

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**FEBRUARY 1996**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 4. NINTH BEFORE EASTER EDUCATION SUNDAY

Theme:  
Christ the Teacher

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

### 11. EIGHTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme:  
Christ the Healer

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 18. SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme:  
Christ the Friend of Sinners

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 25. FIRST IN LENT

Theme:  
Temptation

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

Alpha Group: Every Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7.45pm  
Every Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm

Theatre Outing: "Shadowlands" at the Bolton Little Theatre  
Thursday February 22nd at 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday: Holy Communion at 10.00am 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)

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

**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)

**Caretaker:** David McCormick  
34 Junction Road (654503)

## WHAT'S ON

**Creche:** under 3 years  
Elizabeth Gardiner (660460)

**Scramblers:** 3 to 5 years

**Climbers:** 5 to 7 years  
Denise Cox (653326)

**Explorers:** 7 to 11 years  
Jane Hampson (848433)

All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

**Pathfinders:** 11 to 14 years  
Chris Kilsby (492351)

The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

**C.Y.F.A.:** 14 to 18 years  
Charlie Moore (64313)

The Memorial Hall, Sundays 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.

### 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  
**Guild:** at 7.45 p.m.  
Brenda Dixon (653333)

**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 (419167)

**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 January, 1996.

A lecture which the director of the government's School Curriculum and Assessment Authority gave recently received widespread coverage and comment in the press and elsewhere. Nicholas Tate observed that nowadays many children in schools appear not to know the difference between right and wrong. He claimed that it was often the case that teachers, especially the younger ones, were unsure themselves or afraid to teach moral values and standards of behaviour which might give the appearance of being authoritarian. Though I understand that Dr. Tate is a committed Christian he nevertheless recognises that in the secular and multi-cultural society in which we live Christians simply cannot impose a moral code such as the 10 commandments upon adults and their children. However, he thinks it ought to be possible, through consultation between representatives of various shades of opinion, to establish a set of 'core values' which could be taught to children in schools.

Teachers do have an important role to play, but it would be grossly unfair to assume that teachers should be the ones to take complete responsibility on behalf of the wider society for ensuring that children are brought up with a sense of values. While schools must, and many already do, play their part the whole issue of bringing up the next generation must be the responsibility of us all. It is the particular task and responsibility of parents to teach their children the notions of right and wrong. This teaching is less likely to be achieved at home or at school by having special lessons in morality; it is more likely to be achieved as children observe the attitudes and examples of their elders. Moral values cannot simply be taught; they must be caught from those around, especially from parents and teachers. For instance, we can 'talk until we are blue in the face' about the importance of honesty, of respect for others and their property, of being patient and tolerant to those from whom we differ, of the need for the strong and affluent to support the weak and the poor. However, as children look around they don't need to be geniuses to see that this is not what happens in the real world. Many of us adults apply the rules selectively, choosing to observe those which are in our favour, and ignoring those which we find inconvenient. Of course there are exceptions. For example, I was talking to a man this week who has recently resigned from an extremely well paid job because he could no longer in good conscience work for a firm which was employing dishonest and immoral tactics. Most of us, I suspect, would prefer to turn a blind eye to the dishonesty, claiming that it wasn't really our business, in order to protect our careers in business, management, finance or politics.

Emil Brunner, the distinguished Swiss theologian, has observed that the decline in moral standards follows a well worn path in which there are distinct steps and stages. In the first generation people have a firm belief in God and their behaviour is a practical outworking of their faith. In other words religion comes first and morality follows in its path. In the next generation people sit loosely to belief in God, but they still respect the moral standards of the previous generation. In other words you have morality without religion. In the following generation people question the moral standards and behaviour patterns of their predecessors saying 'why shouldn't we use the firm's stationery, stamps and telephone for our private affairs; they can afford it?' 'If members of the Royal Family can commit adultery, can't I?' and 'What's wrong with coveting the jackpot on the National Lottery?' Quite frankly it's difficult to answer these objections if you have rejected the divine authority behind the moral law. In other words you have neither religion nor morality. That I suggest is the situation in which we find ourselves to-day. Until and unless there is a recovery of belief in the living God, when God becomes real to me and Christ is alive in my personal experience, I see little hope of being able to agree to a set of core values which we adults accept for ourselves and consider worthy of teaching our children.

Roger B. Jackson.



## IN THE NEWS

The Ladies Guild have appointed **Brenda Dixon** as their new leader with **Maureen Edwards** as her deputy. Brenda has taken over from **Pat Boydell** to whom members are especially grateful for serving a double span of two years as leader.

We wish to express our sympathy to the relatives and friends of the following members of our congregations who have died since Christmas:-

**Eunice McCormick** who, with her husband David, has been the caretaker of our Memorial Hall. Once her cancer was diagnosed in the autumn of last year her health had deteriorated rapidly. She will be remembered especially for her service to the elderly when in previous years there was a luncheon club in the Memorial Hall, and more recently by the residents and staff of the Mill View Nursing Home where she so enjoyed working.

**Rose Wrench** had been a most regular member of the 8.00am congregation until her serious heart condition very largely confined her to her home on Wigan Road. For many years she had been an active worker in the local community, especially with the Voluntary Support group at Hulton Hospital and with the Deane Scout and Guide Supporters Association. In this latter connection she was awarded the Scout Thankyou Badge in token of her support.

**Philip Lord** and **Jack Tomlinson** were both very shy and private individuals whom many of us would know by sight at our 8.00am and 10.30am congregations respectively, and yet not really know them. Philip was a bachelor and taught at Claypool County Primary School in Horwich until the onset of cancer made it impossible to work. Jack, after retiring from being a milkroundsman, devoted much of his time to his wife Mary who is not in good health.

We thank God for their lives and the memories of them, and we rejoice in the knowledge that the Christian Church is the only family that does not lose its members by death. If we have received God's free gift of eternal life then though we may die physically we do not die spiritually.



During the Decade of Evangelism 22 Churches in Bolton, including St. Andrew's, Over Hulton and ourselves, are working together for two periods of mission this year. The main event is a 10 day period in the autumn based at the Victoria Hall from October 4-13th. In the more immediate future, however, we are working together with the Archbishop of Canterbury's Adviser in Evangelism, Canon Michael Green. He is bringing a large team of between 40 and 50 people for the period March 24-31st. Each Church is responsible for developing its own programme during this period. It is anticipated that 2 members of the team will be requiring accommodation at this end of the parish (mainly bed and breakfast) and we will be looking for offers of help in this way. On the Sunday 2 team members will speak at the main morning service and at the evening service on March 24th. During the week we have invited team members to join with our 9 Alpha groups meeting on the Tuesday and Wednesday. We have also invited them to be the after-dinner speakers at the Ladies Evening at Smithills Coaching House on Thursday March 28th and at the Men's Evening at Deane Golf Club on Friday March 29th. There is an open invitation to all to attend one or other of these evenings. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Team Members will also be joining the Pathfinder group on Friday March 29th and the CYFA group on Sunday March 24th.

# BITS & PIECES

**The Christian TRAIIDSHOP** is happy to announce that after refurbishment they are now back again at 81 Knowsley Street (Phone 363308). They invite us to come and visit their new look shop which is well stocked with exciting gifts, clothing and accessories, stationery, food and household products made in Third World Countries. Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9.30am - 4.30pm.



The Social Committee have opened the booking lists for two events:  
.....an evening outing to the Bolton Little Theatre on Thursday evening February 22nd for the performance of "**Shadowlands**" which is based on the story of C.S. Lewis who was one of the best communicators of the Christian Faith in this century.

He was an Oxbridge bachelor don who turned from atheism to the Christian Faith and married an American divorcee who was dying from cancer. It is a most moving story.

.....the annual **parish weekend houseparty** which returns to Grange-over-Sands, May 10-12th. Members were so pleased with the accommodation last year that the committee had little hesitation in booking it again for this year. Both these events tend to get overbooked so make sure you book a place early.

## **New Church Electoral Roll.**

Every six years the Church of England requires all its parishes to scrap their existing electoral rolls and to create new ones. 1996 is a "sixth year" and so you are invited to apply to join the new roll using one of the application forms which are available in Church throughout this month. This is the only official list that we have of Church membership and it is most important that it is an accurate and up-to-date reflection of our membership. To qualify for membership of the roll you have to declare that.....

- \* you are baptised
- \* you are a member of the C of E or a Church in communion with the C of E, or a member in good standing of a Church not in communion with the C of E which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.
- \* you are at least 16 years of age.
- \* you are resident in the Parish of Deane, or if you live outside the parish you habitually attended public worship during the past 6 months.

## **Hymn Book Sponsorship**

There has been a most encouraging initial response to the invitation to "sponsor" the purchase of the new hymn book(s). Sponsors have come not only from our Deane congregations, but also from members of St. Andrews and in several cases from members of the public who read a brief note which appeared in the Bolton Evening News. If you wish to be a sponsor please place your donation (£4 for a words only edition and £20 for a full music edition) in an envelope together with a note indicating in whose memory the gift has been made or for what event you are expressing your gratitude.



# 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>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
December	3	£ 557.47	£107.25	£664.72
	10	559.20	75.22	634.42
	17	756.06	189.86	945.92
	24/25	815.20	364.47	1179.67
	31	305.99	67.36	373.34
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			72.78	72.78
		<u>£3,127.67</u>	<u>£876.93</u>	<u>£4,004.60</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,813

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As a result of the CHRISTMAS APPEAL a sum of £580 has been sent to Tear Fund for the work which it is doing in seeking to bring about reconciliation between communities which have been at war with each other. The amount donated came from the following sources:

Brought forward from the Harvest Appeal	£ 5.00
St. Mary's C.E. Primary School Class 6	20.00
Carol Singing Party to Old Peoples Homes	35.00
Men's Evening Out	27.56
Contents of 81 envelopes	488.98
Loose donations	5.46
	<u>582.00</u>
less promotional materials	2.00
	<u>£580.00</u>

## CHRISTIAN GIVING PROGRAMME

In addition to the donations to missions and charities itemized in the January issue of this newsletter a cheque for £360 has now been sent to the Children's Society. This particular donation was held up by the Church Council pending an enquiry into the policy of the society regarding its policy for the adoption of children. It had been alleged that the Society was now prepared to consider applications from gay and lesbian couples to adopt or foster children. Though the Society has been under mounting pressure to change the existing policy to give favourable consideration to such applications it has resisted this pressure. As a result its headquarters in Central London have been picketed by the vociferous gay and lesbian lobby. Though 3 members of staff have resigned in protest this is out of a total complement of more than 1200.