

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2003

SUNDAY DIARY

2. PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

9. 4 BEFORE LENT

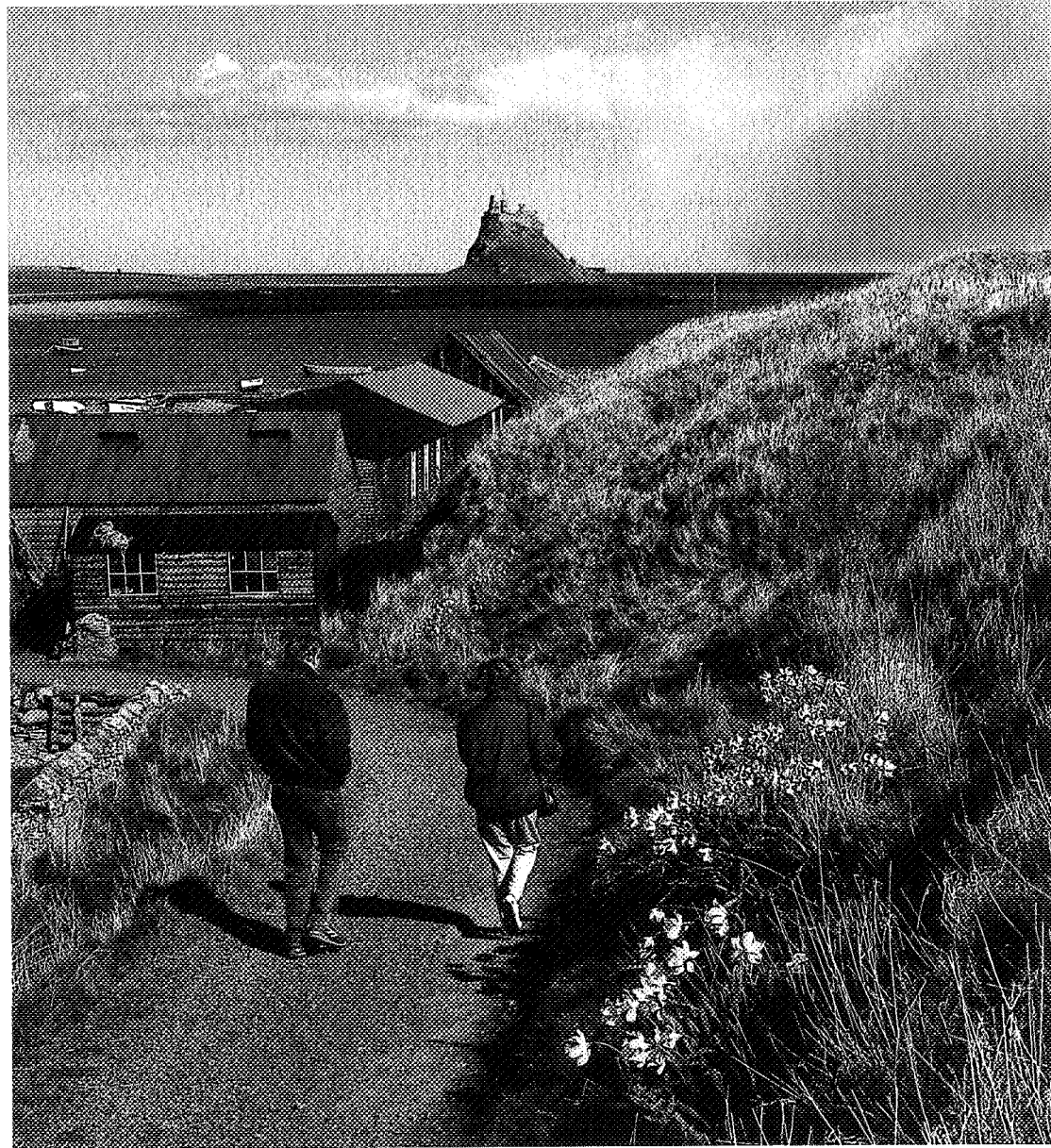
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10.30am Youth Service
in Scout Hut
6.30pm Communion

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*A peaceful stroll on the Northumbrian coast with Lindisfarne Castle
on Holy Island a prominent feature in the distance (Photo © Robert Cooper)*

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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

| WHO'S WHO | WHAT'S ON |
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| <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>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>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>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



February 2nd is known in the church calendar as both Candlemas and the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Jewish parents used to take their first-born son to the temple in Jerusalem on the fortieth day after his birth. It was in accordance with this custom that Mary and Joseph took Jesus as recorded in the gospel of Luke 2 v 25-33.

It is our tradition to take down Christmas decorations by Twelfth Night, but in the past, when Christmas decorations consisted mainly of greenery such as Holly and Ivy, February 2nd was the day by which every leaf and twig had to be removed from houses.

Churches also removed all their greenery to make way for the candles which were always lit on February 2nd giving the name Candlemas to the day.

Candlemas means the festival of candles and it reminds people that Jesus is the Light of the World.



A Quiz for February

- 1 What is the name of the holiday celebrated in the USA on February 17th?
- 2 Which royal will be 43 this year on February 19th?
- 3 Which architect died 280 years ago on February 25th?
- 4 What famous Lancashire man was born on February 5th 1788?
- 5 What happened in the French town of Lourdes on February 11th 1858?
- 6 Which saint has February 14th as a feast day?
- 7 In the February of which year was *Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan published?
- 8 Which royal couple married on February 10th 1840?
- 9 Who had February 22nd as the date of his birth and his death?
- 10 What was happening in Egypt 80 years ago on February 16th?
- 11 Who was executed on February 8th 1587?
- 12 Which polar explorer was born on February 15th 1874?

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Africa

ETHIOPIA Drought threatens up to 14 million people – pray for rain to bring harvests and hope. Tearfund partner the Kale Heywet Church has held a day of prayer and fasting for the nation; pray that it will move towards economic and political stability for all its people.

SOUTHERN AFRICA At the end of 2002 rains across the region remained lower than average and may continue to be poor due to El Nino threatening the harvest due in April. Millions face a desperate few months, with no food now and their hope for the future at risk. Pray for them and for those working to bring aid.

SUDAN Peace talks between the government and rebels are due to resume this month. With two million people dead and over four million displaced, the needs are great. This year is the twentieth anniversary of war in Sudan; pray that a just and lasting peace will come.

D R CONGO The number of UN peacekeepers has been boosted in a bid to monitor the ceasefire more effectively. Pray this will halt the violence of militia groups, and bring long-term peace that will allow the wealth of the country to benefit all. Pray for Tearfund partners assisting thousands of homeless people.

The Middle East/Central Asia

ISRAEL/PALESTINE Israel prepares for general elections this month. Polls indicate that many voters, frustrated by two years of violence, have shifted towards more hard-line politics. Peace here has global significance: pray for a positive way forward.

AFGHANISTAN Many refugees returned home in 2002 so give thanks for answered prayer. Some areas face increased insecurity, however. Pray for true peace to come this year, and for vital funding to continue all of Tearfund's Disaster Response Team programmes.

Latin America

BRAZIL The new government headed by Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva officially takes power on January 1st. Pray for its success in managing Latin America's largest economy during an expected 'first year of extreme difficulty' - that a cautious economic course can be balanced with promised sweeping social transformation.

ARGENTINA As 2002 ended, the World Bank again asked Argentina to repay its £500 million debt, or risk existing loans being frozen. Over half the country's 36 million people now live in poverty as recession bites deeper. Pray for them, and for Tearfund partners as they become increasingly stretched to meet desperate needs.

Asia

BANGLADESH Politically motivated violence is increasing; recent bomb blasts in cinemas in the north killed seventeen people and wounded 300. Pray for Tearfund partners working in sensitive situations here; for peaceful Christian witness to be upheld in all countries where Islamic fundamentalism holds sway.

SRI LANKA Last month, the government and Tamil Tiger rebels agreed to pursue a peace deal giving regional autonomy to rebel-held areas in the north and east of the island. Give thanks for this, and pray that the existing ceasefire is built upon this year, to bring stability and peace after almost two decades of civil war.

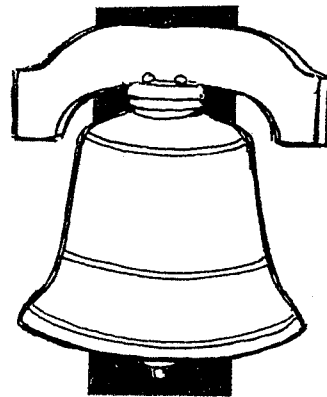
Common Worship

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| February 2/Presentation of Christ in the Temple | Malachi 3 v1-5 |
| February 9/4 before Lent | Isaiah 40 v21-31 |
| February 16/3 before Lent | 2 Kings 5 v1-14 |
| February 23/2 before Lent | Proverbs 8 v1 & 22-31 |
| March 2/Next before Lent | 2 Kings 2 v1-12 |

Bible Readings

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| Hebrews 2 v14-end | Luke 2 v22-40 |
| 1 Corinthians 9 v16-23 | Mark 1 v29-39 |
| 1 Corinthians 9 v24-27 | Mark 1 v40-45 |
| Colossians 1 v15-20 | John 1 v1-14 |
| 2 Corinthians 4 v3-6 | Mark 9 v2-9 |

Bits and Pieces



Sixty Years of Bell Ringing

Congratulations to Ken Higson, the captain of the bell ringers at St Mary's, who this spring celebrates sixty years of ringing the Deane Church bells. No one in the country can have completed more than sixty years of continuous bell ringing since it was only in the spring of 1943 that the country's church bells were allowed to ring out again after a four year silence. Soon after the outbreak of war in September 1939 the government decreed that the signal for an invasion would be the ringing of church bells. Thankfully no invasion came and, with the exception of a few false alarms, the bells of the country stayed silent. By 1943 the threat of an invasion was over and the government decided that church bells should be able to ring out once more to call parishioners to worship. So it was in early 1943 that the young Ken Higson first climbed the belfry ladder to begin a lifetime of bell ringing. We congratulate Ken on sixty years of unbroken service, thank him for all he has done for Deane and hope that he has many more years of bell ringing ahead of him!

Ladies Guild

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| February 11 | Yoga | Barry Gaskell |
| February 25 | Hulton Park | Mrs Gilbertson |

Deepest Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mike Kirkby and family whose father died shortly before Christmas.

Youth Services

Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor, the Youth Service coordinator at Deane, has arranged Youth Services during the spring season on February 9th and March 9th. There is also the possibility of a service on April 13th, which will be confirmed at a later date. All Youth Services are held at 10.30am in the Scout Hut. Everyone is warmly invited whatever your age!

Date for your Diary

The Annual Parochial General Meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall on the evening of Monday 28th April. Please make a note of this in your diary now and keep the evening free!

Baptisms

We have welcomed the following children through Baptism into membership of the Church.

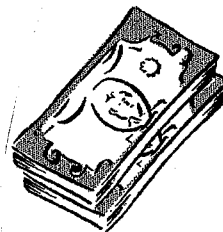
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| December 8 th | Henry Digby Mann, son of Shaun Henry and Gillian Anne Mann |
| January 12 th | Lauren Jade Burley, daughter of Stuart Shane and Lisa Burley |
| | Henri William Ogunby, son of Nigel and Carol Ogunby |

10.30am Lesson Readers

David Dewhurst will soon be producing a new rota for those who read the lessons at the 10.30am services. If you wish to add your name to the list, please contact David as soon as possible. Likewise if you no longer wish to be involved in this duty, please let David know; otherwise he will assume that you wish to continue for another twelve months.

Answers to February Quiz: 1 Presidents' Day. 2 Prince Andrew. 3 Sir Christopher Wren, who designed St Paul's Cathedral, died aged 91 in 1723. 4 Sir Robert Peel, the founder of the Police. 5 St Bernadette had her first vision of the Virgin Mary. 6 Valentine. 7 1678. 8 Victoria and Albert. 9 Lord Baden Powell. 10 Howard Carter opened Tutankhamun's tomb and discovered his treasure. 11 Mary, Queen of Scots. 12 Sir Ernest Shackleton.

Money Matters



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

| | Loose Collections | Planned Giving Envelopes | Totals |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| December 1 | £97.50 | £686.60 | £784.10 |
| December 8 | £141.36 | £590.48 | £731.84 |
| December 15 | £159.96 | £768.98 | £928.94 |
| December 22 | £290.93 | £851.73 | £1142.66 |
| December 24/25 | £256.71 | | £256.71 |
| December 29 | £332.95 | £653.34 | £986.29 |
| Standing Orders | | £432.50 | £432.50 |
| Totals | £1279.41 | £3983.63 | £5263.04 |

The Lord's Prayer in French

Those of you crossing the Channel this year may be interested in the Lord's Prayer set out below in French! Versions in over 1200 other languages can be found by going to www.christusrex.org and clicking on Jerusalem, Pater Noster. This takes you to the website of Pater Noster church in Jerusalem where the walls are covered with the Lord's Prayer in many languages.

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,
que ton nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne,
que ta volonté soit faite
sur la terre comme au ciel.

Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain
quotidien.

Pardonne-nous nos offenses
comme nous aussi nous pardonnons à ceux
qui nous ont offensés.

Et ne nous conduis pas en tentation,
mais délivre-nous du malin (du mal).

Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent dans tous
les siècles le règne, la puissance et la
gloire. Amen.

