

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**JULY 1999**

## **SUNDAY DIARY**

### **4. FIFTH AFTER TRINITY**

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

### **11. SIXTH AFTER TRINITY**

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

### **18. SEVENTH AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### **25. EIGHTH AFTER TRINITY**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
& Baptism  
6.30pm Evening Communion



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## **MIDWEEK DIARY**

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Thursday July 15 at 7.45pm

Central Fellowship: Tuesdays July 6 and 20 in the Church Lounge

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<b>Rector:</b> Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<b>Creche:</b> under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)
<b>Vicar:</b> Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	<b>Scramblers:</b> 3 to 5 years <b>Climbers:</b> 5 to 7 years Denise Cox (653326)
	<b>Explorers:</b> 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)
<b>Readers:</b> David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)	All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am <b>Pathfinders:</b> 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)
Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)	The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm <b>CYFA:</b> 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes & Eric Downs (653049)
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<b>Wardens:</b> Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)	
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>	<b>BELL RINGERS</b> Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (650692)
<b>Lay</b> Stan Wilson <b>Chairman:</b> 11 Clough Meadow (492034)	
<b>Honorary</b> Keith Acton <b>Treasurer:</b> 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)	<b>CHURCH CHOIR</b> Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)
<b>Honorary</b> Les Kilsby <b>Secretary:</b> 1386 Junction Road West (492351)	
	<b>MUSIC GROUP</b> Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)
<b>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</b>	
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabrics:</b> Mike Kirkby <b>Worship:</b> Nola Worsfold <b>Social:</b> Philip Gore <b>Mission &amp; Pastoral:</b> Ian Gardiner	<b>LADIES GROUPS</b> Meet in the Memorial Hall <b>Ladies Guild:</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Joyce Owen & Carol Tickle (61849) <b>Mothers Union:</b> Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b>	
<b>Organist:</b> Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)	<b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)
<b>Flowers:</b> Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b> Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut
<b>Verge:</b> Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)	
<b>Archivist:</b> Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)	<b>Brownies:</b> 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (665896)
<b>Covenant:</b> Sid Harris <b>Secretary:</b> 11 Manningham Road (656355)	
<b>MEMORIAL HALL</b>	<b>Guides:</b> Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)
<b>Bookings:</b> Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	<b>Cubs:</b> Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)
<b>Caretaker:</b> Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	<b>Beavers:</b> Monday at 5.45pm Jane Wadsworth (657085)
	<b>Rainbows:</b> Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)

**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

8<sup>th</sup> June, 1999.

## Confirmation.

Because of the way my main holiday has fallen this year, I am writing much earlier in the month than is usual. Fresh in my mind is last Sunday evening's service of Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Manchester. I mention 3 encouraging features.

Firstly, it was good to see the Church reasonably full for an evening service. I guessed that there might have been about 150 present; in the event there were over 250. I'm very glad to have been proved wrong. Though each of the 21 candidates brought a small group of relatives and friends, it was the number of members from our morning congregations at St. Mary's and St. Andrew's which swelled the ranks well beyond my expectations. You had been encouraged to make the effort to come to support those being confirmed and many of you responded. Young people especially experience a great deal of peer pressure which doesn't make it easy to live the Christian life, so they will continue to need our prayerful support and encouragement.

Secondly, for many people Confirmation has been regarded as the "Church Leaving Certificate". No sooner had they been confirmed than they had drifted away from the Church whose membership of which they had just renewed. Consequently the Confirmation Register is one of the saddest documents in our safe. This year, for the first time, we made use of the new Confirmation service which has recently been authorised. A most encouraging feature of this service is that as soon as the candidates are confirmed they are then commissioned to serve God and their fellowmen. I have heard Confirmation described as "the ordination of the laity". This act of commissioning goes a long way in supporting that view.

Thirdly, I was encouraged by the celebration party to which we were all invited afterwards. This was entirely the "brain child" of our youth leaders, and it was made possible not only by their hard work in preparation but also by the generous donations of food by the candidates and their parents. I must confess that I hadn't expected anything other than the usual "bun fight" of tea and biscuits. Imagine my surprise, therefore, on entering the Church Lounge at a fairly late stage to be greeted by a super spread which included my favourite trifle. It was a bit like the feeding of the five thousand and still there was some left over so that the Bishop was able to take a "doggy bag" home with him! Congratulations and many thanks to our young people and their leaders.

## Midweek Fellowship.

Because of holidays and other commitments attendance at the summer home groups in recent years has been rather disappointing. For this reason we shall be running a midweek fellowship programme on alternate Tuesday evenings in the Church Lounge. It is hoped that all members of the established home groups will make an effort to support this gathering as and when they are available. One feature will be to discuss the sermon(s) of the previous Sunday not so much in order to pull the preacher to shreds, but to discover how we can work out and apply the practical implications of God's Word to us. They have been doing this at St. Andrew's in their home groups and have been finding it most helpful. Whether or not you are a member of a home group you will be most welcome to join us.

Roger B. Jackson.



## IN THE NEWS



**Thanksgiving:** On May 2<sup>nd</sup> we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their daughters:

Jamie and Janet Barnsley of 21 Yew Close, for Mary Elizabeth.  
Simon and Julie Glynn of 7 Tempest Street, for Laura Jayne.

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**Attendance Awards** have been received by the following children:-

Climbers:	25 attendances:	Andrew Crompton.
	50 attendances:	Elecia Bagguley, Kimberley and Nicola Burke.
	75 attendances:	Marcus Bates, Rachel Foreman.
	100 attendances:	Thomas Yarwood.
	125 attendances:	Rebecca Smith.
	150 attendances:	Olivia Healey.
	175 attendances:	Ross Shephard, Claire Gardiner, Ruth Kirkby, Stuart Haldon.

At the **Service of Confirmation** held on June 6<sup>th</sup> the following young people publicly confirmed their own faith in Christ and were then confirmed by the Bishop of Manchester in their membership of Christ's Church.

Amy Frances Atkinson, Linda Biney, Yvonne Asieley Biney, Karen Greenhalgh, Matthew Kilsby, Mark Richard Oakes, Rebecca Jane Rutter, Stacey Smith, Elizabeth Anne Valentine, Sarah Jane Valentine and Martin Wagner.

Earlier on the same day Stuart Wagner was admitted to communion in preparation for confirmation.

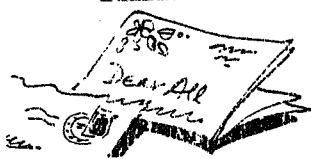
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.....50 years ago! Congratulations to Kenneth and Myra Higson who have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding.

**Pauline Ridyard** writes about another 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – The 66<sup>th</sup> Bolton St. Mary's Deane, Brownie Pack.

**THANK YOU!**



"The anniversary was held in the Memorial Hall on April 14<sup>th</sup>. On view was memorabilia of the Pack with old and new photographs. I served as Tawny Owl from 1950-1957 when I then joined the police. When I returned in 1970 it had become the 67<sup>th</sup> Pack and my own daughters Virginia and Fiona had become Brownies. It was lovely to meet other leaders and brownies from former years. The members of the present Pack served a supper of pasty and peas and they led our singing of Brownie songs to end what was a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks to the present leaders and their helpers.

**Congratulations** to our organist Jim Needham who has been elected Chairman of the Bolton Association of Organists.

**The Ladies Guild** have solved their leadership crisis in the short term. Former leaders have agreed to take it in turns to lead the group for short periods. From July to September Joyce Owen and Carol Tickle will be sharing the leadership. On July 13<sup>th</sup> their guest speaker is Mrs. Harrison and her subject "Bolton Royal Infirmary". On July 27<sup>th</sup> they go on an Evening Outing.

## AFRICA

### D.R. CONGO

Pray that progress made so far towards peace will not be hindered. President Kabila says he has signed a treaty with African presidents to end the conflict, but rebel leader Jean-Pierre Bemba has vowed to continue the armed struggle despite the peace deal.

### SOMALIA

The food shortage situation is worsening as rains have yet to start. The number of displaced people is starting to increase and there are now reports of cholera spreading through the country.

### GUINEA BISSAU

A new outbreak of shelling and fighting last month brought an end to the 9-month conflict and left rebels in

a position to form a new government and hold democratic elections later this year. Pray that this will lead to a genuine and lasting peace, and for Tearfund partner IEGB (Evangelical Church of Guinea Bissau) working in an uncertain atmosphere.

### SIERRA LEONE

Continue to pray for the situation in Sierra Leone, with the ongoing fighting between the rebels and ECOMOG peace-keeping troops. Remember the 700,000-1 million displaced people in the rebel-held areas (90 per cent of the country) as atrocities continue and aid agencies are unable to operate for security reasons.



## EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

### E EUROPE

UNICEF has said that the lives and well-being of over 100 million children in Eastern Europe are in danger from war, poverty, disease and social problems. Remember these children and children worldwide in your prayers - particularly on June 6, a worldwide day of prayer for children, organised by Viva Network.

### THE BALKANS

Continue to remember the suffering both of the

Kosovar refugees who have been forced to flee and of the Serb population who daily face the danger of NATO bombs.

### MIDDLE EAST

Last month's election result shocked Israel, but gives new possibilities for peace. Pray for stability and for the new government as it takes power.

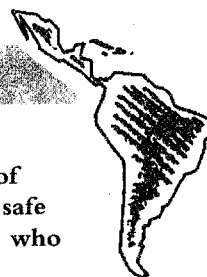


## LATIN AMERICA

### COLOMBIA

The death of three North Americans at the hands of FARC guerrillas has led to increasing conflict with the paramilitary. In addition, hostages from a plane hijacked in April by another guerrilla group, the ELN, have still not all been released. One of the hostages is Grace

Murillo, an IFES (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) worker. Pray for the safe release of the remaining hostages and those who have left their homes to flee the conflict.

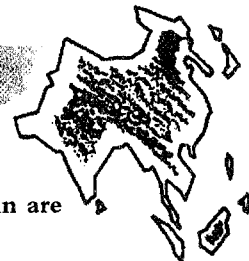


## ASIA

### INDIA

Continue to pray for the victims of the recent earthquake in northern Uttar Pradesh. Tearfund Regional Advisor Prince David recently visited one district and saw over 1,000 houses destroyed or

damaged. Many people are living outside because the houses which remain are too dangerous.



# MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
May 2nd	£591.06	103.52	£694.58
9th	481.55	128.86	610.41
16th	576.99	85.86	662.85
23rd	549.92	101.46	651.38
30th	472.49	101.69	574.18
Standing Orders	775.50		775.50
Weekdays		194.81	194.81
	<hr/> £3,447.51 <hr/>	<hr/> £716.20 <hr/>	<hr/> £4,163.71 <hr/>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,657

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**The Bishop Daniel Zindo Fund** organised by the Sudan Church Association to support the dependant children of the bishop who was killed in a road accident a few months after his wife was murdered has been closed at £30,000 to which we contributed £398. The money has been used to purchase an Investment Bond with Friends Provident, one of the leading Life Insurers. This bond will pay out an annual sum of £3,000 for at least 10 years to be used for the education of this orphaned family.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK REPORT 1999

Reflecting at the end of Christian Aid Week it was very humbling to have witnessed the dedication of the collectors in our area; many with considerable commitments, others going or just returned from holiday, still have been prepared to help with the house-to-house collecting. 57 volunteers helped with the collecting which enabled us to cover 54 out of 62 rounds. This is 3 rounds better than last year! A big thank you to all these collectors. Thanks also to the helpers who counted out the envelopes and to those who assisted with opening the envelopes and counting the money (apologies and thanks to the collector who was innocently returning her envelopes on the Sunday evening and was "hijacked" into helping with the counting).

This year the total for St. Mary's Church is £1,912 and this is only £2 less than last year's total. 1858 envelopes were returned making the average donation about £1 per envelope. The total was made up of £100 in cheques/charity vouchers, £265 in £10/£5 notes, £42 in £2 coins, £804 in £1 coins, £191 in 50p pieces, £180 in 20p pieces, £200 in silver and £130 in bronze (which alone weighed 455 Kg or nearly a hundredweight!) Not included in the total were the two buttons, the nail, the 11 old 10p coins, the 2 sixpenny pieces and the six foreign coins.

During a conversation with one collector I remarked that after a number of years collecting you become familiar with regular reasons for not contributing such as "She's not in". "The dog has eaten the envelope", "I give to our Church" etc. his reply was that in his area he had never encountered this last excuse!

Finally thank you to all contributed to this year's excellent total particularly considering the number of recent appeals.

Phil Ray.