

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

## DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**DECEMBER** 2002

### SUNDAY DIARY

**1. ADVENT SUNDAY**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

**8. ADVENT 2**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Youth Service in  
Scout Hut  
6.30pm Communion

**15. ADVENT 3**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
10.30am Children's Nativity  
in Memorial Hall  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

**22. ADVENT 4**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Carol Service  
6.30pm Carol Service by  
Candlelight

**29. CHRISTMAS 1**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm NO EVENING SERVICE



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### MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Parochial Church Council Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
at 7.45pm in the Memorial Hall

Christmas Eve: Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day: 8.00am Communion, 10.30am Family Communion

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p><b>Rector:</b> Ian Mainey Deane Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p><b>Vicar:</b> Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p><b>Readers:</b> David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p><b>Wardens:</b> 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><b>Creche:</b> under 3 years Rachel Bickerstaffe (657161)</p> <p><b>Scramblers:</b> 3 to 5 years</p> <p><b>Climbers:</b> 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)</p> <p><b>Explorers:</b> 7 to 11 years Rebecca Unsworth (0771 041 8137)</p> <p>All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am</p> <p><b>Pathfinders:</b> 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460) The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p><b>CYFA:</b> 14 to 18 years Fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm</p>
<p><b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>Lay</b> Stan Wilson</p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p><b>Honorary</b> Keith Acton</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p><b>Honorary</b> Les Kilsby</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p><b>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>Buildings &amp; Fabrics:</b> Mike Kirkby</p> <p><b>Worship:</b> Elizabeth Plant</p> <p><b>Social:</b> Chris Dewhurst-Taylor</p> <p><b>Mission &amp; Pastoral:</b> Philip Gore</p>	<p><b>BELL RINGERS</b></p> <p>Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson &amp; Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p><b>CHURCH CHOIR</b></p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (0161 7235860)</p> <p><b>MUSIC GROUP</b></p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p><b>LADIES GROUPS</b></p> <p>Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p><b>Ladies Guild:</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Pat Sewell (61278)</p> <p><b>Mothers Union:</b> Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p> <p><b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> Thursdays at 1.30pm</p>
<p><b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b></p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Jim Needham 6 Poolfield Close Radcliffe (0161 7235860)</p> <p><b>Flowers:</b> Josie Crompton (655964)</p> <p><b>Verger:</b> Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p><b>Archivist:</b> Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p><b>Gift Aid</b> Sid Harris</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p><b>Deane</b> Elizabeth Plant</p> <p><b>Church News:</b> 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)</p> <p><b>MEMORIAL HALL</b></p> <p><b>Bookings:</b> Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p><b>Caretaker:</b> Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p><b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b></p> <p>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p><b>Brownies:</b> 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)</p> <p><b>Guides:</b> Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p><b>Cubs:</b> Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p> <p><b>Beavers:</b> Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (855163)</p> <p><b>Rainbows:</b> 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*

# The Rector Writes:-



Hello!

This is just a short note to tell you that Jean and I have now moved into Deane Rectory. We are still unpacking cartons and discovering things in boxes that we had completely forgotten about; so life is very interesting! We would like to thank all who helped get the house ready for us, and particularly the members of the PCC for their generosity. Believe it or not there is still work that is scheduled to be done on the house by the diocese, but fortunately it can all be done while we are in residence.

We are enjoying finding our way round Bolton. We have not yet pieced together the different parts of the town centre, but we do know the Middlebrook retail park quite well and we are now able to negotiate the different aisles in B & Q, which is really quite an achievement! Also today Nathan and I went to the Reebok Stadium to support Bolton Wanderers. I can see that they are going to improve my prayer life no end!

Anyway, that's all for now. In a future edition of the newsletter I will tell you a bit more about myself!



## Judged by Love

The absolute weakness of Jesus in Mary's arms at the first Christmastime is a lesson which the world finds so very hard to learn. The Lord of all Creation puts himself at the mercy of human beings- and he does it because that is the greatest good he can do for the world.

One way or another, human beings are so easily into power. It can be the power of a dictator. it can be the power of a confidence trickster. Or it can be undercover power that gains its clout from protesting its weakness while claiming what it sees as its rights.

The utter weakness of the baby Jesus judges all the world's power-games and power-hunting. Two days after Christmas Day, the church celebrates (if that is the right word) the Festival of the Holy Innocents. It is a day that is often buried in the aftermath of Christmas and the prospect of the New Year festivities. But Holy Innocents Day is a stark reminder of how much the human race has yet to learn about the meaning of Christmas. Perhaps its almost total disappearance after Christmas is symbolic of the way that the innocent so often suffer unnoticed.

The story is so horribly simple. Herod, the local petty dictator, is rattled at the very thought of a baby who might disturb his grasp on power. So he lashes out, sending his brutal soldiers, killing babies by the thousand, a mass destruction to make sure that he kills the one he is really after. However he fails to kill Jesus because Mary and Joseph have taken him to safety. Herod fails, as violence and persecution always fail in the end.

What if Herod had had the courage to visit the new born Christ? What if Herod had listened to Mary and Joseph and to those Wise Men who told him that Jesus was born to be the Messiah of the world? But Herod did not dare. He could not face up to his own limitations and his own mortality. Of course, he justified it all. It was nothing personal you understand. The babies were slaughtered in the interests of national and regional stability. Herod was maintaining the balance of power and preserving the peace. The fact that what he did was blatant and vile injustice to innocent people did not enter the calculations.

This Christmas, as we rightly celebrate the birth of the Messiah who is the only true hope of the world, let us focus on the utter weakness of the Son of God as he began a life which conquered evil, sin and death itself, breaking the power of hell forever. The power of love is shown in this weakness! The weakness of Herod's violence is shown in Herod's display of brutality, murder and mayhem.

This Christmas weakness is the weakness of God's divine love. It uses no force of arms. It plays no confidence tricks on people. It seeks no quick success to boost its own pride. It does not wheedle, bully or whine its way to influence. God simply loves; Jesus risks all for the sake of the world and its people.

Herod and ruthless dictators everywhere do not dare, but do we dare to worship Christ in all the weakness of Bethlehem?

Ian Mainey, Team Rector of Deane

# Bits and Pieces



## *Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre*

Have you visited the new Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre opened by HM The Queen in July? There are interactive displays and a well-stocked shop. There is also a café in the Refectory which won the Manchester Coffee Bar of the Year Award 2002. It is open from 10am to 4pm Tuesdays to Saturdays and from 12 noon on Sundays. You can book a table on 0161 835 4030. It is also very worthwhile having a look at the refurbished Cathedral if you have not been inside lately.

## *Ladies Guild*

December 3                      Carols and Readings

## *Can You Help Sarah Lodge?*

Sarah Lodge is a hostel in Bolton providing a home for 24 vulnerable young girls and their babies or small children. Although enough gifts are donated at Christmas for the youngsters, the mothers, some of whom are not much more than children themselves, get very little in the way of presents. But last year, thanks to the generosity of the St Mary's church family, enough gifts were given so that every mother at Sarah Lodge received a gift of her own. Can you help again this year?

Sheila Dewhurst -Taylor will be working at Sarah Lodge on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. She would love to be able to see every young mother open a present! Sheila will be putting a Gift Box for Sarah Lodge at the back of church in the next week or so. Please put any gifts you can inside! The presents do not have to be expensive, toiletries, socks, an umbrella, anything will be gratefully received. Thank you.

## *Birthday Congratulations*

Many Happy Returns to Harold Lever who celebrates his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Harold, who still practises the Martial Arts, until recently was participating in abseiling, parachuting and was running Marathons. We wish him many happy returns of the day.

## *Standing Orders*

Have you ever considered making your weekly contribution to the church by standing order? It may well be more convenient for you. It does away with the search each weekend for the right combination of coins or notes. It stops the build up of arrears when you go on holiday. It also increases security. If you are interested in changing to a standing order, please contact the Treasurer, Keith Acton.

## *SAMS News*

Bob Lunt has been elected an Honorary Associate Member of the Argentina Bible Society in recognition of his work on the 20 year long project to translate the Bible into Wichí, the first complete Scripture in a native language of Argentina. Olive Plant, the SAMS secretary at Deane, has sent a congratulations card to Bob on behalf of the Deane church family.

## *Deepest Sympathy*

We send our heartfelt condolences to Doreen and Harold Land. Doreen's brother died just a few days after Harold's sister in October.

## *Calling All Gentlemen!*

The gentlemen of the congregation are invited to a Men's Night Out on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. It begins at 8pm in the King's Head on Junction Road and is followed by a fish and chip supper.

## *Bolton Hospice Raffle*

Sylvia Harrison is organising a raffle to raise funds to provide an industrial microwave for the kitchen at Bolton Hospice. The raffle will be drawn in January. The prize is a meal for four served in your own home. Tickets cost £1 each and are available from Sylvia in church.



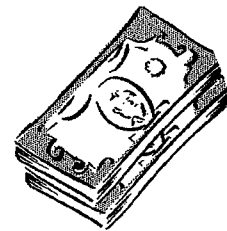
*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year*





# Money Matters

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



	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
October 6	£67.85	£705.77	£773.62
October 13	£142.15	£818.59	£960.74
October 20	£122.24	£689.20	£811.44
October 27	£139.35	£504.97	£644.32
Standing Orders		£337.50	£337.50
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Totals	£471.59	£3056.03	£3527.62
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The Treasurer also acknowledges with deep gratitude a legacy of £1000 from the late Pat Boulton.

## Greetings and News from Embu

Deaconess Jessie Nyaga and Revd Johnson Maringa send their greetings and heartfelt thanks to everyone who is supporting the Embu street children project with prayers and donations. For the first time in three years, twelve months have past with no floods or droughts or other disasters.

In her letter Jessie reports that there are now 32 boys and 12 girls living in the home, the youngest being four years old. Six children attend high school and 36 are at primary school while two are below school age. There are five 'graduates' living in the home who have completed their school education and who are now putting their skills to use. John has completed a catering course and is now the cook at Embu. Another 'graduate' is taking a welding course, two are carpenters in the textiles industry and the fifth is a blacksmith. The home is embarking on a number of new projects with the hope of being self-sustained in knitting, farming, sewing and computer classes. They plan to begin carpentry classes as soon as funds allow an instructor and a shade! The home urgently needs its own fully stocked clinic and a part-time nurse. The clinic would serve not only the home and the nearby community, but also the many children who still live on the streets. This is a much needed facility since the nearest hospital is a long journey away.

Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor, the coordinator for the Embu street children project at Deane, reports that the total amount raised for Embu from Deane over the last few years is over £5000. Sheila tries to ensure that £150 is sent each quarter. An extra £300 was sent recently so that everyone at the project could have a day excursion. £50 was sent to Johnson Maringa when he and his family were struggling with illness and £50 was sent to Jessie Nyaga who has had to have a major operation and is still poorly. Please remember Johnson and Jessie and their families in your prayers.

On Sheila's last visit to Embu, she took three clockwork radios which are by far the best radios for places like Kenya where electricity is unreliable and batteries are unaffordable. One radio is used at the project, another is used by Johnson in his work and the third has gone to a deserving family in an isolated area. Three more radios have been purchased through the efforts of Year 9 pupils at Canon Slade and the Guides have purchased a fourth. Three of these radios have already reached Embu through friends who have been visiting Nairobi. This is the only reasonable way to get the radios to Embu. Postal costs are high and those in Kenya have to pay money to collect their post! Sheila still has one radio to get to Embu. She would be delighted to hear from anyone who will be visiting or passing through Nairobi in the near future.

Thank you again to everyone who has helped support the Embu project in any way. There is a display at the back of the church with a photo album and a video. Do look at the cross at the back of church which was made for us by one of the former street children.

Do consider whether you could make a donation towards Embu's current needs for a clinic and a nurse. Any cheques should be given to Sheila made out to **Embu Street Children Fund**.



# WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

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## Asia

**INDONESIA** Last month's bomb attack in Bali could prompt President Megawati to take firm action against Islamic militants and risk dividing her nation. In a climate of Islamic fervour and anti-western hostility, pray for peace, and for those mourning lost loved ones.

**PAKISTAN** Following September's terrorist attack on a Christian agency in Karachi, the sole survivor has been confined to prison and tortured by the police as a prime suspect for the attack. Please pray for him and other Christians who suffer similar persecution.

## Africa

**D R CONGO** Ethnic violence has escalated in the east; at least 60,000 people have been forced to move south from the Bunia area. Pray for the homeless, traumatised and bereaved – Tearfund partners CME, IPASC and CECA20 are giving vital relief effort.

**IVORY COAST** 200,000 people fled their homes after September's failed coup. The world's top cocoa producer, the Ivory Coast, employs low-paid workers from Burkina Faso of the same ethnic grouping as many rebels. Pray for the ceasefire agreement to hold.

**KENYA** Social unrest and constitutional arguments have gripped the country. Pray that the forthcoming presidential elections will be peaceful and fair. Some Muslims are pressing to have Islamic law courts nationwide. Pray that human rights will be upheld.

**SUDAN** Government officials and representatives of the country's main rebel group agreed to sign a truce last month after renewed fighting in September. Pray that landmark talks will finally end nearly two decades of civil war, and that negotiations will bring real and lasting peace.

## Central Asia

**TAJIKISTAN** Tearfund has two partners here and one potential new partner. Pray for their work to be strengthened, and for their relationship with local churches to motivate local communities into action, especially helping children at risk.

**AFGHANISTAN** 1.7 million Afghan refugees returned home this year, mostly from Pakistan. Give thanks for all who have contributed to relief operations, including nine Tearfund partners, and pray for basic and ongoing needs to be met as winter bites harder.

## Latin America & Caribbean

**THE CARIBBEAN** Two hurricanes hit the west coast of Cuba within two weeks of each other last month. Give thanks that the country's prompt and well-organised evacuation procedures ensured no one was killed. So far this year, the region has been mercifully free from hurricane damage – pray that this will continue and that lives and homes can be rebuilt and strengthened.

**COLOMBIA** The new government is making concerted efforts to improve security in the most volatile areas. After years of terrorist activity, pray for peace and justice, particularly for those most vulnerable to attacks. For example, church leaders who speak out against local corruption or injustice have faced death threats, kidnapping and violence from rebels and paramilitaries.

### Common Worship

December 1/Advent 1

December 8/Advent 2

December 15/Advent 3

December 22/Advent 4

Christmas Day

December 29/Christmas 1

January 5/Epiphany

Isaiah 64 v1-9

Isaiah 40 v1-11

Isaiah 61 v1-4 & 8-11

2 Samuel 7 v1-11 & 16

Isaiah 52 v7-10

Isaiah 61 v10 to 62 v3

Isaiah 60 v1-6

### Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 1 v3-9

2 Peter 3 v8-15a

1 Thessalonians 5 v16-24

Romans 16 v25-27

Hebrews 1 v1-12

Galatians 4 v4-7

Ephesians 3 v1-12

Mark 13 v24-37

Mark 1 v1-8

John 1 v6-8 & 19-28

Luke 1 v 26-38

John 1 v1-14

Luke 2 v15-21

Matthew 2 v1-12