

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**MAY**

**1999**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 2. SIXTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
and Thanksgiving  
6.30pm Evensong

### 9. SEVENTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
Youth Service in  
Scout & Guide Hut  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### 16. EIGHTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 23. PENTECOST

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family/Parade Service  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### 30. TRINITY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong



*The Champion Shire at a recent Lincolnshire County Show (Photo: Clifford Knowles)  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Christian Aid Week: May 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Ascension Day: Thursday May 13<sup>th</sup> Communion at St Andrew's  
at 10.00am and at St Mary's at 7.30pm

Church Council: Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm

Prayer Focus: Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in the Rectory

March for Jesus: Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon Victoria Square

## WHO'S WHO

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

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

**Readers:**

David Dewhurst  
11 Braemar Gardens (651347)

Nola Worsfold  
22 Melbourne Road (659099)

**Wardens:** Philip Gore  
12 Ellesmere Rd (63798)  
Bryan Shephard  
57 Molyneux Rd (01942 817288)  
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  
**Worship:** Nola Worsfold  
**Social:** Bryan Shephard

**OTHER OFFICIALS**

**Organist:** Jim Needham  
130 The Pewfist  
Westhoughton (01942 812692)

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

**Vergers:** 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

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.

**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.  
Clare Miles (63355)  
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.  
Jane Wadsworth (657254)

**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

24<sup>th</sup> April, 1999.

## Are we racist?

It is 6 years since the black teenager Stephen Lawrence was murdered in cold blood by white racist thugs on the streets of a parish very close to the one in which I served as vicar in the London Borough of Greenwich before I came north. In the aftermath of that sad event the Macpherson Commission of Inquiry accused the Metropolitan Police of "institutionalised racism".

Not surprisingly, people working in an organisation accused of suffering from institutionalised racism are upset by this slur on their integrity "I'm not racist", the cry goes up, "and neither are my colleagues". But this is missing the point. The point of institutionalised racism is this – though an organisation may be made up of many good people without individual racial prejudice, the organisation itself works to the disadvantage of people from the ethnic minorities.

Whether or not the police are intentionally racist, the facts are that black people in general, and black young men in particular, are 5 times more likely to be stopped and searched by the police than those from the white population. They are more likely to be charged, less likely to be given bail, more likely to be convicted and given a custodial sentence. It's hardly surprising, therefore, that black people firmly believe that the criminal justice system treats them unfairly. What the Macpherson Inquiry has done is to enable white British people like myself and yourself to look at the situation through the eyes of black British people.

For this we can thank Stephen's parents, Neville and Doreen Lawrence, whom, I understand, are practising Christians. It has been their persistence in demanding to know the facts of their son's death and their refusal to be sidetracked, patronised or stopped that led to the Inquiry. It has been their quiet painful dignity in the face of some shocking details that have enabled parents, black and white to empathise with them in the loss of their son. It has enabled us to see our criminal justice system through their eyes.

The police are by no means the only organisation suffering from institutionalised racism. To a large extent they reflect the attitudes of society as a whole. The truth is that none of our institutions can bear too much scrutiny, and sadly it would be foolish to claim that the Christian Church in this country is better than any other organisation in combating institutionalised racism. We have not yet recovered from the legacy of the '50's and '60's when immigrants from the Caribbean, in particular, were welcomed into this country because they were willing to do those jobs in the NHS and public transport which many white people considered to be below their dignity. This was especially the case in London. At the same time, however, though many of them came from a Christian Anglican background, they didn't feel at all welcomed in their parish churches. But now 40 years later some lessons have been learned, for in many C of E congregations in the London area there are sizeable numbers of members with a Caribbean background, and the Bishops of Croydon and Rochester and Stepney are all coloured men. Having said that however, the number of black Christians serving on important councils and committees does not in any way represent their proportion in local congregations.

In our own parish we have very few people with an African or Caribbean background. In the main the ethnic population consists of those with an Indian/Hindu and Pakistani/Muslim background. Nevertheless we do have within our Church membership those who have come to us from African and Caribbean Christian cultures. I hope they feel welcome and that we are not guilty of being smug and patronising them in any way. May God grant that He will open our eyes to see ourselves as others see us, and that we will be honest enough to face the challenge of the Macpherson Inquiry of rooting out institutionalised racism in our midst.

Roger B. Jackson.



## IN THE NEWS

**Baptism:** On Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> we welcomed into membership of Christ's Church at Deane: Max Drumond Yarwood, 9 Cairngorm Drive, Ladybridge.

**Sympathy:** We extend our condolences to the families of three of our members who have died recently: Colin Hannay, Joe Penrose and Joyce Sutcliffe.

Joyce's sister Barbara has written to say –

"a big thank you to you all for your love, prayers and messages of sympathy on the death of Joyce. It is a comfort to know that she is now with the Lord whom she loved so much. We shall miss her very much as I am sure you will too. Joyce was very much part of your Church family. She often shared with me the happy times she spent with you all. It was such a shock to us when Joyce died so suddenly that it really hasn't sunk in yet. Thank you once again. God bless you all. With Christian love from all my family, Barbara".

**Appreciation:** We acknowledge our gratitude to two of our Church officers who are retiring from their posts: to Les Kilsby who stands down after serving 5 years as a Churchwarden and to Keith Acton who for the past 15 years has been a Church councillor and our treasurer for 7 ½ years.

**Karen Greenhalgh and Matthew Kilsby** are two of the young people from our parish who are representing the Diocese of Manchester at a weekend in London at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. It is entitled "The Time of our Lives" and we will look forward to receiving a report from them in the next issue of this newsletter.

**Bob Lunt**, our Link Missionary in Argentina writes to say: "I fly to S. America on April 6<sup>th</sup> and remain there until May 23<sup>rd</sup>. During this period I will be spending most of my time with my fellow translators on the book of Jeremiah when we hope to be joined by a translations consultant from the United Bible Society. Then there will be just 4 short books remaining in the Old Testament for us to complete for my next trip to Argentina in September. There is a new computer programme called Paratext designed to help check translations. On my way back I shall be spending a week in Miami learning to use it".

## BITS & PIECES

**The Ladies Guild** programme for this month is as follows –

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May Mr. Barton reveals all in his talk "Behind the Scenes". This will be preceded by a short Christian Aid video entitled "Friada's Story".

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May Annual outing to the Lake district.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May "Hearing dogs for the deaf". – Mrs. J. Duckworth.

**The Mothers' Union** meet once a month on the second Wednesday at 2.00 pm. The speaker this month on May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mr. Eric Downs.

This year's **March for Jesus** is on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon starting in Victoria Square opposite the Town Hall. It will last about 1 ½ hours finishing with a short open air service. Similar processions of Christian Witness will be taking place in most major towns and cities throughout the country. In preparation for the March there will be a prayer celebration addressed by the Bishop of Manchester at Bolton Pentecostal Church, Bury New Road on Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.



## AFRICA

### SIERRA LEONE

The violence continues, and it is uncertain how long ECOMOG peace-keeping forces will remain in Freetown. There is also a pressing need for plastic sheeting to shelter internally displaced people in Freetown before the rains come in May. Pray that Freetown will remain stable and for an openness in discussions between government, rebels and other regional and international players to bring about a lasting peace. Pray too for Tearfund partner the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone (EFSL) as they implement a shelter programme under these difficult conditions.

### SUDAN

More than 300 Dinka and Nuer leaders have signed a covenant of peace. The Dinka-Nuer West Bank Peace and Reconciliation Conference held in Bahr el Ghazal last month resulted in leaders of southern Sudan's two main rival tribes signing a peace agreement to end clashes that have lasted seven and a half years. Pray that this will be upheld and lead to lasting and genuine peace.



## MEDITERRANEAN/CENTRAL ASIA

### ALGERIA

Pray that elections this month go smoothly and bring about an end to the seven years of civil war.

### AFGHANISTAN

It is hoped that civil war may be nearing an end after warring factions have agreed to share government

and work towards a ceasefire. The situation remains fragile, however, so pray that this agreement will lead to lasting peace and genuine freedom.



## LATIN AMERICA

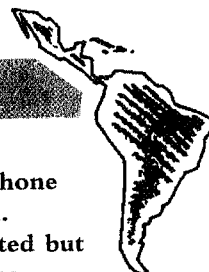
### BRAZIL

Millions of Brazil's poorest are facing further hardship after the government's halving of the budget for food for needy families.

### COLOMBIA

After the earthquake, main services are slowly being re-established. Access to rural areas is still difficult, but

the main roads have been cleared and telephone services should be operating normally soon. Supplies are being more efficiently distributed but important needs such as water, basic hygiene equipment and shelter material are still to be adequately met.



## ASIA

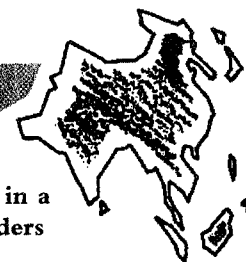
### INDIA

Last month a severe fire in the Sanjay Amar colony on the bank of the river Yamuna, Delhi, left 2000 slum huts burnt to ashes and 70 people dead. The fire was so severe that it took almost 24 hours to bring it under control.

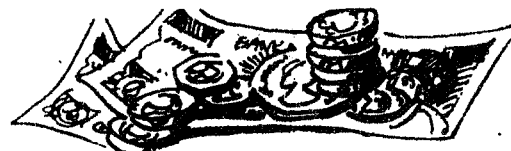
Representatives of 270 Christian Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) from nearly all of India's states met in Delhi in March for the formal launch of CANA (Christian AIDS/HIV National Alliance). India faces a huge AIDS problem and is likely to have more cases than the rest of the world combined by 2005. Pray for an effective co-ordinated response by Christian NGOs and the national government.

### BANGLADESH

Partners in Bangladesh report that in a big rally last month, fundamentalist leaders declared that by 2000 they will form an Islamic Taleban-style government. They are very much against intellectuals, artists and NGOs and have openly stated their plan to strike such sections of society, if necessary using violence and murder to pave the way for the success of an Islamic revolution. The fundamentalists also mentioned that Osama Bin Laden is their leader.



# MONEY MATTERS



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

|                 | Planned Giving<br>Envelopes | Loose<br>Collections      | Totals                      |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mar 7th         | £486.92                     | £ 96.29                   | £583.21                     |
| 14th            | 623.29                      | 123.16                    | 746.45                      |
| 21st            | 495.35                      | 96.44                     | 591.79                      |
| 28th            | 694.49                      | 100.36                    | 794.85                      |
| Standing Orders | 175.50                      |                           | 175.50                      |
| Weekdays        |                             | 83.77                     | 83.77                       |
|                 | -----<br>£2,475.55<br>===== | -----<br>£500.02<br>===== | -----<br>£2,975.57<br>===== |

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,230

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The Director of Fund-raising at Bolton Hospice has written to thank those who contributed towards a total of £53.50 for the "Billy Brick" appeal to fund the extension of their day-care facilities.

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At the time of going to press the current totals in the Lent Appeal "Count your Blessings" and the Tear Fund Kosovo Refugee Appeal stand at £505 and £624 respectively. The final totals will be published in next month's issue of the Deane Church News.

## Christian Aid Week, 9-15 May 1999

**Christian Aid**  
We believe in life before death

This provides Christians with an excellent opportunity each year to alert our neighbours to the responsibility that we as individuals and as a nation have to support the work of humanitarian relief. Our T.V. screens are full of pictures of our fellow human beings who through no fault of their own are suffering as a result of natural calamities such hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding and drought or who are forced to become refugees as a result of man's inhumanity to man.

### A prayer for Christian Aid Week.

*May our hands be your hands, O God,  
Gathering in the harvest.  
May our feet be your feet,  
Bringing good news for the poor.  
May our hearts be full of your compassion,  
Inviting all whom we meet to open their heart  
too,  
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*



Because of the building developments that are going on in our parish we require at least 80 sets of legs to volunteer to be engaged in this year's door-to-door collection. Your small effort of devoting a couple of hours could be an enormous help to some poor soul, so don't leave it to others. Please volunteer yourself.