

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 1998

SUNDAY DIARY

1. 4th OF EPIPHANY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
& Baptism
6.30pm Evensong

8. 3rd BEFORE LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Family Communion

15. 2nd BEFORE LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

22. 1st BEFORE LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
& Thanksgiving
6.30pm Family Communion



*Colourful winter sunset over the frosty Cotswolds south of Cheltenham (Photo: Paul Felix)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday February 11th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesdays/Wednesdays February 3rd/4th and 17th/18th

Church Council: Monday February 9th at 7.45pm

WHO'S WHO

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

Vicar: Paul Ellis
St Andrew's Vicarage
Crescent Avenue (651851)

Readers: Christine Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

David Dewhurst
11 Braemar Gardens (651347)

Nola Worsfold
22 Melbourne Road (659099)

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 Road West (492351)

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Buildings & Fabric: Mike Kirkby

Social: Bryan Shephard

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: Julie Cooper
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

Caretaker: Ian Cooper
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

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
Pat Boulton (655068)
All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years
Ian Gardiner (660460)
The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

C.Y.F.A.: 14 to 18 years
Alan Cheetham (61152)
The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

BELL RINGERS

Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.
David McCormick (654503)

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.
Maureen Edwards (419374)

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

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

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies: 1 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Lily Jarrett (63511)
2 Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Janet Barnsley (665896)

Guides: Mondays at 7.15 p.m.
Carole Baxendale (419167)

Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.
Wendy Gooding (653277)

Beavers: Mondays at 5.45 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

21st January 1998.

I have always been impressed by the way St. Paul, when encouraging the Christians at Corinth in South Greece to give financial support to his first century relief fund for the poor and needy, used as an incentive the example of other Christians in Macedonia. Of them he says that though these Christians in North Greece were having a tough time themselves they were extremely generous, and even though they were very poor they gave as much as they could and even more than they could. Moreover, they gave of their own free will.

In the last four weeks I have had four encouraging examples of giving which I wish to share with you.

1. A pensioner from our St. Andrews congregation on hearing that at St. Mary's we were unable to pay our full share of the diocesan budget last year, phoned me to ask if she may be permitted to help reduce the shortfall by making a donation of £650.
2. A former member of our congregation on learning that the East window in the Chapel was in urgent need of attention because of a design fault in its construction, has promised to donate £1,000 towards the overall cost of £1850 + vat, i.e. £2,400. If, as I hope, this person is prepared to "Gift Aid" her donation, then our treasurer will be able to claim from the Inland Revenue an additional £300. This will enable us to proceed with repairing 2 of the 3 lancets that make up the window.
3. A present member of our congregation who is becoming increasingly housebound through age and ill health without fail gives me £5 per month to be used at my discretion but primarily to defray the cost of the materials we use in our home group programmes. She would have liked to have been able to take part herself, but her infirmity prevents her from doing so. This is her way of identifying herself with an aspect of our Church life which she knows is very close to my heart.
4. Another elderly housebound member of our Church Family to whom I and my colleagues have regularly taken communion for several years asked me if she could give Charlie Moore a Home Communion set as a farewell gift. He used it for the first time when giving her Christmas Communion on New Year's Eve in what was his final service as curate of Deane.

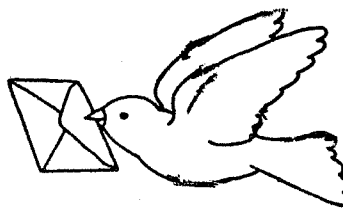
WANTED

Crosslinks, the mission agency with whom Charlie and Sara Moore will be serving in Zimbabwe, require that they communicate a regular news and prayer letter to their Christian friends and link parishes 3 times per year. They require someone in this country, preferably from their home parish here in Deane, to act as the co-ordinator. This person will need to be someone who can be relied upon to photocopy the master copy as soon as they receive it and dispatch it as quickly as possible to those on the address list which needs to be kept up to date. This will involve a cost both in time and money and it could be seen as that persons contribution to the practical support that Charlie and Sara need. If this is a way in which you can be of service to God please have a chat with me to discuss what is involved.

Lent Home Groups

At a recent meeting of home group leaders it was agreed unanimously to make use this year of an "Emmaus" course entitled "Growing in the Scriptures". The 5 week course aims to give us an overview of the Bible. It was felt that though many of us are familiar with certain parts of the Bible we are often ignorant of other parts, especially the Old Testament. The course assumes that most of us don't know a great deal about the Scriptures and therefore we need to learn some basic things in order to see the Bible as a whole. It should therefore, be helpful to beginners, and for those of us who regard ourselves as having passed through this stage we can be of assistance in helping one another to catch up on this part of the Spiritual Journey. It will be a great help to the administration if you "sign on" for the Lent course using the list in Church this month.

Roger B. Jackson.



The Moore Family.

"We would like to say a big Thankyou to all of you for your generous leaving gift and for the many other ways in which you have given to us, and shown your love over the last four years. We also appreciated seeing so many at our final evening service on Sunday 28th December.

In between visiting Crosslinks Partnership Churches, training courses, injections and packing we hope to catch sight of you before we leave Bolton! We will continue to remember both Church families in our prayers".
With our love,

*Charlie, Sara, Joseph
and Amana*

Pat Boulton, who was "mugged" on her way to Church in December.

"Thankyou so much for the ways you have shown your concern and love for me after my unpleasant experience; for your cards, letters, flowers, plants, gifts, visits, phone-calls and most of all for your prayers.

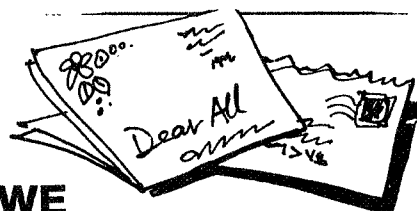
THANK YOU!

I am convinced that the reason I am recovering so well is because of all your prayers and I thank God for you all. Indeed from the moment I was hurt I have felt safe in the Father's Hands, and for this I really thank God".

Eric Downs, the Leader of the J Team.

"For some time now there has been a growing concern about escorting the children from school to the Memorial Hall along the busy Wigan Road on Friday afternoons. This problem has been resolved at a stroke by the Headteacher agreeing to the J Team resuming their programme on the school premises.

I especially wish to thank those who have kindly escorted the children in the past. The J Team leaders have greatly appreciated your help in this matter".



**WE
APPRECIATED**

Madge Keating who with many others enjoyed the Tea Dance on January 10th.

"On behalf of all those who attended this function I wish to convey to the Social Committee our appreciation for all they did to make the Tea Dance and Buffet such a wonderful success. We look forward to the next event which they plan".



Vigil '98 is an evening of music, prayer and silence for our nation led by the New English Orchestra – a group of professional musicians who are practising Christians. They are playing in 5 of our Cathedral cities this year, coming to Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, February 7th at 7.30 pm. Their programme includes "I was glad" (Parry), Vivaldi's "Gloria" (4 movements), Bizet's "Adagio" and Allegri's "Miserere" plus lively Spirituals and Hymns for all. Entry is free though a free will offering will be taken.



**WE NEED
YOU**

Once again we are appealing for help in cleaning the Church Lounge. This is used almost exclusively by Church organisations and we ought to regard it as our responsibility to see that it is cleaned regularly. The premises are cleaned fortnightly and if we have 3 teams then the duty comes round once in six weeks. At present we only have 2 teams of two people and one of these will soon be depleted. Consequently we are looking for at least 3 people who can help on a Friday morning or afternoon every sixth week. Offers should be made to Mary Jackson.

WORLD NEWS

EUROPEAN UNION

The Presidency of the European Union (EU) revolves between member countries and January sees the beginning of Britain's six month term. Under Britain's Presidency the EU will decide its position on the re-negotiation of the Lomé Agreement – the agreement that gives aid and preferential trade arrangements to poorer former colonies. Pray for the British Government as it takes up the Presidency, asking that EU policies will have a positive impact on the Third World.

ENVIRONMENT

Following last month's summit in Kyoto, Japan, on global warming, pray that world leaders will have the political will to take seriously humanity's responsibility

as stewards of God's creation. At the summit British scientists said that more than 20 million people will face starvation and drought in the next 50 years as a result of climate change.

LANDMINES

Give thanks to God for the deal banning landmines signed by 110 countries last month in Ottawa, Canada. Pray that key countries refusing to sign, including the USA, Russia, China and India, would bow to international pressure. The UK has said it will make the provision of aid conditional on countries signing up to the landmine ban.

AFRICA

RWANDA

Recent raids by Hutu militiamen on a Rwandan jail have resulted in the release of over 700 prisoners facing trial for genocide. An estimated 15,000 Hutu militiamen, albeit poorly armed, are waging a campaign of violence in the north-west of the country. Pray for stability in Rwanda and for Tearfund-supported reconciliation. Pray too for the judicial process – 120,000 people are awaiting trial for genocide in poor conditions in makeshift jails.

220,000 people have been made homeless. Pray for Tearfund partner World Concern, assisting those affected.

SOMALIA

The Shabelle and Juba rivers have burst their banks resulting in the worst flooding in Somalia for 40 years. The death toll has risen to over 1,500 and around

CONGO

Clashes between army factions recently saw some of the worst violence since the take-over by President Laurent Kabila. Pray for renewed peace and stability. Pray, too, that President Kabila will rule with justice and integrity. There is concern over the new government's obstruction of a United Nations mission investigating massacres of Rwandan refugees.



ASIA

INDIA

Sixty people were killed last month by an armed gang in an outbreak of caste violence in the eastern state of Bihar. The dead were supporters of the Indian Communist Party and are thought to have been killed by Ranbir Sena, a private militia hired by landowners. Pray for peace in the region and inclusion within society of the marginalised.

1904. Pray for the victims and that aid will reach those who need it.

VIETNAM

Five hundred people have died and over 3,600 are missing as a result of Typhoon Linda. Thousands have been left homeless in the worst storm in Vietnam since

NORTH KOREA

Peace talks started last month in Geneva between North Korea, South Korea, the United States and China in Geneva to replace the armistice that followed three years of fighting in the Korean Peninsula. Pray that the talks will end in a long-term peace agreement. Pray for Tearfund partners bringing relief in North Korea – it is the first time Tearfund has been able to work in the communist North.



MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
December 7	£677.82	£ 82.36	£760.18
14	683.94	99.69	783.63
21	837.47	192.03	1029.50
24/25		303.21	303.21
28	597.86	82.52	680.38
Standing Orders	275.50		275.50
Weekdays		229.88	229.88
	----- £3,072.59 =====	----- £989.69 =====	----- £4,062.28 =====

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,373

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As a result of our **Christmas appeal** a sum of £470 will be sent to Tear Fund for the support which they are giving to the project which is seeking to help young girls in Bolivia who live on the streets and/or work on the streets. The amount donated came from the following sources:



Late donations brought forward from the Harvest Appeal	£ 10.17
Contents of 84 envelopes	432.57
Carol Singing Parties to Old Peoples' Homes	25.00
Ladybridge Baby and Toddlers Group	14.26

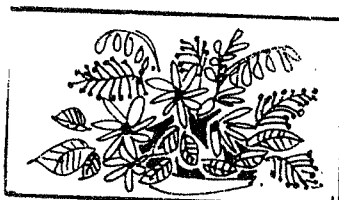
	482.00
Less promotional materials	12.00

	£470.00

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In addition a further £48 was donated by those who kindly sent their Christmas greetings to the Church Family on a single card and gave the money saved on purchasing additional cards and postage to our Church's on-going support to the Embu Street Children's Project in Kenya.

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The following dates on the **Flower Rota** are still free for anyone who wishes to provide flowers for the main Communion table:
March 8th, April 5th, September 13th.