

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2002

SUNDAY DIARY

3. 4 BEFORE ADVENT

- 8.00am Communion
- 10.30am Family Communion
Joyce Mitson
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Ian Mainey

10. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

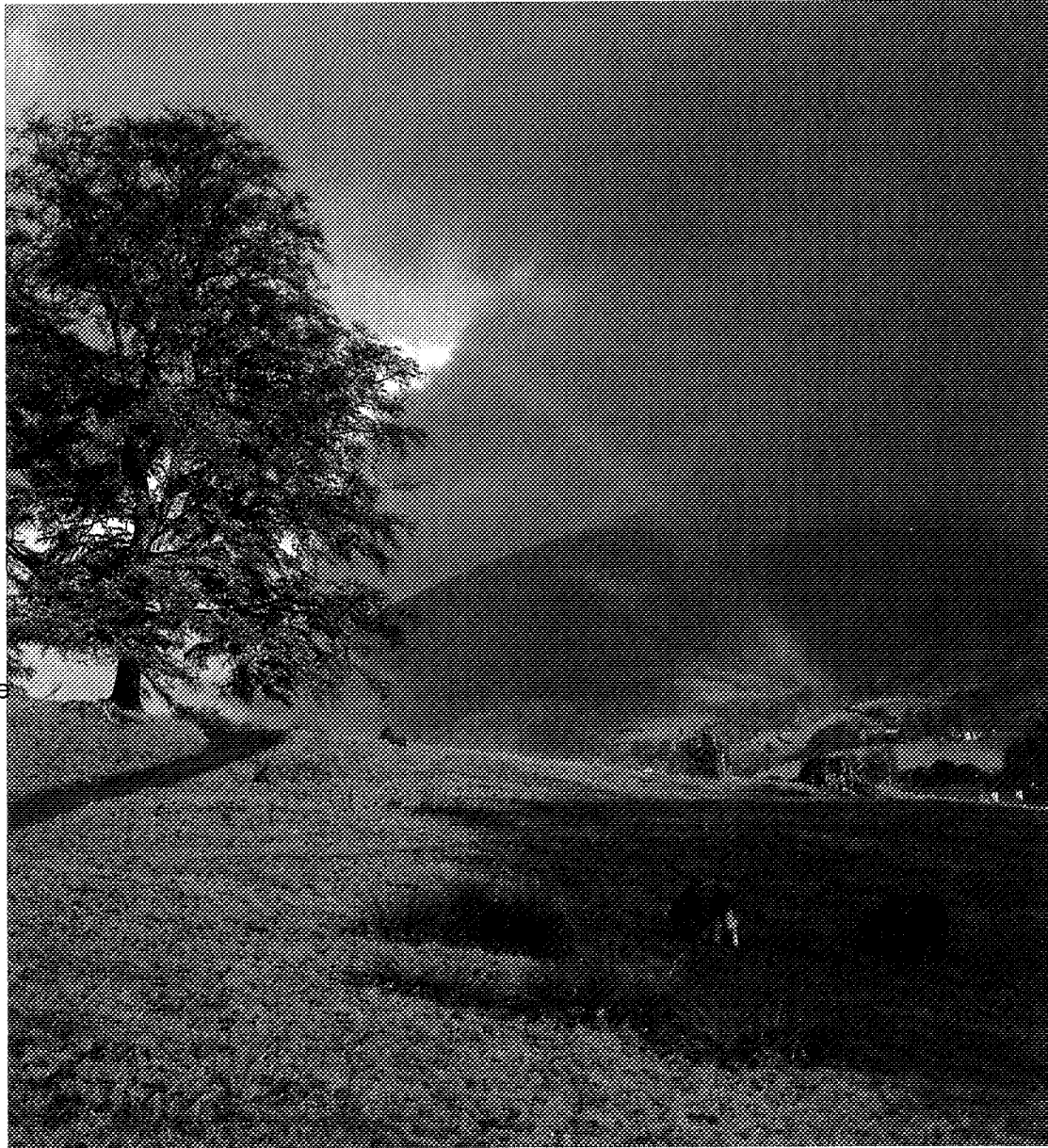
- 8.00am Communion
- 10.30am Remembrance Service
Ian Mainey
- 6.30pm Communion
Ian Mainey

17. 2 BEFORE ADVENT

- 8.00am Communion
- 10.30am Family Communion
Nola Kilsby
- 10.30am Youth Service in
Scout Hut
- 6.30pm Thanksgiving
& Memorial Service

24. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

- 8.00am Communion
- 10.30am Family Service
David Dewhurst
- 6.30pm Communion
Ian Mainey



*A storm brewing over Grasmere in the Lake District (Photo: Ron Gregory)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Home Groups: To be arranged

Parochial Church Council Meeting on Wednesday 6th November
at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p>Rector: Ian Mainey Deane 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 Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p>Wardens: Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288) Eric Morgan 41 St John's Road (01942 814735)</p>	<p>Creche: under 3 years Rachel Bickerstaffe (657161)</p> <p>Scramblers: 3 to 5 years</p> <p>Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)</p> <p>Explorers: 7 to 11 years Rebecca Unsworth (0771 041 8137)</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 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>Honorary Les Kilsby</p> <p>Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p>CHURCH CHOIR</p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (0161 7235860)</p>
<p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby</p> <p>Worship: Elizabeth Plant</p> <p>Social: Chris Dewhurst-Taylor</p> <p>Mission & Pastoral: Philip Gore</p>	<p>MUSIC GROUP</p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p>
<p>OTHER OFFICIALS</p> <p>Organist: Jim Needham 6 Poolfield Close Radcliffe (0161 7235860)</p> <p>Flowers: Josie Crompton (655964)</p> <p>Verger: 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) Deane Elizabeth Plant</p> <p>Church News: 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)</p>	<p>LADIES GROUPS</p> <p>Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Pat Sewell (61278)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p> <p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm</p>
<p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>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 (855163)</p> <p>Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)</p>

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Initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Rector

Editor's Page

The Rectory is ready at last!

By the beginning of November the Rectory should finally be ready for Ian and Jean to move in. We hope and pray that they will soon be settled comfortably and happily in their new home.

The real meaning of Halloween



Until ten or so years ago the period of October 31st/November 1st used to pass by almost unnoticed. School children perhaps made a turnip lantern in their Art lessons and sang For All the Saints on November 1st. But now there is growing commercialism with cards, cakes, fancy dress and parties, not to mention the arrival of Trick or Treat from across the Atlantic. All this may seem to many a bit of harmless, if unnecessary, fun, but it has been the start for some of an unhealthy interest in the paranormal and the occult.

Christians have kept November 1st as All Saints or All Hallows Day for centuries. Halloween is simply Hallows Eve or the day before All Hallows Day, just as Christmas Eve is the day before Christmas Day. There are about 4500 canonised saints, many of whom have their own special day. But on All Saints Day we remember not only the great saints who have been canonised, but also the many unknown men and women over the years who have lived Christian lives and have set us a fine example of how to follow Jesus. On All Saints Day we should thank God for all who have had a Christian influence on our lives.

Many Thanks from All of Us to Pat Sewell

The entire church family wishes to record its wholehearted thanks to Pat Sewell for her dedicated service to the Sunday School over more than forty years. Pat retired from teaching in Explorers in the summer having started in 1960. When Pat began to teach, the children met in the day school and often went to Sunday School in their school uniform. Pat has taught many age groups over the years and for a long period was the Explorer Leader. We all thank Pat from the bottom of our hearts and wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Operation Christmas Child

November 24th is the Family Service Sunday pencilled in provisionally for the collection of filled shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Appeal. Boxes should be gift wrapped (the base and lid separately.) You need to decide whether your box is for a boy or girl, and for which age group: 4-6, 7-10, 11-14. Presents for older children, and boys in particular, are usually in the shortest supply. Suitable gifts would be a small toy, toiletries eg soap, sponge, toothpaste, comb, wrapped sweets, a small item of clothing eg scarf, gloves, hat, baseball cap, socks, a pencil case with pencils and coloured pens. Try to include at least one 'fashion' item especially for older children. Please do not include anything sharp, or which needs batteries, or which might break or leak!

Harvest Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped make the weekend of celebration for the Harvest Festival and the 550th Anniversary such a success. Thank you to those who decorated the church, planned or participated in the Saturday evening concert, manned the church during its open sessions or helped with the distribution of gifts. Thank you also for the donations of produce and money.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

The 'war on terror' has already had a dramatic impact in many countries. War with Iraq would affect millions - including Christians - in Central Asia and the Middle East. Pray for world leaders, and those whose lives they affect.

Asia/Central Asia/Middle East

KASHMIR Muslim militants were believed responsible for last month's murders at an election rally that aims to elect a new state assembly. With one million troops in Kashmir, pray that dialogue between India and Pakistan can ease tensions over this disputed region soon.

AFGHANISTAN September's assassination attempt on President Karzai has increased insecurity. Funding shortfalls could block aid and hinder reconstruction and rehabilitation. Pray for aid agencies including Tearfund helping people return home.

BANGLADESH Muslim fundamentalists here have a strong influence on the government – the small Christian minority are vulnerable if any attack on Iraq takes place. Pray for them, and for Tearfund partner LAMB Hospital, working in a remote area with the needy.

JORDAN Geographically sandwiched between Israel and Iraq, any major conflict in either country would dramatically affect Jordan. Pray for Tearfund partners here – if an Iraqi invasion takes place, Jordan is likely to be a centre for refugees fleeing the effects of war.

Latin America

ARGENTINA A brutal armed police attack on a Toba indigenous community took place in August where Tearfund partner ASOCIANA works. Several people were interrogated and tortured and some remained detained for the alleged shooting of other policemen. Pray for justice and for all human rights to be respected.

COLOMBIA The new government has given sweeping powers to its security forces; to arrest suspects without warrant, tap communication lines, and impose curfews and travel restrictions in the country's most violent areas. Pray for Tearfund partners working to bring hope despite a fearful and insecure environment.

Africa

D R CONGO Last month there were unconfirmed reports of at least 1000 dead in Nyankunde where Tearfund partner the Evangelical Medical Centre is based. Pray for those bereaved or seeking refuge.

BURUNDI Over 200,000 people have died since conflict began nearly a decade ago - peace talks in August broke up with little progress. Samuel Nimubona, who has worked with Tearfund partner ARM, was shot dead last month in the capital, Bujumbura. Pray for his family and associates, and that the work of reconciliation, in which Samuel played such an active part, can continue.

UGANDA Lord's Resistance Army rebels have carried out a series of attacks including one on a World Food Programme convoy. Operations helping displaced people in northern Uganda have been suspended as a result. Pray for peace, and for Tearfund partner Here is Life, working close to where violence is taking place

ETHIOPIA Tearfund partners Kale Heywet Church and Meserete Kristos Church are among those helping the most needy. Pray for nearly six million who are currently suffering from food shortfalls following poor rains earlier in the year - drought is spreading.

Common Worship

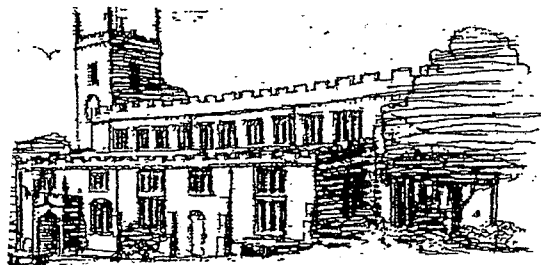
November 3/ 4 before Advent
November 10/ 3 before Advent
November 17/ 2 before Advent
November 24/Next before Advent
December 1/Advent

Bible Readings

Micah 3 v5-12
Amos 5 v18-24
Zephaniah 1 v7 & 12-end
Ezekiel 34 v11-24
Isaiah 64 v1-9
1 Thessalonians 2 v9-13
1 Thessalonians 4 v13-end
1 Thessalonians 5 v1-11
Ephesians 1 v15-end
1 Corinthians 1 v3-9

Matthew 24 v1-14
Matthew 25 v1-13
Matthew 25 v14-30
Matthew 25 v31-end
Mark 13 v24-37

Bits and Pieces



Miss Currey

Ladies Guild

November 12

In the steps of the Brontes – Slides and Talk

November 26

Christmas Meal

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Jane Wilford and Laurent Dominici who were married at St Laurent Church in Lentilly, near Lyon in France on September 27th.

Thank you

Doug Boulton would like to thank everyone for their kindness and understanding following the death of his wife, Pat. He has been greatly touched by the many sincere expressions of sympathy from Pat's friends at Church. The numerous people at the funeral service conveyed to him the high esteem in which Pat was held by her many friends. Thank you all.

Is This a Record?

Congratulations to Christina and Ian Hodgkinson following the birth of their son Luke. Luke was just four days old when he came to a Sunday morning service in church last month. Is this a record?

Bible Reading Notes

Anyone wishing to order Bible Reading Notes for 2003 is asked to sign the form on the table in the library area before November 24th.

Rotas for Next Year

David Dewhurst will soon be producing new rotas for those who **read the lessons at 8am communion** and those who **lead the intercessions at the 10.30am services**. If you wish to add your name to either or both of these lists, please contact David as soon as possible. Likewise if you no longer wish to be involved in these duties, please let David know. If he does not hear from those already on the rotas, he will assume that they wish to continue for another twelve months.

Church Prayer Board

Although we were encouraged last year to use the Church Prayer Board, it still seems that we are not making full use of it. If you know of anyone, whether in the parish or not, who is in need of prayer or if there is anything you want to give thanks for, you are invited to put the details on a prayer card so that others and those who lead the intercessions may pray for them.

Miracle Crusade

Benny Hinn, the American Evangelist, is having a Miracle Crusade at the Manchester Evening News Arena on Saturday 2nd November at 7pm. A donation of £5 per ticket is requested. Transport is not being provided, but some of those going may have spare seats in their cars. If you are interested, please contact Chris or Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor on 598889 at once. There are only a few tickets left!

Mothers' Union

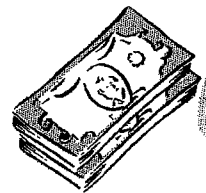
The Mothers' Union is not meeting during the winter months. Meetings will resume in the spring.

Anniversary Congratulations

Ruby Wedding congratulations go to Craig and Una Mochrie who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the end of September. To mark the occasion they returned to the hotel in Scotland where they spent their honeymoon in 1962. Silver congratulations go to Nat and Levina Biney who were married in October 1977. Belated congratulations also to Ian and Jean Mainey who celebrated their Silver Wedding earlier this year and last but not least to Roger and Mary Jackson who recently celebrated their Ruby anniversary.



Money Matters



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
September 1	£1163.28	£68.00	£1231.28
September 8	£602.72	£102.37	£705.09
September 15	£773.28	£77.91	£851.19
September 22	£832.14	£161.38	£993.52
September 29	£695.44	£167.44	£862.88
Standing Orders	£474.50		£474.50
Midweek		£24.50	£24.50
Totals	£4541.36	£601.60	£5142.96

The Treasurer also acknowledges with thanks a donation of £15.

Our Treasurer, Keith Acton, writes about Sid Harris:-

"For almost exactly eleven years Sid Harris has been both Covenant Secretary and the one responsible for the recording and banking of our church collections each week. Throughout this time Sid has quietly, diligently and, most of all, confidentially, carried out these duties on behalf of myself, current and past Church Wardens and the whole church family. I feel, as Treasurer, I should formally record our thanks to Sid, and of course to Madge, for their service, now that ill health has forced Sid to retire, at least for the moment.

"Sid's retirement means that we now need to find people willing to carry out these vital jobs. We need at least two people who can open the Christian Giving Envelopes each Monday, record them in the register, balance the cash and take it to the Bank in Deane. While Sid combined these duties with those of Covenant Secretary, it should be possible to split the work so that someone else could collate the Gift Aid amounts and make a tax claim every quarter.

"Anyone interested on taking on any part of this work should contact me or one of the Wardens, as soon as possible and preferably before the next PCC meeting on Wednesday 6th November." Keith Acton

Christian Aid 2002 "It's a Record!" Phil Ray writes:-

Congratulations to all who contributed to this year's record-breaking total of **£2730**. This is an increase of 4% on last year when the total was £2626, itself a record. There was an overall trend for the rounds to be down on last year's, but a few very generous donations made the final sum up to this year's record-breaking amount. In addition the tax recoverable as a result of filling in the details on the envelopes will be over £250.

"This record is not an accident, but the combined outcome of the hard work of the collectors and the generosity of the donors. In addition to the collectors, there are also support teams who help in the preparation for the house to house collection and with the counting. I want to say thank you for the dedication and effort of many members of the church family (and a few outside our church) who, despite personal pressures, still found the time to help.

"You may be interested to know that the total raised in the Deane area (St Mary's is one of four churches collecting here) was £3683, which is 7% up on last year. The total raised in the whole of Bolton was about £25,000.

"From the foreign coins it appears that quite a few people have taken holidays abroad this year! For the first time we have had some Euros (gratefully exchanged by someone going to Europe) and some of the usual holiday 'leftovers'. This year the national collection of out of date European and other currencies produced an additional sum of £200,000 for Christian Aid.

"Apologies for the late report. It would be easy to blame a combination of work and family pressures, but should more correctly be attributed to my lack of single-mindedness!

"Thank you again to all who helped to make this another record year." Phil Ray