

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2003

SUNDAY DIARY

2. FOUR BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am Communion

10.30am Parade Service

6.00pm Memorial Service

9. THREE BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am Communion 1662

10.30am Remembrance Service

6.00pm Communion

16. TWO BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Worship
and Baptism

6.00pm Communion

23. NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

9.00am Communion 1662

10.30am Family communion

6.00pm Service of the Word

30. ADVENT

9.00am Communion 1662

10.30am Praise Service

6.00pm Service of the Word



*A winter sunrise over the south Gloucestershire village of Down Amney,
birthplace of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (Photo: © Paul Fidd)*

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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Parochial Church Council Meeting on Thursday 6th November
at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

House Groups See details in church

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 Elaine Cockerham (650347)</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>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>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>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 Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS 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>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)</p> <p>Deane Elizabeth Plant</p> <p>Church News: 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p>
<p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.45pm Clare Miles (413977) 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

The Rector Writes



Will God accept me if I live a good life?

I was down at the bowling club the other day with my mate Bert. Hadn't seen him in a while, so it was good to roll a few across the green together. After a couple of games we were strolling back to the clubhouse when Bert said to me, rather casually, "Is it good enough to be good?" "How do you mean?" I replied. "With God", said Bert. "Will he accept me if I live a good life?" "Course he will, Bert. God's just and fair. Live a good life and you're in. Eternal life is yours..." "Hmm," he said. "That's kind of what I thought. Seems we finally agree on something." We sat down at one of the tables on the veranda. "Of course the key question is what you mean by living a good life," I added.

"Many people think they're living a good life because they do their best to be a law-abiding citizen and have steered clear of some of the bigger sins, like adultery and murder – in act at least if not in thought. But what matters is God's view of what makes a good life. He says that the good life is about loving God and loving others 100% of the time. How do you measure up to that standard, Bert?"

"Well," mumbled Bert as he cleaned his pipe, "I guess that there's a bit of room for improvement." "Bert, let's face it, none of us gets even close. If we think we do, then we don't know the first thing about God and ourselves. You're a great guy and all that, but imagine if tonight we showed a film in the clubhouse called 'Bert's life – the inside story'. A film of everything you've ever said thought and done. How long would you stay? If it was of my life I would be out like a shot. And as for God, we tend to think that he is just like us. But He's not. He's 100% goodness and purity. Add those two things together and what you've got is a great big gulf separating us from God. We're on the one side – He's on the other. No way across." "Thanks" Bert said. "I was feeling quite good till I met you!"

"But through the death and resurrection of Jesus, God has built a bridge for us. By accepting Jesus personally as our rescuer and ruler, we cross over to God's side – for ever." "You really believe this Jesus stuff don't you?" said Bert. "And you know what, though I hate to admit it, I'm starting to think that there might be something in it after all... Anyway, come on. Just time for another couple of games before the light goes."



Bits and Pieces



Operation Christmas Child

November 2nd is the day when shoeboxes, filled with small presents, will be collected in church at the 10.30am family service. They will then be sent to needy children overseas. Please contact Julie Cooper if you need further details. Leaflets have been available in church for several weeks.

Baptism

On Sunday 14th September we welcomed through Baptism the following children into membership of the church.
Joseph Ryan Cottenden, son of Darren John and Donna Maria Cottenden.
Jonathon Ellis Yates, son of Geoffrey Gordon and Donna Louise Yates.

Harvest Festival

Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Harvest Thanksgiving, especially to those from the Sunday Schools and the uniformed organisations who took part in the service, to those who decorated the church on the Saturday and to those who helped distribute the gifts afterwards. A big thank you has also come from all who received a gift.

Ladies Guild

November 4 th	The Probation Service
November 18 th	Christmas Meal

Rotas for the next twelve months!

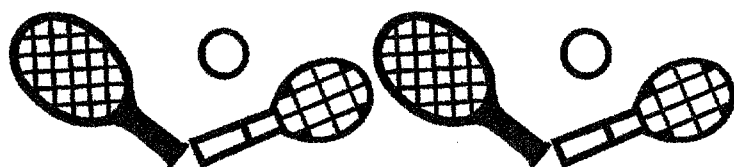
David Dewhurst will soon be producing new rotas for those who read the lessons at the 9am communion service and those who lead the intercessions at the 10.30am services. As some people have been unable to carry out their duties this year, meaning that others have had to cover additional slots, it is hoped that two or three or more volunteers will come forward to replace them. Therefore if you wish to add your name to either or both of these lists, please let David know as soon as possible. Likewise if you are on a rota and no longer wish to be involved, do inform David. Otherwise he will assume that you wish to be included for another twelve months.

An Invitation from Bolton Youth Orchestra

You are warmly invited to a concert to be given by Bolton Youth Orchestra on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm in Bolton Parish Church. The programme includes Beethoven's Piano Concerto no. 2 and Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake Suite. Tickets cost £6 for adults, £4 for concessions and £16 for a family. For tickets or further information telephone 01204 333533 (Bolton Music Centre) or contact Alan Cheetham on 01204 405829

Deane's Own Heart Transplant Champion

Did you know that Deane can claim a close connection with a Heart Transplant patient who is a British champion? John Barnes, who was brought up in Deane, is married to Mary Grundy's daughter, Susan. Two of their children, Rachel and Helen, were baptised at Deane. John had a heart transplant in November 2000. Since then he has taken part in several special championships, which are not only a celebration of renewed life, but also an excellent way of keeping fit and of raising considerable amounts for Papworth Hospital, a major centre for heart transplants. At the Heart and Lung Transplant Games in Austria last year, John won two medals. More recently he attended the British Transplant Games in Staffordshire where he won a Gold medal for throwing a cricket ball and three silvers for the long jump, tennis and table tennis. John would like to thank the members of the Deane Church family who over the past three years have supported him and his family by their prayers.



WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Central Asia

AFGHANISTAN Large parts of the country remain insecure, with people living under daily threat of violence from suspected Taliban fighters and their supporters. Pray that Tearfund partners and staff can continue effective work; Jon Kennedy has joined them as Programme Director for the Central Asia programme.

IRAQ Pray for rapid and effective moves to establish security and restore Iraqi sovereignty. Pray too for safety for all involved in the reconstruction of Iraq including Tearfund partners, the UN and other non-government organisations, in the wake of attacks targeting the UN and aid workers.

Africa

ETHIOPIA Most food needs are covered for this year but one in five people still rely on humanitarian support after last year's food crisis. Pray that further aid will support agriculture, water and HIV/AIDS projects to help people cope when food shortages come, and for Tearfund partners bringing hope here and in Eritrea.

D R CONGO Pray that the new unified armed forces bring stability and reconciliation after five years of civil war, and for PPSSP, a group of Tearfund partners running a public health programme in Beni.

LIBERIA Give thanks that fighting and looting have ceased in many areas; pray that more peacekeepers can be deployed outside the capital, Monrovia. Pray too for all helping the homeless and bereaved in Monrovia, including Tearfund partner AEL; Chris McDonald has now joined them as Disaster Management Advisor.

SUDAN Peace talks have reportedly run into difficulties with arguments over security arrangements to be put into place during the post-war transitional period. Pray that all sides can work to end twenty years of war.

Latin America

COLOMBIA Last month, eight tourists were kidnapped by rebels; for four decades over 3,000 people have been abducted each year, to finance violence and drug trafficking. Pray for all living in areas of instability, and for protection for all helping those made homeless by the violence, including Tearfund partner OPDS.

PERU The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's inquiry found that 69,000 people were killed in the 'Shining Path' years; one Tearfund partner Shalom works in Ayacucho, the worst affected department. Pray for government action on the findings to bring protection, justice and reconciliation to poor, forgotten communities.

Asia

INDIA In two weeks, severe floods affected eight million people in the states of Orissa and Bihar; 123,000 houses were destroyed or damaged in Orissa. Pray for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, and for Tearfund partners Eficor, the Discipleship Centre and EHA as they provide relief to around 7,500 families.

NEPAL More than 150 people have died since Maoist rebels broke off a seven-month truce with the government, calling a general strike last month to increase pressure for constitutional reform. Pray for those working for a democratic, negotiated settlement and for Tearfund partners UMN and INF, continuing to help needy people.

Common Worship Bible Readings

November 2/4 before Advent

November 9/3 before Advent

November 16/2 before Advent

November 23/Next before Advent

November 30/Advent Sunday

December 7/Advent 2

Deuteronomy 6 v1-9

Jonah 3 v1-5&10

Daniel 12 v1-3

Daniel 7 v9-10&13-14

Jeremiah 33 v14-16

Malachi 3 v1-4

Hebrews 9 v11-14

Hebrews 9 v24-28

Hebrews 10 v11-25

Revelation 1 v4b-8

1 Thessalonians 3 v9-13

Philippians 1 v3-11

Mark 12 v28-34

Mark 1 v14-20

Mark 13 v1-8

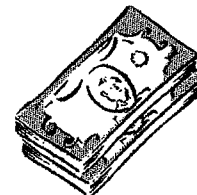
John 18 v33-37

Luke 21 v25-36

Luke 3 v1-6

Money Matters

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



	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
September 7	£107.75	£661.40	£769.15
September 14	£203.65	£531.31	£734.96
September 21	£81.14	£598.92	£680.06
September 28	£94.40	£536.11	£630.51
Standing Orders		£820.50	£820.50
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Totals	£486.94	£3148.24	£3635.18
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The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude donations to the total of £75.

Special Days in November

The month of November has probably more feast days and special days than most other months. The month starts with All Saints Day on November 1st. Then there is Bonfire Night on November 5th. Armistice Day is November 11th, and this year Remembrance Sunday is November 9th. November 30th is St Andrew's Day which in 2003 is also Advent Sunday. November is also the month when the USA celebrates Thanksgiving. But there are also a number of other special days of which you may be unaware!

November 3rd is the feast day of Bishop Hubert who died in 727. One Good Friday, while he was an unbeliever, Hubert was out hunting. He came across a stag with a crucifix between its antlers. This so shook him that he converted to Christianity and went on to be the Bishop of Tongres-Maestricht.

November 4th is the special day of Charles Borromeo who lived in Milan from 1538 to 1584. Charles was the nephew of Pope Pius IV. He made Charles Archbishop of Milan three years before Charles was ordained priest, let alone consecrated Bishop. Yet despite this unconventional beginning Charles is regarded as one of the ablest and most compassionate leaders of his age. He founded theological colleges to train future clergy, encouraged children to be given a sound knowledge of the Christian faith and he increased the help given to the poor.

November 9th is the day the Greek Orthodox Church remembers Nektarios of Pentapolis (1846-1920). Nektarios was appointed Bishop of Alexandria, but he was forced to flee to Greece, because there was opposition in some quarters to his appointment. Eventually he became the director of a theological college in Athens which is where he performed his most memorable deed, cleaning the toilets! One of the cleaners fell ill. In order to help the sick man recover and be able to keep his job, Nektarios did his cleaning work for him. This compassion and meekness made him well loved by the Greeks.

November 11th is one of the Feast Days of St Martin. He has two! The other is July 4th, the anniversary of his consecration as Bishop. Martin, the son of a Roman soldier, was born in what is now Hungary in 315. He too joined the army. As a young officer, he came across a naked beggar in whom he saw the person of Christ. He felt such compassion that he slashed his cloak in two and gave the beggar half. After leaving the army Martin was ordained and became Bishop of Tours in about 370.

November 13th is celebrated by Roman Catholics as the Feast Day of Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917). Frances was the first citizen of the United States to be officially canonised as a saint, by Pope Pius XII in 1946. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and worked among orphans and the sick of New York.

