

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1999

SUNDAY DIARY

6. FIRST AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evening Communion

13 SECOND AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Youth Service in
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evensong

20. THIRD AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evening Communion

27. FOURTH AFTER TRINITY DEANE SERMONS

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
The Revd. Joyce Mitson
2.30pm Family Service
The Revd. Phil Mason
3.30pm Procession of Witness



Market day at Thaxted, Essex (Photo: John Beldom)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Wednesdays June 2nd , 30th only at 10.00am
in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday June 30th at 8.00pm in the Rectory

Church Council: Monday June 14th at 7.45pm

Home Groups: Tuesday/Wednesday June 22nd /23rd

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p>Rector: Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p>Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)</p> <p>Wardens: Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</p>	<p>Creche: under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)</p> <p>Scramblers: 3 to 5 years</p> <p>Climbers: 5 to 7 years Denise Cox (653326)</p> <p>Explorers: 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)</p> <p>All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am</p> <p>Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p>CYFA: 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes & Eric Downs (653049)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p>
<p>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</p> <p>Lay Stan Wilson</p> <p>Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p>Honorary Keith Acton</p> <p>Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p>Honorary Les Kilsby</p> <p>Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p>BELL RINGERS Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (650692)</p> <p>CHURCH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p> <p>MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Joyce Owen & Carol Tickle (693030)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm</p>
<p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby</p> <p>Worship: Nola Worsfold</p> <p>Social: Philip Gore</p> <p>Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p>
<p>OTHER OFFICIALS</p> <p>Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p>Flowers: Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Vergers: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p>Covenant: Sid Harris</p> <p>Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355)</p> <p>2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (665896)</p> <p>Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p>Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p> <p>Beavers: Monday at 5.45pm Jane Wadsworth (657085)</p> <p>Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)</p>

The Parish Office at the Rectory, 234 Wigan Road (61819) is open on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00am to deal with initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage.

The Rector writes

29th May, 1999.

Whereas in more recent years Deane Sermons has been a celebration extending over a weekend this year it will be confined to the Sunday June, 27th. There are several reasons for this change, and because it means that there will be no fun day on the Saturday afternoon in the school grounds and no open-air service on the Sunday at the school some have interpreted this as meaning a deterioration in the Church/school relations. Eric Downs in a footnote to this letter has refuted this suggestion.

At the main morning communion service the preacher will be Joyce Mitson. Joyce has recently retired as a minister in West Bromwich and has returned to her native Bolton, taking up residence on the Ladybridge estate and joining our congregation. I hope that once she has settled into her new surroundings she may be able to assist us as are Tony Woodward at the Deane end of the parish and John Hurst at Over Hulton. As the number of stipendiary clergy has fallen from about 15,000 when I was ordained 40 years ago to about 10,000 nowadays we are becoming increasingly dependant upon the retired clergy who are fit, well and willing to continue to serve the Lord in a voluntary capacity. We are most grateful to them and especially in our parish because there is little prospect of ever having another curate so long as we continue failing to pay our share of the Diocesan Budget.

The afternoon family service will be in Church when the visiting preacher is Phil Mason, the recently appointed minister of the Methodist Victoria Hall congregation in the town centre. I understand that Phil is the youngest minister ever to be appointed to this particularly responsible position. At this service there will be musical contributions from our Church School and also from our Climbers and Explorers. Following the service there will be a procession of witness through some of the streets in our large parish.

Finance.

I am very happy and somewhat relieved to report that Keith Acton, having announced his retirement as our Church Treasurer, has expressed his willingness to continue to serve God in this particular role. Under the new Charities legislation the Church Treasurer for a parish of this size needs to be more than a ledger clerk. He needs accountancy skills as well and this is what Keith possesses. We are most grateful to him and to his firm, Bentley and Co. for the time which they give freely in dealing with our Church accounts. By the same token, I would like to express our gratitude to Ian Hampson of Hill Eckersley and Co. who also gives freely of his time to act as our independent financial examiner.

Young People's Report.

I commend for your reading the article overleaf entitled "The Time of Our Lives". It is written by two of our young people, Karen Greenhalgh and Matthew Kilsby who report on their recent weekend visit to London at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. I understand that he was a great "hit" with many of the young people, who are calling him "George" rather than "His Grace"! It must be said that I haven't heard our representatives speak of the Archbishop in this way – at least not in my presence! The Archbishop has asked the young people to return to their home Churches and share their experiences at the "Time of Our Lives". Their article is one way of showing how obedient they are.

Roger B. Jackson.

A postscript from Eric Downs. - It has come to my attention that there is a feeling that relations between church and school have deteriorated and are somewhat strained at the present time.

As an active Church member and Chairman of Governors of our school, I am writing to completely refute the idea. If strained relations exist, I would suggest that they do so only in the minds of individuals and should be confined to purely personal thought. On the professional front there can be no doubt that all connected with St. Mary's school still desire and make every effort to continually improve and strengthen the link with Church.



On Friday the 30th of April, 30 young people gathered from all over the Manchester diocese in order to travel down to London for the "Time of Our Lives" weekend (The Archbishop of Canterbury's millennium event for young people). The event began with entertainment at the Albert Hall, which was full of celebrities, including Diane Louise Jordan and George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury. There was music from a band called 'Why?' who are a blend of funk, folk and rock as well as music from DBA. The climax of the evening was a performance by the London Community Gospel Choir who sang a range of songs including Amazing Grace and Swing Low Sweet Chariot that had the audience on its feet dancing and clapping. We went back to the centre at St Mary's Islington, where we were staying, by tube. The accommodation was very good for a community centre and was much better than the places where other groups were staying. The hospitality we were shown was very warm, friendly and welcoming.

We started the Saturday by travelling to Westminster in order to get to our seminars for the day. There were a variety of seminars to choose from and we went to "Playstations, Pills and Paranoid Androids" which was held in Westminster central hall. This was about Christianity as we approach the millennium and what role it has to play in the world. There was music from a Nigerian band and also a very interesting sketch that presented the story of the prodigal son in a new way. As well as this action there was a live satellite interview with a theologian in New Zealand, which we found to be very interesting.

Our afternoon session was in the Houses of Parliament for a seminar entitled "The Politics of Faith". This included debates between several bishops about issues concerning the modern church and the monarchy. The second half of the seminar was similar to "Question Time" with debate from the Liberal Democrat MP, Simon Hughes and the Conservative MP, Peter Bottomley.

We later went sight-seeing in London which included Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, Downing Street, Hyde Park, Covent Garden and the changing of the guard. To take us round these sights we had a youth leader with us, who after half an hour of us knowing him was renamed "Ip", who had lived in the area before moving to Salford as a Curate.

In the evening several varieties of entertainment were provided including jazz from Courtney Pine in the grounds of Lambeth Palace, a dance party, theatre and stand-up comedy all of which were held in Westminster Central Hall. We also decided to play Frisbee in the grounds outside Central Hall as they were being sold throughout London as part of the "Time of Our Lives" merchandise.

We awoke on Sunday morning and went to a service at the church that was providing our accommodation. This was a very interesting service combining modern and traditional worship. After the service we were treated to lunch by our hosts, which again showed their very kind hospitality. Next on the agenda was a garden party in the grounds of Lambeth Palace and there were many activities going on such as a "tug-of-war" and a "Bungee Wall". At 5 PM we gathered at the gates of Lambeth Palace in order to march to St Paul's Cathedral in a long, loud and traffic-stopping procession. The service itself was led by Soul Survivor who are a Christian ministry and band. We filled the cathedral with 1,000 young people from all over Britain and it is true to say that the experience was amazing.

On Monday we woke up very tired because of little or no sleep over the past weekend. The final event that we attended was a service in the Marquee, set up in the grounds of Lambeth Palace. The service was a mixture of many different worship styles from rap to more traditional music from the choir, and the atmosphere was brilliant as there were 4,000 of us crammed into the marquee.

It was then sadly time to leave and we travelled on the coach home with a much broader knowledge of Christianity and also motivated to play a more significant role in our churches at home.

All in all we had a great time meeting thousands of other young Christians from all over Britain and if we had the chance we would definitely go again to a similar event. We would like to thank the church for giving us the opportunity to take part in such a memorable event.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE BALKAN CRISIS

Once again the Balkans' volatile mix of ethnic, religious and political tensions has exploded into a crisis of major proportions. Europe has witnessed a movement of people unprecedented since the Second World War, people who have experienced a traumatic and sudden uprooting from their homes and who face an insecure and uncertain future. Many have lost members of their families.

Over 500,000 Kosovar refugees have left their homes since 24 March 1999, the majority moving over the border into Albania. The pressure on authorities unprepared for this influx has been intense; Tearfund was among the first agencies to be active in meeting the needs of the refugees in Albania.

The situation is changing day by day. These prayer points offer a framework for ongoing intercession in this time of great material and spiritual need.

Please pray

- **for the refugees** - that they might find the comfort, security and care that they need right now, and that their future might become clear and hopeful as quickly as possible
- **for the authorities** struggling to cope with the challenge of immediate needs and long-term planning
- **for the Tearfund team** - that they will be given all the resources they need, both material and spiritual, to keep going and make a real difference as they demonstrate God's love to the needy
- **for world leaders** - that they might have wisdom to make decisions that will protect the weak and not allow evil to flourish
- **for Christians and others in Serbia** who know suffering and deprivation, and those forced to make difficult choices because of their circumstances
- **for God's mercy, peace and justice** to be sought and found by all the peoples of the Balkans



Praise God

- **for Tearfund partners, Christians and churches** in Albania, Montenegro and Macedonia, who from a recent background of persecution have responded with such energy and enthusiasm to meet the needs of the refugees
- **for the generous response** of Christians and others in the UK to the emergency appeals

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MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Apr 4th	£695.90	£204.80	£900.70
11th	475.67	122.75	598.42
18th	628.81	83.77	712.58
25th	567.78	295.50	863.28
Standing Orders	175.50		175.50
Weekdays		152.89	152.89
	----- £2,543.66 =====	----- £859.71 =====	----- £3,403.37 =====

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,668

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The final sum raised by the appeal for Tear Fund's relief work amongst Kosovo refugees was £675. The amount given to the **Lent Appeal** was £604. The Church Council as decided that £400 should go to Crosslinks to support Charlie and Sara Moore in their ministry in Zimbabwe. The remaining £204 has been sent to Christian Aid in recognition of their imaginative "Count Your Blessings" idea which was obviously a contributory factor in the increase over last year's Lent Appeal.

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When we return from holidays abroad we often have small amounts of foreign coins or notes which we cannot exchange for sterling. Bolton Hospice can convert all foreign currency and obsolete English coins into much needed cash to support the terminally ill in our community. If you place such currency in an envelope marked for Bolton Hospice we will gladly pass this on via the members of our Church Family who work there as volunteers.

BITS & PIECES

The Ladies Guild meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm.

June 1st "Happy days and Sad Days" – Mrs. V. Curran.
 15th "Sue Ryder Homes" – Mr. Wood.
 29th A devotional evening with the Rev'd Norma Cauldwell.

And finally **Tom Stokes** reports that during March and April thieves have stolen 10 of the Millennium roses which had been donated and planted last autumn. The stolen bushes included 4 of the lovely white floribunda, Iceberg. When searching for replacements he saw a wonderful display of many varieties, but they had only one Iceberg at Barton Grange and this they very kindly donated. Tom is also most grateful to the anonymous donor of £45 to purchase replacements.