

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 2004

SUNDAY DIARY

4. Christmas 2

9am Communion CW

10.30am Family Worship

Anne Roberts

6pm Service of the Word

11. Epiphany 1

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Service of the Word

Nola Kilsby

6pm Service of the Word

18. Epiphany 2

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Worship & Baptism

David Dewhurst

6pm Communion

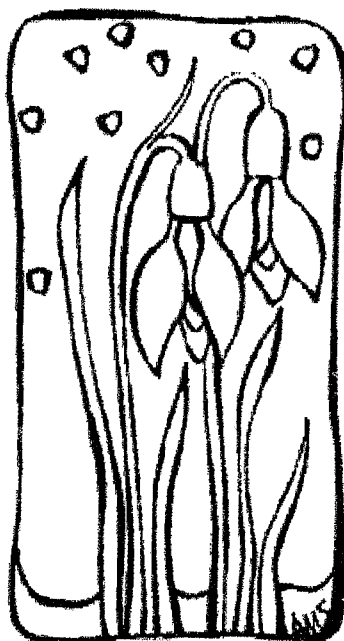
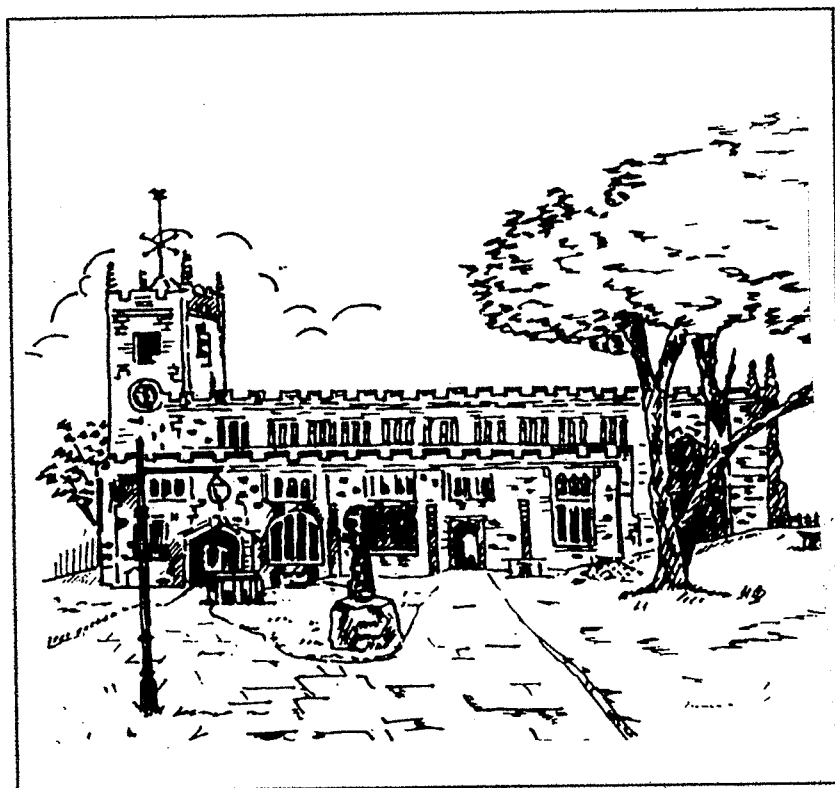
25. Epiphany 3

9am Communion 1662

10.30am Family Communion

Elizabeth Plant

6pm Service of the Word



MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Thursday at 10am at St Andrew's

Parochial Church Council Meeting on Wednesday 28th
January at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

House Groups: 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>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>Vergers: 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 Elaine Cockerham (650347) 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 6.45pm 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



As we begin this new year many of us will have made resolutions. Maybe we will have resolved to visit our mother-in-law more often, or to get the spare bedroom decorated. Maybe we will have resolved to make more time for the family, to watch less television, to take more exercise.

I must admit that I am not one of those who make such resolutions. It seems to me that if I am to change something then I should change it now, not later. But I do think that the beginning of a new year does provide one with the opportunity to stand back and try to view things with a greater perspective. And each new year I do try and give myself an annual service. I don't mean by that having my mental sparkplugs changed, or having my emotional brakes checked. What I mean is that I try and assess how far I have grown spiritually over the last year. As a Christian have I progressed more in my spiritual life? Do I know Christ better now than I did last year? Do I know my Bible better than I did last year?

Recently I was re-reading a little article written by an American writer called A.W. Tozer. Tozer lived and ministered in the 20th century. He was a remarkable minister. He always sought to introduce people to their Saviour, but he also longed to see Christians grow in their faith, in their experience of God. The article I was re-reading was one he produced for his church congregation, but which, in the course of time, became more widely known. The article he wrote is entitled a "10 point spiritual check-up". Some years I read this little article again to help me re-focus my life onto those things which are of lasting importance. Below I have copied the first five of the points that Tozer makes in this article. I hope you find them helpful. Maybe as some other point I will list the other five, but for now see how you get on with these five.

1. Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself. Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual progress. The contented soul is the stagnant soul. When speaking of earthly goods Paul could say, 'I have learned ... to be content'; but when referring to his spiritual life he testified, 'I press toward the mark.' So stir up the gift of God that is in thee.

2. Set your face like a flint toward a sweeping transformation of your life. Timid experimenters are tagged for failure before they start. We must throw our whole soul into our desire for God. 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.'

3. Put yourself in the way of the blessing. It is a mistake to look for grace to visit us as a kind of benign magic, or to expect God's help to come as a windfall apart from conditions known and met. There are plainly marked paths which lead straight to the green pastures; let us walk in them. To desire revival, for instance, and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion is to wish one way and walk another.

4. Do a thorough job of repenting. Do not hurry to get it over with. Hasty repentance means shallow spiritual experience and lack of certainty in the whole life. Let godly sorrow do her healing work. Until we allow the consciousness of sin to wound us we will never develop a fear of evil. It is our wretched habit of tolerating sin that keeps us in our half-dead condition.

5. Make restitution wherever possible. If you owe a debt, pay it, or at least have a frank understanding with your creditor about your intentions to pay, so your honesty will be above question. If you have quarrelled with anyone, go as far as you can in an effort to achieve reconciliation. As fully as possible make the crooked things straight.

There are some things in life which can only be appreciated if one takes time and care over them. Take time to think carefully and prayerfully about what Tozer has written. And may it be your resolution this year, as it will be mine, to grow in the Christian faith and to draw closer unto Christ.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy and contented New Year.

Bits and Pieces



Baptisms

We have welcomed the following through baptism into membership of the church family.

On October 19th:

Christopher Thomas Allen, the son of David Stephen and Dawn Julia Allen

Eloise Kate Jackson, the daughter of Graeme Andrew and Sharon Jackson

Grace Elizabeth Milson, the daughter of Jason Andrew Milson and Lucy Anne Stocks

On November 16th:

Elizabeth Emily Sydney Pasquill, the daughter of Andrew Edward Pasquill and Alexandra Maria Clarke

Domonic James Morgan, the son of Andrew Philip and Helen Bailey Morgan

We also welcomed into the church family through adult baptism on November 16th Andrew Philip Morgan

Ladies Guild

January 13

AGM and White Elephant Stall

January 27

Ulcers etc.

Special Missions Appeal STOP PRESS!

Thank you to those who contributed to the special appeal in December to raise sufficient funds, so that we can maintain our giving to missions and charities at an appropriate level, despite a drop in general giving and unexpected expensive repair work on the church tower. £950.98 was raised by the close of the appeal on December 14th. Forty six people returned envelopes and thirty two of these donations were gift aided which means that 28p in each pound can be reclaimed by the church at no cost to the givers! The details are:

14 envelopes (not gift aided)	£85.98
32 gift aided envelopes	£865.00
TOTAL	£950.98

When tax is reclaimed, the total raised will be in the region of £1200. Thank you for your generosity.

January has two important feast days!

January 1st, as well as being New Year's Day, is the day Christians celebrate the naming of Jesus. The gospels of Matthew and Luke recall how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be called Jesus, a reasonably common name in New Testament times. The name means Saviour and therefore was and is most appropriate for the saviour of the world. Jewish babies were named eight days after they were born and Christians celebrate the naming of Jesus, exactly eight days after December 25th.



January 6th is Epiphany, when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. No one knows exactly who these wise men were. Matthew calls them Magi which is the name for a priestly caste from Persia. It was not until the third century that they were referred to as kings and the tradition grew that there were three of them, one for each gift. Later Christian interpretation has given significance to the gifts. Gold stands for wisdom and kingship, frankincense for worship and sacrifice and myrrh for healing and even embalming. It was not until the eighth century that the wise men were given the traditional names, Balthasar, Caspar and Melchior.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Africa

RWANDA Pray for churches involved in reconciliation following the 1994-95 genocide, and for eight Tearfund partners with programmes that include integrated support for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

SOUTHERN AFRICA In many countries one in five adults has HIV; in Zimbabwe it is estimated to be one in four. AIDS has orphaned 1 million children in Zimbabwe. Often they are the hardest hit in the continuing social, economic and political crisis. Please pray for Tearfund partners bringing hope.

Asia

CAMBODIA Cambodia has the fastest growing rate of HIV infection across Asia; young people are particularly at risk. Pray with Tearfund partner Hope that their staff and volunteers can provide empathy and professionalism as they help those living with HIV/AIDS.

ETHIOPIA Up to 10 million people will have insufficient food after poor rains this year. Pray for aid agencies, including Tearfund partners, as they try to meet the challenge of the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS.

CHAD A new oil pipeline is good news for the economy of this very poor West African state. But as people move in search of the wealth brought by the pipeline, so HIV can spread more easily throughout the country. Pray for the Evangelical Church of Chad, who are working in AIDS awareness and family relationships.

Latin America/Caribbean

HAITI Tearfund partner Baptist Haiti Mission works in education, and HIV/AIDS is part of their school curriculum. Voodoo and poverty are widespread. Pray that Tearfund partners, as part of the wider church, will speak out faithfully and apply God's word in bringing change in society, offering spiritual freedom and practical help.

COLOMBIA Pray for Tearfund partner OPDS as they work with displaced communities on the northern coast. Their research suggests that the rapid spread of HIV/AIDS in the region is due to a lack of education and health provision, and fuelled by continued violence and exploitation.

Europe/the Middle East

RUSSIA Increased poverty fuels drug abuse, contributing to what is thought to be the world's fastest growing rates of HIV/AIDS infection. By 2007, five per cent of Russians could have HIV. Pray that the authorities and the church respond urgently by educating people to have greater awareness of the dangers.

IRAQ In the hope of halting continued terrorism, the process to move people towards self-government and democracy is speeding up. Pray for wisdom for all involved in this situation. As Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for new hope and real security across the Middle East.

Common Worship

January 4/Christmas 2

January 11/Epiphany 1

January 18/Epiphany 2

January 25/Epiphany 3

February 1/Epiphany 4

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31 v7-14

Isaiah 43 v1-7

Isaiah 62 v1-5

Nehemiah 8 v1-10

Ezekiel 43v27 to 44v4

Ephesians 1 v3-14

Acts 8 v14-17

1 Corinthians 12 v1-11

1 Corinthians 12 v12-31a

1 Corinthians 13 v1-13

John 1 v1-18

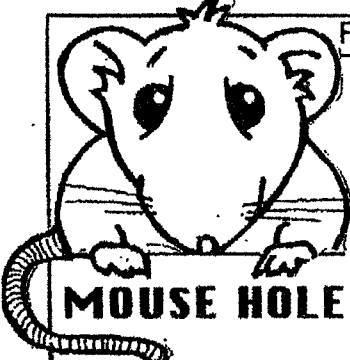
Luke 3 v15-17&21-22

John 2 v1-11

Luke 4 v14-21

Luke 2 v22-40

Children's Page

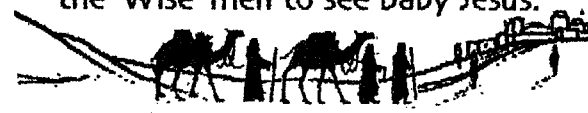


MOUSE HOLE

From my home in the church I learn about all sorts of things...

On the 6th of January the Christmas decorations come down, this is known as 'Twelfth Night'.

It is the twelfth day after Christmas and the day to celebrate the coming of the 'Wise' men to see baby Jesus.



For Christians this time is called **Epiphany**.

Mark it!

Make a bookmark for your bible.

- Cut a rectangle of card from the back of an old Christmas card.
- Cut pictures from other cards you have saved.
- Glue into the bookmark.

To make a tassel:

Using coloured wool or thread wind around a scrap of card 6cm wide.

- Thread another length through and knot tightly.
- Cut the loops then take off the card.
- Tie again 1cm from the top of the tassel. Punch a hole in the bookmark and tie on.

Read all about the visit of the 'wise men' in Matthew 2:1-12

A Chinese Album

Keep your favourite Christmas or birthday cards in this special album.

1. Cut several sheets of card a little bigger than the largest card you want to keep.
2. Make a hole in each corner with a hole punch.
3. Thread ribbon through the holes along the top and bottom then glue the ribbon where it crosses the cards
4. Stick your cards on to both sides of the album. Fold up in a zig-zag. Make as many sheets for your album as you like.

Money Matters

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

	Loose Collections	Planned Giving Envelopes	Totals
November 2	£273.85	£583.75	£857.60
November 9	£90.85	£586.90	£677.75
November 16	£210.05	£436.88	£646.93
November 23	£92.40	£766.90	£859.30
November 30	£82.46	£673.23	£755.69
Standing Orders		£830.50	£830.50
Totals	£749.61	£3878.16	£4627.77

The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude donations to the total of £106.