

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 1995

SUNDAY DIARY

5. FIFTH AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme:
The Wisdom of God

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

12. NINTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme:
Christ the Teacher

8.00am Communion
10.30am Education Sunday
Family Service
Speaker: Helen Franklin
6.30pm Confirmation Service
Conducted by the
Bishop of Manchester

19. EIGHTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme:
Christ the Healer

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

26. SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme:
Christ the Friend of Sinners

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays February 7th/8th, 21st/22nd

Prayer Focus: Wednesday February 15th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

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: Charles D Moore
281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

Reader: Christine Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

Wardens: Craig Mochrie
4 Laxford Grove (652324)

Terry Oakes
14 Salford Road (64362)

Les Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Stan Wilson

Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

Honorary Keith Acton

Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

Honorary Les Kilsby

Secretary: 1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Finance: Keith Acton

Pastoral: Stan Wilson

Worship: Philip Gore

Buildings & Fabric: Mike Kirkby

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.

Jane Hampson (848433)

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 8.00 p.m.

Charlie & Sara Moore (64313)

CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45 a.m.

Jim Needham (0942 812692)

MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

Ray Howarth (652602)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Ladies Alternate Tuesdays

Guild: at 7.45 p.m.
Pat Boydell (61450)

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

Parents & Toddlers: Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.
Julie Cooper (660946)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies: 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.
Janet Madden (665896)

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.
Francis Barlow

Beavers: Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.
Jean Aspinall (63948)

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

28th January, 1995.

Contrary to the impression that some people may have our Church Council meetings are rarely dominated by financial matters. However, at our January meeting we do concentrate on money as we discuss the budget for the coming year. Our treasurer, Keith Acton, estimated that if during 1995 our ordinary income could increase by at least 5% (last year it increased by 6 1/2%) then we ought to be able to meet our ordinary expenditure. The major item of expenditure is £34,344 which is our share of the total parish contribution of £56,833 to the Diocese of Manchester. In the main these large sums are used for the training, housing and payment of our clergy. Other major items of expenditure include £6,865 which we plan to give to missions and charities and £8,200 to maintain our Church building (insurance, heat, light, cleaning and on-going repairs). By far the major source of income comes from what members give in their Christian Giving Envelopes, and this is considerably higher when their giving is "covenanted", for then the Church can claim back from the Inland Revenue what the person has already paid in tax. In practical terms when our treasurer is looking for an all round increase of at least 5% it means an extra 5p. for every £1 you already give. I don't think this is at all unreasonable or impossible. Though many people claim to be short of money it really is staggering to see how easily people are able to find one pound or more for a go on the national lottery.

The more challenging part of the discussion centred around the establishing of a set of priorities for major items of extraordinary expenditure during the next 3 years or so. At the top of our list is the provision of a new heating system. The present boiler is proving to be unreliable and inefficient, and we are proposing to replace it with a new gas-fired system costing about £11,500. This will be located in the choir vestry where hopefully it will be far less vulnerable to the vandalism to which the existing boiler house has been subjected. We are proposing to pay for this out of the Church Fabric Fund to which some people are regularly contributing. We are especially grateful to two gentlemen who died last autumn and who made generous bequests. I never cease to be amazed how we receive gifts like these from people who, so are as I know, have had little or no contact with our Church over the time I have been here.

Our second order of priority is to carry out work which has been strongly recommended both by our architect, Richard Byrom, and by English Heritage who are concerned for the preservation of ancient monuments. This relates to the replacing of weathered stonework and the provision of polycarbonate protective covering to the remaining windows. This work can attract grant aid from English Heritage up to 40% of the cost, and we have applied for this help. Depending upon the outcome of this application we are hoping to be able to tackle other tasks like the replacement of the Memorial Hall windows and boiler which is also on its last legs. Some of these major items of expenditure can be paid for out of our reserves, but it has been our aim not to deplete these too much. Major Crook, who was an excellent steward of our Church's finances, always encouraged us to pay for extraordinary items from the interest generated by our reserves.

The Church Council has been given a Time Share Studio Apartment for 2 persons on a well-appointed complex at Benaldamena near Malaga in Spain. It is available for anyone who wishes to use it for a week or a fortnight in the period March 12-26. The Council has decided to dispose of this property later this year. Though it is valued in the region of £5,000 we are willing to consider a much lower offer in order to increase our capital reserves for the heavy expenditure in the year ahead. Stan Wilson has the details and is handling this matter. He will welcome enquiries (tel. 492034).

Over recent years the Parish Prayer Diary has been produced by a number of people who have each taken a turn. We are most grateful to one of the Tuesday evening Home groups, to Joyce Sutcliffe and most recently to Gail Cheetham who has undertaken this task each month. The time has come for Gail to hand over to the next person. Are you willing to take a turn? If so please have a word with Gail and/or myself.

Roger B. Jackson.



PATHFINDERS



The Pathfinders are very pleased to announce that their Sponsored Sing for Children in Need raised the wonderful sum of £636.00. Our thanks go to Becky Rutter for organising it and also to all the members of our congregation who supported us so well.

From the beginning of this year we are going to be supporting the work of one of our former EFAC bursars whom Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor went to visit recently in Kenya. He is now Provost of Embu and also involved in working with children and older people who are destitute, homeless and, quite often, hooked on drugs. His project involves forming a community where these people can be looked after and helped to overcome their drug dependency. Sheila came to talk to the Pathfinders in November and we were all very moved by what she had to tell us. In our question time and discussion afterwards it was actually proposed by one of the Pathfinders (with no adult prompting!) that everybody pay an extra 10p per week subs after Christmas so that a regular amount of money can be sent every month to support this vital work. Since then three members of the congregation have offered to make a donation of an extra £5.00 per month each and Sheila has received donations from three other people. If anyone else would like to be identified with the Pathfinders in this effort, please have a word with Sheila; she will be delighted to hear from you.



I'm delighted that over forty people have responded to my letter requesting prayer support for our CYPECS organisations. It's so good to know that so many people are going to be praying regularly for our children and young people, as well as their leaders. My heartfelt thanks go to all those who have responded - and it isn't too late; the box for replies is still at the back of church and I check it every week for more slips! Also, there are spare letters near the box in case you didn't manage to have one thrust upon you or yours got lost! If you haven't already replied, please give it some thought; our children and young people really do need your prayers.

Chris Kilsby

BITS & PIECES

FROM THE BELL TOWER.

The bellringers are sorry to lose the services of Barbara Woodfield who has decided that the time has come for her to hang up her rope. Barbara only took up ringing at an age when most people are thinking of retiring, but over the past ten years or so she has been a most faithful member of our team at the Wednesday evening practice, on Saturday for weddings and on Sunday for the main service. Thank you Barbara.

The dates for the **PARISH WEEKEND HOUSEPARTY** at Grange-over-Sands are May 12th-14th. Places are being booked every week using the list on the Church notice board. Don't leave it too late to book your place.



The Social Committee have arranged a **WINTER WALK** to be led once again by Ken and Myra Higson on Saturday February 18th, weather permitting. Stout footwear is essential, but as the walk starts from the Memorial Hall at 1.00 pm and will not be longer than 3 hours, cars and food will not be required.

The Greenbelt Experience

GB95

August 25-28, Deene Park, Corby

Greenbelt is a major Christian Arts Festival which takes place every year and it seeks to cater for all tastes. This year it is hoped to be able to take a group of young people (15-30 years) from our diocese to the festival. If you book by April 20th the cost should be no more than £50. Further details from the Rector.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Prayer Focus: Wednesdays at 8.00pm on February 15; April 19; May 24; June 21; July 19; August 23; Sept 27; October 25; and November 22.



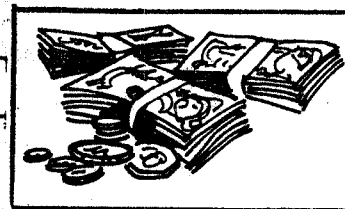
Midweek Lent Programme: We shall be using the Diocesan Way Forward programme of looking afresh at the Gospels for Lent in the context of a Holy Communion service in the Church Lounge on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Wednesday mornings on March 7/8; March 14/15; March 21/22; March 28/29 and April 4/5.

Summer Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays May 2/3; May 30/31; June 13/14; June 27/28; July 11/12; July 25/26.

Autumn Home Groups: September 5/6; September 19/20; October 3/4; October 17/18; October 31/Nov1; November 14/15; November 28/29.

CONFIRMATION The Bishop of Manchester will be conducting the service on Sunday evening February 12th when 3 members of our congregation will be confirming their own faith in Christ and be confirmed in their membership of Christ's Church. They are: Gillian Gregory, Philip Partington and Emily Rigby. In addition there will be several members from our St. Andrew's congregation and one person from St. Maxentius, Bradshaw. Please support and encourage them by your prayers and your presence.

MONEY MATTERS



We wish to thank those who contributed to the work of God through His Church in Deane.

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	
December 4	560.66	104.74	665.40
11	608.66	133.38	742.04
18	779.14	160.30	939.44
24/25	540.66	311.31	851.97
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		88.81	88.81
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	£2622.87	£798.54	£3421.41
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In the corresponding period in the previous year the total given was £3566

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The amount donated came from the following sources :

Brought forward from the Harvest Appeal	.30
Carol Singing parties in the Old Peoples' Homes	15.00
Contents of 94 envelopes	455.34
Sundry loose donations	55.36
Wednesday morning communion group	12.00

	538.00
Less cost of promotional materials	4.00

	£534.00



A cheque for £534.00 is being sent to Tear Fund for support which it gives to projects in different parts of the world assisting children in need.

FROM THE REGISTERS — BAPTISM

On Sunday evening January 8th we welcomed into membership of our church Mark Thomas Horrocks and Leigh Elizabeth Horrocks of 9 Torriside Close.

THE LADIES GUILD have invited Mrs. Walker on Tuesday February 14th to speak about her visit to China and on February 28th Noel Proctor will pay a visit from H.M. Prison, Strangeways where he is senior chaplain.