

THE PARISH OF DEANE DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1995

SUNDAY DIARY

4. PENTECOST

Theme: The Church's Birthday

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

11. TRINITY ST BARNABAS DAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

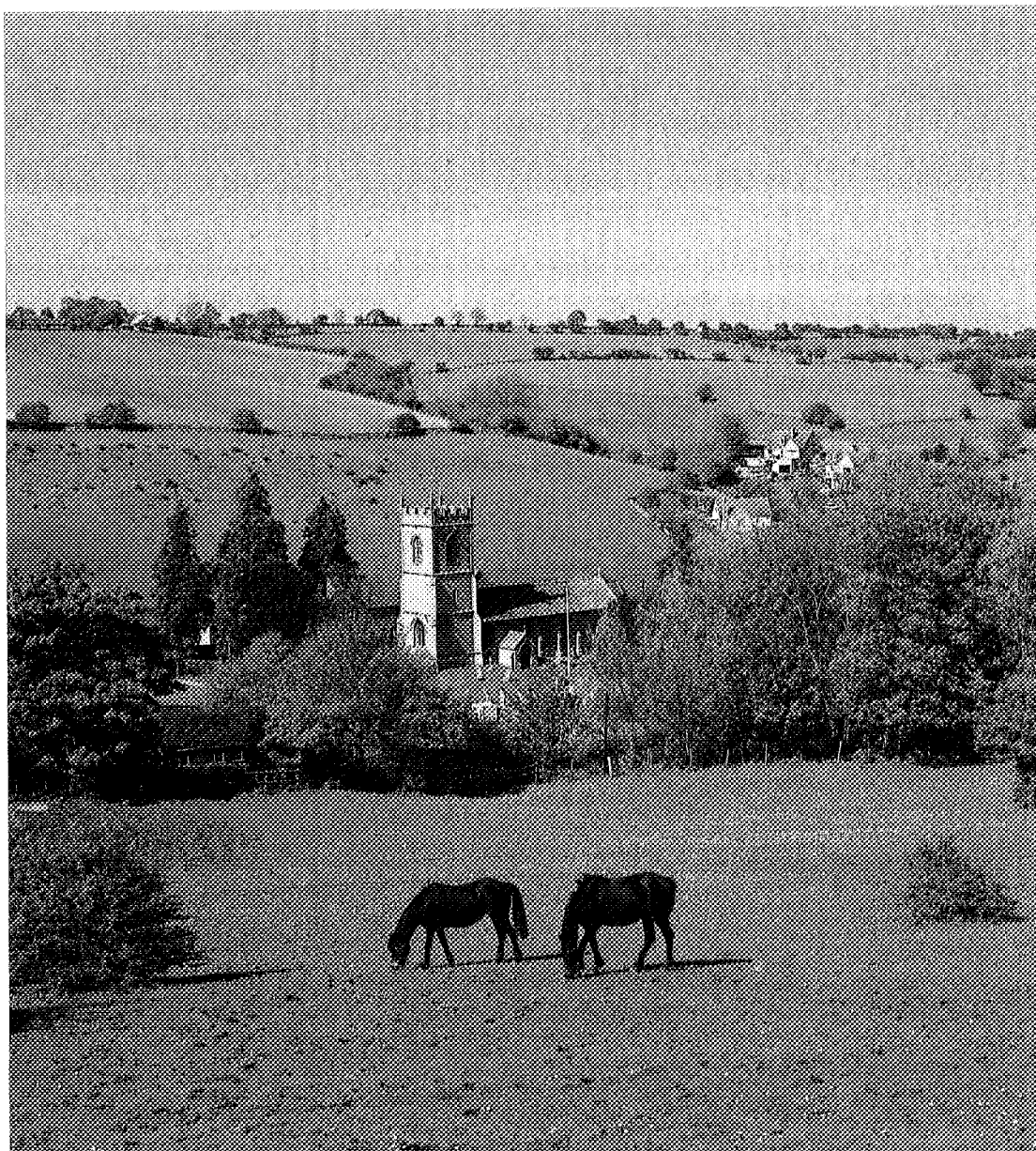
18. 2nd AFTER PENTECOST DEANE SERMONS

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
The Dean of Lincoln
2.00pm Family Service
Michael Saunders
3.30pm Procession of Witness
6.30pm Evensong
The Bishop of Manchester

25. 3rd AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Life of the Baptized

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

Church Council: Thursday June 8 at 7.45pm

Home Groups: Tuesdays June 13 & 27 and Wednesdays June 14 & 28

Safari Supper: Saturday Evening June 17

Prayer Focus: Wednesday June 21 at 8.00pm

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)

Pat Boydell
21 New York (61450)

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 (01942 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 (01942 812692)

MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.
Ray Howarth (652602)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Ladies Alternate Tuesdays
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 Barnsley (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

27th May, 1995

Having just been engaged in the annual Christian Aid Week collection, my attention has been drawn to something of which I was unaware, namely that this year marks the 50th anniversary of this important charity. I hadn't realized that its birth coincided with the Victory in Europe whose 50th anniversary we have been celebrating in fine style earlier this past month. Though our nation was battered and poverty-stricken in 1945 after 6 years of war, it was nevertheless realized that others, especially our former enemies, were yet more battered. A fund called "Christian Reconstruction in Europe" was founded and raised, what in those days, was the magnificent sum of £1 million. It will be interesting to see whether our affluence 50 years on has made us more or less generous to the charity which in 1964 changed its name to the snappier title of "Christian Aid".

From time to time it has been suggested that the word "Christian" should be dropped from its name. The reasoning behind this suggestion is that although it is members of the Christian Churches who are the backbone of the fund raising efforts in Christian Aid Week, such is the general respect of the organisation that the money doesn't just come from Christians. Certainly my own experience as a collector confirms that Muslims, Hindus and those of no religion at all have been quite happy and willing to return their envelope with a donation without any pressure from me. Moreover, the money which is raised is not just given to Christians, nor is it used to promote Christianity except in the broadest, and most correct sense.

However, to drop the word "Christian" from this charity's title would, I believe, be a retrograde step. It would diminish the charity and the Christian Church. The way Christian Aid functions is as follows. Where it can, it works through local councils of Churches giving Christians who are on the spot the chief say in how funds are used and distributed. In those countries and situations where the Christian presence is minimal and inadequate the charity has the freedom to channel funds through organisations run by secular bodies, and even by other faiths. In acting like this Christian Aid serves as a reminder that unconditional generosity is a duty of the Christian Church. Whatever else we do with our money, giving to the poor and disadvantaged is something which must be thought out and worked out both by the individual Christian, and by the corporate body, the Christian Church. When it draws up its budget each year our Church Council earmarks a definite proportion of its estimated income for charitable giving, thus encouraging us as individuals to follow its example of not leaving our giving to haphazard emotional appeals. Again, whatever else we should be doing with our time, campaigning to change things in favour of the poor and disadvantaged is something for which we should find a place in our Church's life.

There is always room for re-assessment. If ever the day comes for instance, when the United Nations Organisation is run more effectively, then perhaps the work at present done by the proliferation of smaller charities, could be taken over by the U.N. in much the same way that in our own country the State has now largely taken over the important responsibilities of education and health, which were both pioneered by the Christian Church. In the meantime what matters is that Christian Aid continues to serve the poor and disadvantaged of the world well in the name of Christ, and thus serves the Christian Church well. I look forward to hearing from Phil Ray and Malcolm Hearsey of the results of our efforts this year, and at the same time I thank all those of you who were involved in the door-to-door collection.

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES



The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group which provides insurance protection for around 97% of Anglican Churches is introducing a **Parish Voucher Scheme**. Whenever you take out a household or motor policy with Ecclesiastical Direct you will be sent a voucher which our Church treasurer can redeem for cash

For all new motor and household policies you will receive a £25 voucher and when you renew an existing policy you will receive a £10 voucher. The insurance premium on Deane Church alone is of the order of £4,000. If 50 of us were to insure our cars and homes with this firm, then this premium could be reduced by £2,500. This firm's policies are excellent and extremely competitive. You may even find that, not only are you able to make a valuable donation to Deane Church (which won't cost you anything!), but you could end up saving money as well. And you don't have to be a church member either! For a free quotation, simply contact Ecclesiastical Direct on Freephone 0800 336622.

Flower Festivals Galore

Invitations have been received to the following:

June 1-4 The Church of the Holy Family, Lord Lane, Failsworth.
Thursday & Friday 1.00-9.30pm.
Saturday 10.30am-9.00pm
Sunday 1.00-8.00pm

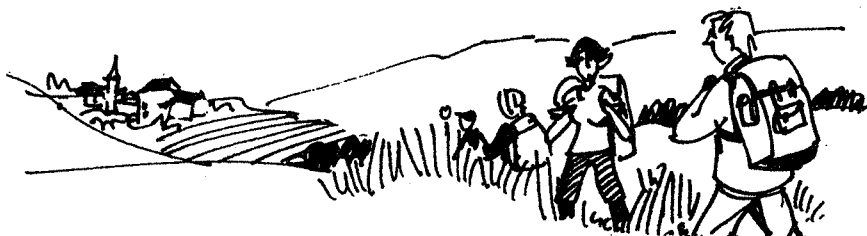
June 2-4 St. Joseph's Church, Bolton Road, Anderton.
For details ring 01257 480474

June 23-25 St. John's Church, Shuttleworth, Ramsbottom.
Friday 10.00am-8.00pm
Saturday 10.00am-6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am-6.30pm.

July 14-16 St. Andrew's Church, Arm Road, Dearnley.
Friday and Saturday 10.00am-8.00pm
Sunday 12.00 noon-4.00pm



Summer Walk.



Ken and Myra Higson have planned a summer walk on Saturday June 10th. Meet at the Memorial Hall at 1.00pm to travel initially by car to the start of a 6 mile walk. Strong footwear, drinks and light refreshments are advisable.

A week later on Saturday June 17th, the Social Committee have arranged another of their popular **Safari Suppers**. Book your place using the list on the notice board in Church. Those with cars will be encouraged to transport those without.



IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM On Sunday May 14th we welcomed into membership of God's Church at Deane:
Heather Victoria Nuttall
Leigh James Hilton
Elecia May Bagguley



Congratulations to Philip Partington and Alison Mary Jackson who chose an absolutely delightfully warm summer day for their wedding on May 6th. When they return from their honeymoon in the Dominican Republic they will be living on Wigan Road, Hunger Hill.

Congratulations to Fred and Hilda Collier, members of our 8.00am congregation who celebrated their Golden Wedding on May 12th and to Trevor and Carol Marsden who have recently clocked up 25 years of marriage. Though this country has the highest divorce rate in Europe, these couples have proved that not all marriages become "gruesome twosomes". With God's help they can succeed and it is for His help that we pray in the wedding service.



THE PARISH WEEKEND HOUSEPARTY at Grange-over-Sands May 12th-14th.



On Friday evening May 12th a party of about 50 of us met together at Thornleigh, in Grange-over-Sands. An interesting weekend lay ahead. Our accommodation was extremely good - the staff were most friendly and helpful and the first class food was enjoyed by all.

The spiritual side of the weekend was impressively dealt with by a small team from the group and their talks were all interesting, well thought out and informative.

Competitions were held which kept even the onlookers interested, the final stages being quite nail-biting. How skilful some people are!

Saturday morning found many of us on the seafront at an Edwardian market where stalls in aid of many charities were set up. The entertainment on Saturday night was excellent. After lots of small quizzes, the star turn of the evening in my opinion was the action game in which Harold Lever's face had to be seen to be believed, as he nodded his head and popped up as a cuckoo. He was not alone, but seemed to be the star of the show.

Sunday morning found many of us walking down to the seafront again after a short service, while in the afternoon we went to listen to the local silver band which was very good.

Unfortunately time was running out so we could not stay very long. All too soon our brief holiday was over, having been enjoyed by all ages. After tea we left for home, thoroughly refreshed, both spiritually and physically after this wonderful weekend. Roll on 1996 for another spell.

Ellen Woodward

MONEY MATTERS



Thank you to all who through their regular giving have contributed to God's work through our Church

		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	
April	2	£ 582.85	£ 80.41	£ 663.26
	9	737.85	81.66	819.51
	16	701.45	208.00	909.45
	23	477.32	169.00	646.32
	30	593.85	90.38	684.23
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			174.09	174.09
		<u>£3227.07</u>	<u>£803.54</u>	<u>£4,030.61</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total given was £4,397.

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There was also a very significant reduction in the amount given in this year's **Lent Appeal** when 48 boxes yielded £325 as compared with £444 last year. Is this fall in giving a consequence of the introduction of the National Lottery? Many charities are reporting similar significant reductions in receipts with little guarantee that they will receive a windfall payout from the lottery. Christian giving is on an entirely different plane because it involves giving without any desire to receive something in return by way of prize money.

Bolton Hospice

The recent "Rose Day" collection produced £16,500 of which £88.05 came from donations from members of Deane Church. The Fundraising Director, Bernard Rhead, has acknowledged our support which enables the Hospice to continue its vital work.

The Ladies Guild have invited Mrs. Clegg to give an illustrated talk on her visit to America on Tuesday June 6th. Mrs. Smethurst will give a devotional talk on June 20th.

The Mother's Union have planned a day outing on Wednesday June 7th and hold a branch meeting on June 21st.