

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 1999

SUNDAY DIARY

5. FOURTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

12. FIFTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Evening Communion

19. SIXTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

26. SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

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



A water bailiff cutting weeds at Bibury, Gloucestershire (Photo: Paul Felix)

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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Monday September 6 at 7.45pm

Church Away Day on Saturday September 18 10.00am - 3.00pm
at St Bartholomew's, Westhoughton

Brief Encounters Conference on Saturday September 25 9.45am - 3.30pm
at St James Secondary School, Farnworth

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
Rector: Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Creche: under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)
Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Scramblers: 3 to 5 years Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)
Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)	Explorers: 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)
Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)	All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)
Wardens: Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)	The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm CYFA: 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes & Eric Downs (653049)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Lay Stan Wilson Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)	The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm
Honorary Keith Acton Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)	BELL RINGERS Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (650692)
Honorary Les Kilsby Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)	CHURCH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)
CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby Worship: Nola Worsfold Social: Philip Gore Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner	MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)
OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)	LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Marjorie Oakes & Pat Boydell (61450)
Flowers: Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm
Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)	Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)
Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)	UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut
Covenant: Sid Harris Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)	Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (665896)
MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946) Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)	Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)
	Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)
	Beavers: Monday at 5.45pm Jane Wadsworth (657085)
	Rainbows: 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

28th August, 1999.

In the late "40's and early "50's my parents and their children came under the influence of the local Christian Church, initially through a family bereavement. The Church was a daughter Church of a much more prestigious medieval parish Church in the centre of the town. One by one over a period of several years we became Christians through the ministry of that small Church as we each one as individuals saw our own need of a personal faith in the living Christ.

Recently my brother, Brandon, who appears to be enjoying a very active and fruitful retirement in the service of our Lord, was invited to go back to St. Cuthbert's in Cheadle to conduct a special weekend programme which they had organised. He was so impressed by what he witnessed that he wrote to the curate-in-charge as follows:-

"I am writing to you simply to say how very impressed I was to note the style and content of your programme. St. Cuthbert's has come a long way since my childhood and, indeed, since my more recent visits. There is a maturity and depth in what is happening that has not been there before. The Church seems to be no longer "the daughter who never comes of age". Added to that, the familiar faces of my contemporaries still actively involved all speaks highly of your ministry. It means that they too have made these necessary strides and that you are bringing them along with you. There was much evidence too of an effective ministry amongst youth, spanning both the teenage years and the early twenties (the span in which the Church nationally is currently a catastrophic failure). There must be a good wife somewhere involved with you in all this. Clearly, the Lord is blessing you in this work and is blessing St. Cuthbert's by sending you to them. Praise the Lord. The Jacksons owe a great deal of gratitude for St. Cuthbert's for it was there that we were first introduced to the Lord Jesus. So thanks for letting me come and share in your ministry".

That is very warm praise indeed. I wonder what Brandon may want to say or write to me after conducting our Away Day on Saturday September 18th? I am praying that many of us will give this half day a very high priority so that there is a good cross section of our Church Family present. It is open to everyone, not just those who are members of home groups and/or who attend the monthly Prayer Focus.

"Have you anything to declare?" is the title which Brandon is giving to the day's programme. He will be giving 3 short talks based on the life of Jacob – Mummy's boy, the Dreamer and the Midnight Wrestler. In addition there will be short periods of worship, a half hour session in groups as well as breaks for a mid-morning drink and for lunch. Starting at 10.00 am we plan to finish by 3.00 p.m.

Church Army Sunday – September 26th

One of our members, Dorothy Cox, begins the final year of her training this month at the Church Army College in Sheffield. September 26th is being observed nationally as Church Army Sunday and I have invited Dorothy to speak at both the main morning and evening services. The Church Army is a lay movement and it is appropriate that in the context of the Family/Parade service on that day we as a Church will be commissioning all those laymen and women who are engaged in leading and teaching in our Children's and Youth organisations, both uniformed and non-uniformed. We need to support by our presence and our prayers.

Roger B. Jackson.

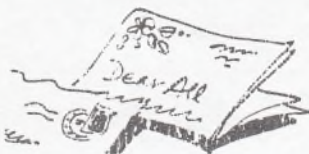


IN THE NEWS

Thanksgiving: On August 8th we gave thanks with Terence Easdon and Andrea Such of 505 Wigan Road for the birth of their son Dane Lewis Easdon.

Baptism: On August 22nd we welcomed into membership of the Church Family Oliver Roy Leigh of 33 Winterfield Drive.
Elliot Jacob Morgan of The Bakewells, 102 Junction Road.
Oliver Luke Morgan of The Bakewells, 102 Junction Road.

THANK YOU!



Mary Grundy wishes to give thanks for all the help she has received during and since her recent unexpected stay in hospital. "With God's grace, the prayers of the Church family, especially members of the Ladies Guild, I never felt alone. Moreover it was so much easier for my daughter, Susan, knowing that I was being helped in practical ways with your love and kindness. I trust that by the time you read this I will be fully back in circulation".



To solve the problem of finding a leader for the **Ladies Guild** former leaders have been taking it in turn to be responsible for leading the group for a short period. This month Pat Boydell and Marjorie Oakes take over from Joyce Owen and Carol Tickle and they will remain in charge during the autumn.

The Guild meetings this month are as follows:-
September 7th "Jean's Health Food". Mrs. Sharples.
September 21st. Harvest Supper.

The Mothers' Union have invited Mr. Platt to address them on Wednesday September 8th.

THE STREET

CHILDREN OF EMBU KENYA

Chris and Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor are anxious to see that our support for this project is maintained. If you would like to join others by making regular donations, then please complete one of the forms for this purpose. They can be found at the back of Church.



We send our best wishes to two of our members, **Keith Howie and Lynette Nicholas** whose wedding is on September 4th. Though they will be welcomed with the bells as bride and groom, they will leave Church as husband and wife to the sound of a bagpipe, Keith being a true Scot.

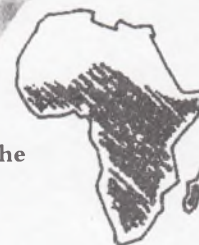


AFRICA

ETHIOPIA/ERITREA

Eritrea has announced that it has provisionally accepted proposals from the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to end its border war with Ethiopia. Eritrean President Isayas Afewerki said that he accepted

an OAU 'framework agreement' for a ceasefire and a withdrawal of troops, provided his interpretation of the suggested accord is approved.



EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

EUROPEAN UNION

The Presidency of the EU has just been handed over to Finland. Pray for guidance as the Finns decide on priorities for the direction of the EU.

MIDDLE EAST

Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak formally presented his government last month. Pray that this new coalition will work well together and that Barak's efforts to accelerate the peace process will be successful.

BALKANS

Peace is slowly returning to Kosovo but much work remains to be done. Pray for the reconstruction plans that are being laid, that these will restore stability and help rebuild an area which has seen so much destruction. Pray too that God will overcome the problem of revenge killings and the heightened ethnic hatred, and that Christians and churches will be a model of light and love and forgiveness.



LATIN AMERICA

COLOMBIA

Praise God that eight hostages were recently released and that Grace Murillo was among them. Pray for others remaining in captivity around the country and those who have gone missing after falling into the hands of guerrilla factions and the paramilitaries.

Pray that talks between government and guerrilla factions will restart and bring about a lasting peace.



ASIA

INDIA/PAKISTAN

Praise God for the relaxation of tension; pray for relations between India and Pakistan and for a lasting solution to the dispute over Kashmir.

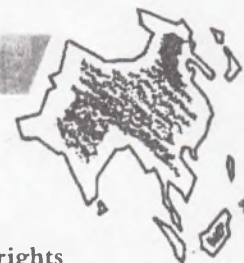
the recent rains began and for those rebuilding homes.

CHINA

Torrential rains and floods recently caused mudslides and threatened people and crops in China. Pray for those who have lost friends and family since

BURMA

Remember the continuing human rights abuses in Burma. Pray that the world will not turn a blind eye to the situation there, and ask God to strengthen and grant success to those who are campaigning for justice.



UPDATE

Tearfund International Personnel worker (Tanzania) **Annabel**

Joyce-Jenkins has started radiation treatment for leukaemia at University College Hospital prior to a bone marrow transplant at Cromwell Hospital. There have been

real answers to prayer regarding donors as one definite candidate has been identified and cleared after screening, and another has just been identified as a back-up. Pray for Annabel and her family, that they may know the Lord's continuing peace and presence.

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
July 4th	£622.08	112.18	£734.26
11th	563.88	74.04	637.92
18th	623.20	116.45	739.65
25th	429.70	198.57	628.27
Standing Orders	210.50		210.50
Weekdays		174.29	174.29
	----- £2,449.36 =====	----- £675.53 =====	----- £3,124.89 =====

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,184

In addition the treasurer acknowledges with gratitude 5 donations of £10; £20; £50; £100 and £20 received during July totalling £200.

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AUTUMN DATES

Saturday September 4th a service of welcome at the installation of the new Bishop of Bolton in the Cathedral at 11.00 am.

Saturday/Sunday September 11th/12th. Heritage Weekend when buildings of historical interest are open to the public. Our church will be open on the Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00 p.m. We require people to be present in pairs for 2 hour slots to guide visitors. Helpful notes are available.

Saturday September 18th Church Away Day led by the former Dean of Lincoln. We are encouraged to give this a high priority from 10.00am – 3.00 p.m. as we prepare spiritually for this autumn leading into the Millennium

Saturday September 25th "Brief Encounters" – a half day conference from 9.45 am to 3.30 p.m led by the Bishop of Sheffield at St. James Secondary School, Farnworth.

Wednesday October 6th An Open Evening to meet the Bishop of Bolton at the Lostock Parish Centre.

Sunday October 10th Harvest Thanksgiving.

Sunday October 31st. United Service of Choral Evensong at Deane at 6.30 p.m..

Sunday November 7th Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at 6.30 p.m. for those who have lost loved ones this year.

Monday November 15th Roger Jones' latest Christian Musical "Snakes and Ladders" at the Victoria Hall at 7.30 p.m.