

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2003

SUNDAY DIARY

5. EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

12. EPIPHANY 1

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Communion

19. EPIPHANY 2

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evening Prayer

26. EPIPHANY 3

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Communion



Early morning session at Newmarket Heath for these thoroughbred horses awaiting the start of the flat racing season (Photo: © John Jackson)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

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>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: Chris Dewhurst-Taylor Mission & Pastoral: Philip Gore</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS 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 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>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 (0771 041 8137) 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 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 (0161 7235860)</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 Pat Sewell (61278) Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p> <p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm</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 (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

*A Happy New Year to the whole Deane Church family and
to all who live in the parish of Deane.*

*We pray that 2003 may be a year when many come to
know the love of Jesus Christ.*

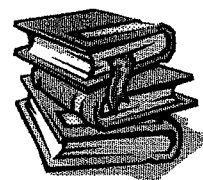


Epiphany

Many forget that the Christmas season extends into the New Year. We celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus at Epiphany, January 6th or Twelfth Night as it is sometimes known. In fact it is likely that the Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem up to two years rather than two weeks after Jesus' birth. Matthew's gospel refers to them finding Mary and Joseph in a house and records that Herod had all the boys in Bethlehem killed who were two years old or younger.

Have you made a New Year resolution to read more books?

Here are three editor's recommendations to help you keep that resolution!



The Weekend that Changed the World by Peter Walker

Peter Walker lectures in Theology at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He regularly visits the Holy Land. In his book Peter Walker puts together all the gospel versions of the Last Supper and arrest, death and resurrection of Jesus and gives a seamless interpretation of the events. He studies the debate Christians are having about exactly where Jesus' body was buried. Was it where early Christians built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre which is now well inside the walls of Jerusalem or was it in the Garden Tomb just outside the present city walls and near a cliff which looks remarkably like a skull.

This is a most readable book suitable for the general reader and students of all ages.

Alexandra, the Last Tsarina by Carolly Erickson

If you have ever wondered how the Russian royal family could be mesmerised by Rasputin, this is the book for you. It follows Alexandra's life from her birth to her death in 1918 and her eventual burial in St Peter and St Paul's Church in St Petersburg in 1998. Alexandra, a deeply religious woman, was a granddaughter of Queen Victoria and was considered as a bride for George V, but she chose to marry the man she loved, the future ill-fated Tsar Nicholas II. Carolly Erickson explains how the Russian Orthodox Church almost encouraged alongside itself the many eccentric hermits, preachers and healers who roamed Russia before the revolution. Rasputin was by no means unique. This book gives you an excellent insight into Russia in the late 19th and early 20th century.

Alexander, Child of a Dream by Valerio Massimo Manfredi

Have you ever wondered why the New Testament was written in Greek? The answer is simple, Alexander the Great. This book, a novel, but closely following historical facts (Manfredi is an Italian historian and archaeologist) is the first of a series of three. Alexander the Great, the son of Philip of Macedon, in the course of thirteen years gained control of all of Greece, Asia Minor, the Middle East, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and he even entered India. Although Alexander was only 33 when he died in 323BC and his Empire, to a large extent, fell apart, his lasting legacy was that Greek became the common and unifying language around the eastern Mediterranean into and throughout the days of the Roman Empire.



Bits and Pieces

A Thank You from St James's CE Secondary School

Mrs Karen Owen, the Head of RE at St James's has written to the church family to thank everyone who supported in any way the Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall on November 2nd which raised over £232 for the School's Harvest Appeal for Famine in Africa. In particular Mrs Owen wishes to thank Ami Bickerstaffe and Jessica Cooper who masterminded the whole event. As Mrs Owen says in her letter, they are a credit to St James's, to their families and to Deane Church and they are a fine example of Christian love in action. Well done, Ami and Jessica!

Ladies Guild

January 14

AGM and White Elephant Stall

January 28

Hedgehog Rescue

Ken Lewis

"Want to be a PA?" Bryan Shephard asks-

"Do you want to have the warmest seat in church?

Do you want to have a guaranteed seat in church?

Do you want to make sure that you can hear everything?

..... and last but not least.....

Do you want the power to turn the Rector and Lay Readers on and off?

Well, if you answer yes to all of the above, why not control the new Sound System on a Sunday morning at the 10.30am service? I am looking for a volunteer for the role, which comes round once a month. If you have seen the new system, don't be put off by all the dials! It really is easy, even I can do it! If you are interested, please have a word with me." Bryan Shephard

Standing Orders

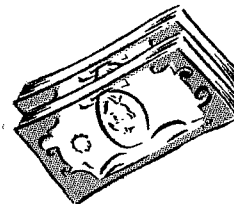
Last month Keith Acton, the Treasurer, asked any who wished to change their weekly giving envelopes to a standing order to contact him. If you have not yet had the opportunity to speak to Keith, do have a word with him if you are considering a change. Standing Orders may be much more convenient for you. They prevent a build up of envelopes if you go on holiday and the search to find the correct combination of coins and notes each Sunday. They also increase security. Why not have a word with the Treasurer next time you see him?

Church Flowers

If you are one of the people who has kindly offered to make a contribution to the church flowers one week of the year, it would be much appreciated if you would actually hand over the money two weeks before your chosen date! Please either give the money to Josie Crompton or one of her team or leave it (clearly labelled) for her in the vestry.



Money Matters



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

	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
November 3	108.64	926.53	1035.17
November 10	115.80	628.30	744.10
November 17	156.00	729.25	885.25
November 24	129.17	733.21	862.38
Standing Orders		474.50	474.50
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Totals	509.61	3491.79	4001.40
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The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude a donation of £9.

Do the summer holidays seem a long way away?



In these winter days when last summer and next summer both seem a long way away, perhaps the following will amuse you!

A tourist prayer!

Heavenly Father, look down on us your obedient servants, who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photos, writing postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip dry underwear.

We beseech to see, O Lord, that our plane is not delayed, our baggage not lost, and our overweight luggage goes unnoticed.

Lead us into inexpensive restaurants where wine is included in the price of the meal, and the staff speak our tongue. Give us wisdom to tip correctly in the currencies we do not understand.

Give us the strength to visit museums, palaces and cathedrals, and if perchance we skip a historical monument, forgive us, for our flesh is weak.

Dear Lord, protect our wives from being tempted to buy things they do not need or cannot afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know not what they do.

Almighty Father, protect our husbands from making fools of themselves at social gatherings. Do not forgive them for their trespasses, for they know exactly what they do.

And finally when our wanderings are over, grant us friends who will look at our videos and photos and listen to our prattle so that our journey has not been in vain. Amen



WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Africa

NIGERIA The Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) provides thousands of children with HIV/AIDS - awareness programmes in the north. The government has adapted their materials for both Christian and Muslim students. Pray for the scheme, and development nationally.

ETHIOPIA The government claims that 15 million people will need food aid within months, after disastrous harvests this year. Pray for adequate rain, and for aid agencies, including Tearfund partners, who face this threat alongside the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS.

Asia

CHINA With significant changes in its leadership, many pray for a new spirit of openness. Pray that throughout Asia, HIV/AIDS will cease to be treated as a cultural taboo. The United Nations estimates that over a million Chinese people are living with the virus; many more lives are threatened if people remain unaware of its dangers.

Latin America

ARGENTINA Over half of the population are living in poverty; children are dying from malnutrition. After last month's defaulting on a World Bank debt repayment of over \$800 million, further economic chaos could ensue. Pray for Tearfund partners: El Retono, Sacedem, Kairos, Ediciones Certeza and Asociana.

SOUTHERN AFRICA Millions of people facing famine are also at risk from HIV/AIDS, including 25 per cent of younger adults. As the numbers of those affected and orphans increase, pray for Tearfund partners helping them, in the face of the food crisis.

KENYA There has been increasing tension, with elections due to take place on December 27th. The ruling party Kanu faces its stiffest challenge in its 40-year grip on power since independence in 1963. Pray that voting will be free, fair and peaceful.

NEPAL More Maoist rebel attacks last month mean that over 7,000 people have now died in six years of insurgency - most since a state of emergency was imposed one year ago. Pray that the government and rebels find a peaceful path to end violence, and that Tearfund partners will not be caught in the crossfire.

Europe/The Middle East

RUSSIA Increased poverty has fuelled drug abuse and prostitution: Russia now has the world's fastest growing rates of HIV/AIDS infection. Over a million people could be infected within two years. Pray that the authorities will respond with effective concern.

IRAQ As Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray that the weapons inspection process will reduce tension across the Middle East, bring positive progress for the people of Iraq and avert the threat of war. Pray for wisdom for all involved in this situation.

Common Worship

January 5/Epiphany
January 12/Epiphany 1
January 19/Epiphany 2
January 26/Epiphany 3
February 3/Presentation
of Christ in the Temple

Isaiah 60 v1-6
Genesis 1 v1-5
1 Samuel 3 v1-10
Genesis 14 v17-20
Malachi 3 v1-5

Bible Readings

Ephesians 3 v1-12
Acts 19 v1-7
Revelation 5 v1-10
Revelation 19 v6-10
Hebrews 2 v14-end

Matthew 2 v1-12
Mark 1 v4-11
John 1 v43-51
John 2 v1-11
Luke 2 v22-40