

THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**FEBRUARY 1993**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 7. NINTH BEFORE

#### EASTER

Theme: Christ the Teacher

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
and Baptism  
6.00pm Evensong

### 14. EIGHTH BEFORE

#### EASTER

Theme: Christ the Healer

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 21. SEVENTH BEFORE

#### EASTER

Theme: Christ the Friend  
of Sinners

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 28. FIRST IN LENT

Theme: The Temptation

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion



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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge, except on  
February 10th when it is at the Rectory.

Home Groups: Tuesday February 9th and Wednesday February 10th

Prayer Focus: Wednesday February 3rd in the Church Lounge

Ash Wednesday: February 14th Home Communion at 10.00am at Deane and  
at 8.00pm at St Andrew's, Over Hulton with the  
Bishop of Bolton

## WHO'S WHO

**Rector:** Roger B Jackson  
The Rectory  
234 Wigan Road (61819)

**Vicar:** A Robin Hazlehurst  
St Andrew's Vicarage  
Crescent Avenue (651851)

**Curate:** Michael W Saunders  
281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

**Readers:** Ken Allan  
159 Newbrook Road (63231)

Alison Saunders  
281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

**Wardens:** Keith Acton  
3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

Terry Oakes  
14 Salford Road (64362)

Stan Wilson  
11 Clough Meadow (492034)

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Lay** Craig Mochrie  
**Chairman:** 4 Laxford Grove (652324)

**Honorary** Keith Acton  
**Treasurer:** 3 Mallowdale Close

**Honorary** Peter Marron  
**Secretary:** 18 Milverton Close (492643)

### CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

**Mission & Unity:** Michael Saunders  
**Pastoral:** Joyce Sutcliffe  
**Worship:** Roger Jackson  
**Buildings & Fabric:** Terry Oakes  
**Social:** Brenda Dixon

### OTHER OFFICIALS

**Organist:** Jim Needham  
130 The Pewfist  
Westhoughton (0942 812692)

**Flowers:** Mary Jackson  
234 Wigan Road (61819)

**Verger:** Betty Calderbank  
32 Junction Road (655375)

**Archivist:** Rodney Howard  
42 Elswick Avenue (652417)

**Covenant** Sid Harris  
**Secretary:** 11 Manningham Road (656355)

### MEMORIAL HALL

**Bookings:** Keith Holden  
3 Beaumont Drive (653075)

**Caretakers:** David and Eunice McCormick  
34 Junction Road (654503)

## WHAT'S ON

**Creche:** under 3 years  
**Scramblers:** 3 to 5 years  
**Climbers:** 5 to 7 years  
Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on  
Sundays at 10.30 a.m.  
Pauline Ridyard (651157)

**Explorers:** 7 to 11 years  
Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before  
going to the Memorial Hall.  
Eric Downs (653049)

**Pathfinders:** 11 to 14 years  
Worship in Church on Sundays  
Club Night in the Memorial Hall on  
Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.  
David Dewhurst (651347)

**C.Y.F.A.:** 14 to 18 years  
Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.  
Michael Saunders (64313)

### LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

**Ladies** Alternate Tuesdays  
**Guild:** at 7.45 p.m.  
Marjorie Oakes (64362)

**Mothers' Union:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 2.00 p.m.  
Janetta Makin (658270)

**Mums and Toddlers:** Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.  
Alison Saunders (64313)

### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

**Brownies:** 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.  
Jean Hanley (654010)  
2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.  
Lily Jarrett (63511)

**Guides:** Mondays at 7.15 p.m.  
Carole Baxendale (62106)

**Rangers:** Alternate Wednesdays  
at 7.30 p.m.  
Judith Ashcroft (657430)

**Cubs:** A Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.  
Wendy Gooding (653277)  
B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.  
Frances Barlow

**Beavers:** Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.  
Susan Ash (62657)

**Rainbows:** Fridays at 6.30 p.m.  
Margaret Latchford (657101)

The Parish Office at the Rectory, 234 Wigan Road (61819) is open on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. to deal with initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage.

# The Rector writes

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

30th January, 1993.

When we are preparing parents for the baptism of their children we emphasize the following points:-

1. In baptism their children are being admitted into full membership of the Church Family at Deane just as they entered into full membership of their human families at birth a few months earlier.
2. If their children are to have a healthy physical, mental and emotional development then they will need all the love and discipline, security and support that their human family can provide. Likewise if their children are to have a healthy spiritual growth then they will need all the love and encouragement that the Church family can provide.
3. This support from both the human and Church families is to be forthcoming now; it is not something we can afford to put 'on hold' for several years until children are older. For children to be deprived of this essential support in their early years is a sure way of producing delinquents. And there are spiritual delinquents as well as psychological delinquents.
4. If children are to be saved from the danger of spiritual delinquency then it stands to reason that their parents (or at least one of them, but preferably both) are in a meaningful sense practising members of the Church family themselves. Consequently we make no apology for encouraging parents with their children to meet with the Church family for worship on Sunday mornings. Herein lies a problem.

## From a parents' point of view

However informally we at the front seek to conduct our worship and encourage people to be relaxed, the fact is that the age, the size and the atmosphere of our Church building generates a sense of awe. This is no bad thing, but it does mean that parents find it hard to be relaxed because they are conscious that their young children may be disturbing the peace. Children, of course, are very different from each other. Those who are used to a disciplined and orderly routine at home usually have less difficulty fitting into our Sunday morning worship than those children who are used to a 'free for all' at home. My advice to parents is to avoid reacting in one of two extremes. On the one hand avoid being over sensitive. Don't imagine that because your children cough, or cry you and they have broken the 11th Commandment! On the whole most adults are tolerant and sympathetic and do not think ill of you and your children. On the other hand avoid being insensitive to the feelings of others. Their tolerance can be stretched to breaking point if you allow your children to run riot and to be disruptive and distracting. After all what we are meant to be doing in Church is worshipping God, not providing a children's playground. In these circumstances why not avail yourself of the provision of the creche? Above all I would say persist - don't give up and stay away.

## From the congregations' point of view.

If what we say to parents when preparing them for the baptism of their children is to have any credence at all, then we will need to display a greater degree of understanding and tolerance. It really isn't acceptable to say in effect to parents with young children 'We love to see you, but we hate to hear you'. It is neither realistic nor reasonable to expect young children to sit still in our most uncomfortable pews for a hour or so without batting an eyelid! My advice to the rest of the congregation (and this includes myself) is this:- Firstly, let us not forget what it was like when our children were youngsters. Secondly, let us realize that as we get older we find it harder to tolerate distractions and noise levels. Thirdly, let us avoid critical words, looks and attitudes directed towards parents with younger children. Fourthly, have you considered volunteering to help with the creche? It doesn't have to be run by young parents. Experienced helpers could give young parents a welcome break.

If you have any further practical suggestions for overcoming this particular problem, I would love to hear from you.

Roger B. Jackson.

# THERE IS HOPE - MISSION TRIPLETS

As I hope you know by now 1993 IS A YEAR OF MISSION. But from what people are saying, quite a lot of us are anxious about what a year of mission might involve. Well, rather than worrying, I should like to suggest that we need to trust God and pray. I have little doubt that part of the reason for our anxiety is that we are involved in a spiritual battle and that as we go out to encourage other people to consider the good news about Jesus we are being opposed by the devil who is the prince of this world. But even this battle is not something to be afraid of because our commanding officer is God, the maker of the universe

Back in the Old Testament

Israel was also involved in fighting battles and although their battles were with human adversaries I believe that we can learn from their example. On one occasion while a battle was being fought out in the valley below, Moses went to the top of a hill to pray. While he prayed the Israelites won the battle but the moment he stopped praying the enemy began to win. So Aaron and Hur joined him and helped him to keep on praying until the battle was won. (You can read the story in Exodus 17.8-13)

I believe that the same will be true of our missions and that if we pray then we will see people coming to know Jesus. But I guess that many of us like

Moses might find it hard to keep on praying and so I should like to encourage you to think about joining one of the MISSION TRIPLETS. It's not difficult to be part of a mission triplet, they are just groups of three friends who meet together regularly to pray. You don't even have to meet for very long, 15 minutes would be plenty if it was actually spent praying (although it will obviously take longer if you want to have a drink and a chat too!).

So why don't you give it a try and get together with two of your friends to pray. It is prayer that will strengthen us for mission and it is prayer which will win the battle.

*M. Lo Saunders*

## BELIEVING AND BELONGING

This is the title we give to a group which the Rector sets up each year. It aims to consider what Christians believe about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the World, ourselves and the future. Then we see what it means to have a sense of belonging to God and to His Church. The following people are all most welcome:

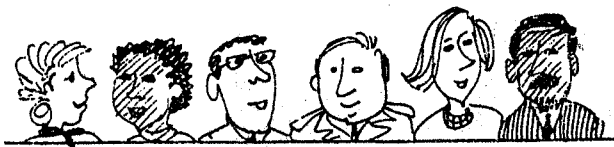
"Enquirers" who want to examine the claims of Christianity, with no strings attached.

"Refreshers" who want a refresher course in basic Christian belief and practice.

"Transfers" who having been brought up in a different Christian tradition, are seriously thinking of transferring their membership to the Church of England.

"Confirmers" who wish to confirm their inward faith and membership of the Church, and to be confirmed in their faith and membership.

At a preliminary meeting last month, we discovered that though no evening of the week was convenient for everyone, it would appear that Tuesdays and Fridays were the least inconvenient. Consequently, the first meeting of the group will be on Tuesday, February 9th at 8.00am at the Rectory, and there is an open invitation to all who wish to join us.



## IN THE NEWS

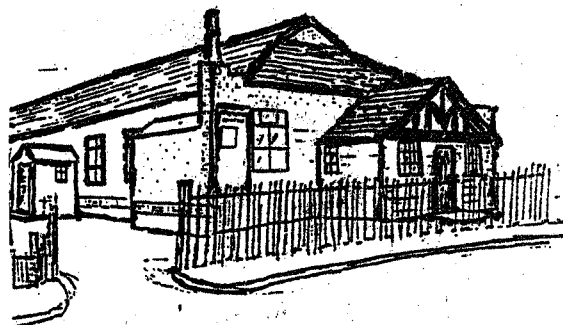
### BAPTISM

We welcomed into membership of Christ's Church at Deane the following children on December 27th.

Ruth Charlotte Kirkby of 17 Cornwall Avenue, Over Hulton  
Ross Alexander Shephard of 57 Molyneux Road Westhoughton.  
Michael Andrew Small of 20 Harrop Street, Deane.

### MEMORIAL HALL

We welcome the appointment of Mr. Keith Holden as the new manager and bookings secretary of our Memorial Hall. He takes over from Ron Morris who has held this post for years, but has had to resign owing to failing health. We are most grateful to Ron for his management of these premises. Under his leadership a great number of improvements have been made over recent years.



THE LADIES GUILD at their recent annual general meeting appointed Marjorie Oakes as their new leader to be assisted by Pat Boydell, who becomes the leader in 1994. Marjorie and Pat have had many years experience working together as co-leaders of the Cubs and we are most grateful to them not only for this, but for being willing to take over the leadership of the Ladies Guild at very short notice.

We thank Pat Sewell and Maureen Edwards for their leadership over the past year. The Guild have two meetings planned for this month.

Mrs. Sharples will speak about "Roses in December" on February 2nd and Canon Alan Wolstencroft from Bolton Parish Church will be their guest on February 16th.

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoons February 3rd and 17th.

MICHAEL AND ALISON SAUNDERS will be leaving us in May when Michael takes up his new appointment as Team Vicar of St. Andrews Eccles in the Eccles Team Ministry. Originally Deane was part of the parish of Eccles and so it is interesting that whereas in the past they used to send clergy to minister in such 'outposts' as Deane we are now in the position of being able to repay the compliment 8 centuries later! Their final Sunday looks like being May 16th and Michael will be licensed by the Bishop of Hulme on Wednesday May 26th at 7.30 pm.

MARJORIE STOKES who, like several other members of our congregation, is a voluntary worker at the Bolton Oxfam Shop, reports that 186 sacks have been packed and sent to Bosnia in response to the charity's clothing appeal. The sacks contained 2,086 pullovers and 490 coats! She wishes to express their thanks to those who contributed to this magnificent effort. The mind boggles if this response is typical of what has been given elsewhere throughout the country!

The Social Committee have arranged a "MENS NIGHT OUT" to Thwaites Brewery in Blackburn on Thursday March 4th. The coach plans to leave the Lychgate at 7.15 pm and to arrive back by 11.00 pm. The cost is £8 and this includes a tour of the company museum, the brewing and canning plant, supper and of course, drinks. Book a place by signing the list in Church by February 14th at the latest.





# MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to all who contribute to God's work through our Church by their Regular Weekly Giving

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
December 6	£ 695.57	£ 74.20	£769.77
13	638.00	89.40	727.40
20	474.45	194.71	669.16
25	-	319.70	319.70
27	455.31	159.53	614.84
Weekdays	-	108.15	108.15
Standing Orders	51.25	-	51.25
	<u>£2314.58</u>	<u>945.69</u>	<u>3260.27</u>

In the comparable period of the previous year the amount given was £3339.

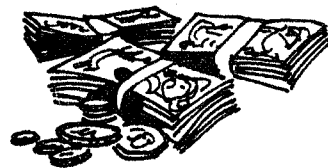
## Christmas Appeal

The amount given is a further improvement on last year's sum of £573. This year's figure was made up as follows:

Covenanted donation of £600 + tax recovered	£800.00
Donations from pensioners at the meeting of Crompton Charity	49.81
Men's Working Party on the problems of Alcoholism	41.20
Carol Singing Parties in Old People's Homes	35.00
Contents of 117 envelopes and loose donations	454.99
	<u>1381.00</u>
Less cost of promotional materials	6.00
	<u>£1375.00</u>

Balance sent by cheque to Tear Fund for relief work amongst mothers bringing up young children in areas of famine and civil war.

## THE YEAR'S FINANCES



At a meeting of the Church Council on January 18th when the budget for this year was discussed, the treasurer was authorized to make provision for the following major items of expenditure;

To the diocese (Diocesan Quota)	£31,374	i.e.	£603	per week
To missions and charities ('global sum')	7,116	i.e.	137	per week
To ongoing repairs to Church Fabric	5,000	i.e.	96	per week
For insurance on the church building	3,617	i.e.	70	per week

£47,107 i.e. £906 per week

N.B i. There are, of course, many other expenses in addition to these and consequently our weekly income from all sources needs to be well in excess of £906 and ii. the total parish share of the diocesan quota is £52,291 of which St. Andrew's will pay £20,920.