holds for him. He expects to be involved in some way in the preparation of study materials to accompany the Wichi Bibles. Please pray for him and for his family. It is wonderful to complete such an undertaking, but its ending will leave a hole in his life.

