

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

## DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**DECEMBER 1999**

### SUNDAY DIARY

#### 5. SECOND OF ADVENT

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

#### 12. THIRD OF ADVENT

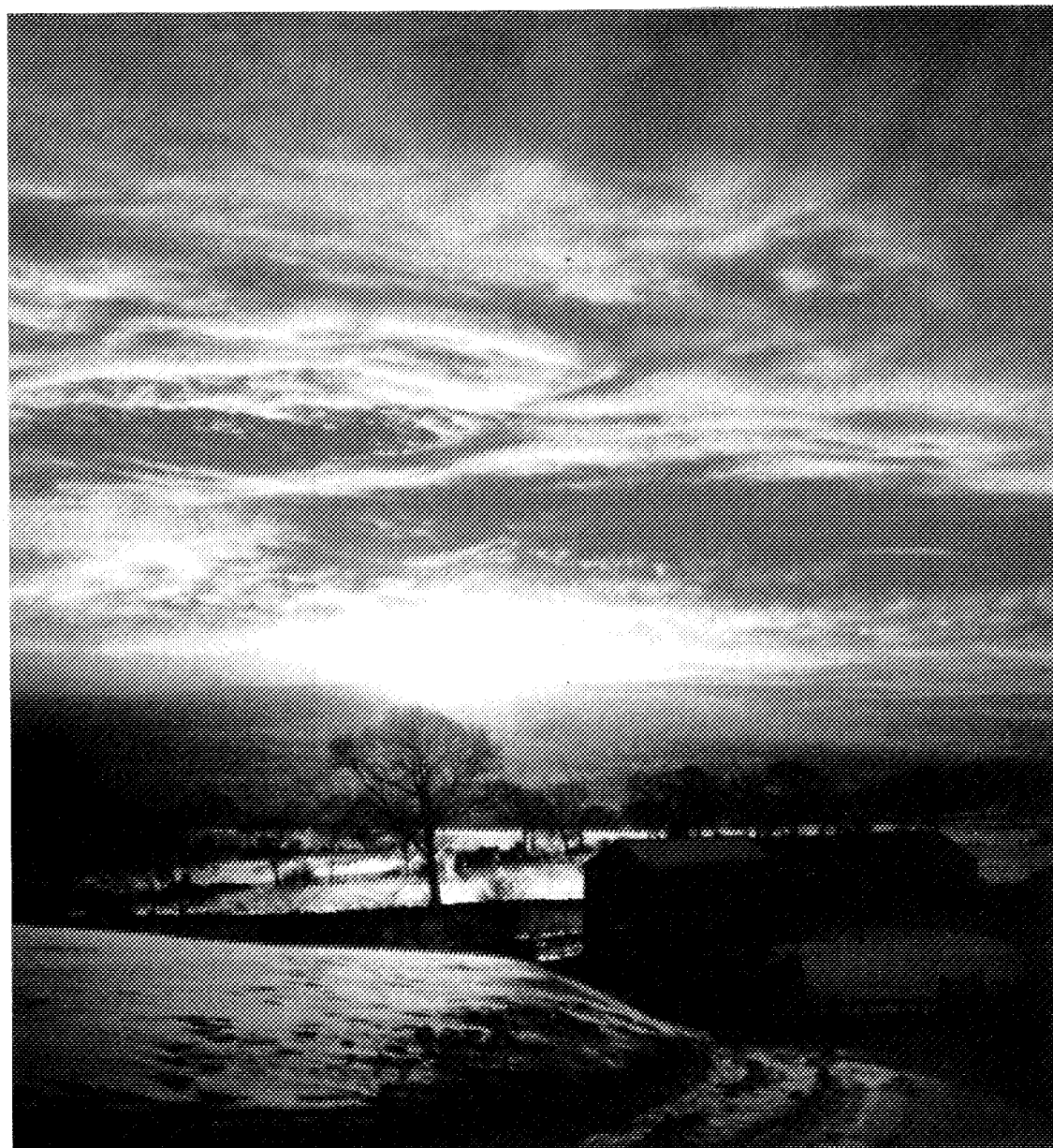
8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
Nativity in the  
Memorial Hall  
6.30pm Evening Communion

#### 19. FOURTH OF ADVENT

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Carol Service  
6.30pm Festival of Lessons &  
Carols by Candlelight  
The Bishop of Manchester

#### 26. FIRST OF CHRISTMAS

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Christingle Service



*A wintry Wharfedale with the sun setting on the Millennium (Photo: John Edenbrowl  
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### MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday December 1st at 8.00pm in the Rectory

Church Council: Monday December 13th at 7.45pm

Carol Singing in the Residential Homes, Monday December 20th

Meet at the Rectory at 7.00pm

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Family Communion preceded by  
Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree from 6.00pm

Christmas Day: Holy Communion at 8.00am & 10.30am

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p><b>Rector:</b> Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p><b>Vicar:</b> Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p><b>Readers:</b> David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)</p> <p><b>Wardens:</b> Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</p> <p><b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b> <b>Lay</b> Stan Wilson <b>Chairman:</b> 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p><b>Honorary</b> Keith Acton <b>Treasurer:</b> 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p><b>Honorary</b> Les Kilsby <b>Secretary:</b> 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p> <p><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</p> <p><b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b> <b>Organist:</b> Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p><b>Flowers:</b> Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p><b>Verger:</b> Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p><b>Archivist:</b> Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p><b>Covenant:</b> Sid Harris <b>Secretary:</b> 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p><b>MEMORIAL HALL</b> <b>Bookings:</b> Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p><b>Caretaker:</b> Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p><b>Creche:</b> under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)</p> <p><b>Scramblers:</b> 3 to 5 years</p> <p><b>Climbers:</b> 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)</p> <p><b>Explorers:</b> 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)</p> <p>All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am</p> <p><b>Pathfinders:</b> 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p><b>CYFA:</b> 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes &amp; Eric Downs (653049)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p><b>BELL RINGERS</b> Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson &amp; Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p><b>CHURCH CHOIR</b> Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p> <p><b>MUSIC GROUP</b> Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p><b>LADIES GROUPS</b> Meet in the Memorial Hall <b>Ladies Guild:</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Marjorie Oakes &amp; Pat Boydell (61450)</p> <p><b>Mothers Union:</b> Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm</p> <p><b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</p> <p><b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b> Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p><b>Brownies:</b> 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (665896)</p> <p><b>Guides:</b> Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p><b>Cubs:</b> Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p> <p><b>Beavers:</b> Monday at 5.45pm Jane Wadsworth (657085)</p> <p><b>Rainbows:</b> 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

27<sup>th</sup> November, 1999.

As we draw close to the end of this millennium we can react to it in at least four different ways.

1. Some of us are approaching it with fear – afraid of the so called “millennium bug” which we are told could lead to a wholesale breakdown of all those many aspects of modern life which depend upon computers for their smooth working. For instance, our Church insurers have warned us to make sure that our heating system and intruder alarm are compliant. We have been assured by their installers that they are!
2. The opposite reaction has been to welcome the occasion with enthusiasm as a potential money-spinner for those with vested interests in the catering and entertainment industries. However, the grossly exaggerated fees and wages that are being demanded for working on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day have meant that a good number of the prestigious celebration parties have had to be cancelled for people have not been willing to pay the prices being asked. A number of the enthusiastic entrepreneurs have got their fingers burnt!
3. We can be apathetic as a result of all the “hype” or exaggerated publicity and media promotion. After all one day is no different from any other in the calendar. I have to confess that this has been my first reaction until I was challenged to view the occasion in a more positive light and that is.....
4. ....for Christians and the Christian Church to view the Millennium as a great opportunity to spell out what it is all about. We are celebrating the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Almighty God entering our world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. How are we to do this?

Firstly, in common with many other Churches both locally and nationally we have been displaying on our Church notice board for several months the millennium sign. Interesting enough the first time I saw what was the forerunner of this sign was at Ephesus in Turkey in March 1998. The Christian Church in that country is incredibly small but they were witnessing boldly.

Secondly, we are planning to give a beautifully produced Millennium Gospel to each child in our Church day school and Church organisations. A printer who is a Christian man is generously making millions of these Gospels available at cost price as part of his personal giving to God’s work. We are paying for them out of the money given in memory of Joyce Sutcliffe whom we have no doubt would approve of making God’s Word more readily available in this way.

Thirdly, we are adapting a suggestion which has come from the Churches Together in England of encouraging one another to light a millennium candle on New Year’s Eve at the turn of the millennium. These candles are in plastic containers and are accompanied by a card containing the Millennium Resolution “Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people, love in our lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs and from now on a new start”. It had been hoped that every household in the country would receive one of these packs but the cost of doing this would be prohibitive. However, we have purchased a good number of candles, each pack costing 30p. It is our hope that members of the congregation will take those for themselves and to hand to neighbours and friends. On no account are they to be sold, but if people taking them would like to make a contribution towards their cost that will be very much appreciated.

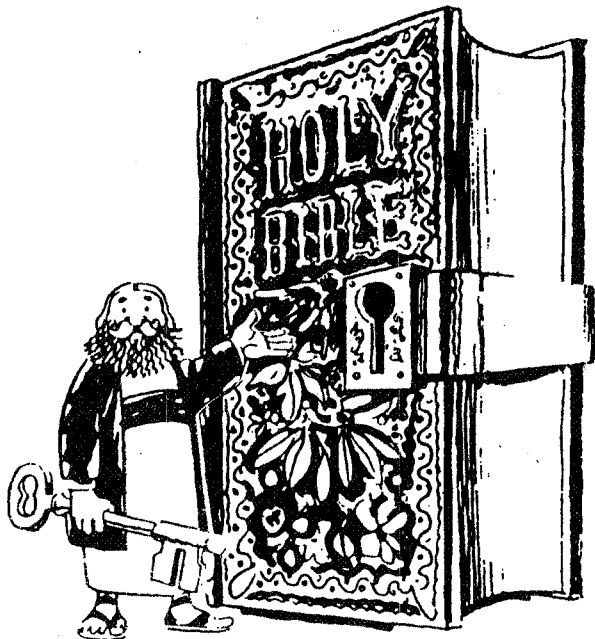
Mary joins me in sending you our best wishes for Christmas and the Millennium celebrations.

Roger B. Jackson.

# BITS & PIECES

Carols of Celebration is the title of the annual concert given by the local musicians "Celeste" in support of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation. The programme includes Vaughan Williams' "The Lark Ascending", Gerald Hopkins (violin) and Jacqueline Tinniswood (piano). The concert this year will be at the Bethel Church, Clarence Street on Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm. Tickets costing £5. (students £3.) can be obtained from Booths' Music on Churchgate.

The Storytellers is a one man show telling the story behind Christmas and the Millennium devised and performed by Andrew Cullum who has performed at the Edinburgh Festival. It provides a good opportunity to introduce your friends to the Reason for the Season. It is to be held at St. Lukes Church, Chorley old Road on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. and admission is free.



## Walk Thru the Old Testament.

Paul Ellis is organising a seminar on Friday evening January 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday morning January 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrews. In the space of six hours we experience the whole story of the Old Testament from the creation in Genesis all the way through the major people, places and events to Malachi. In a very memorable way we see the captivity, the exile, and the returns from exile all graphically explained by transforming the room where we meet into a map of the Middle East. The seemingly impossible is achieved, namely an understanding of how the whole of the Old Testament fits together and taught in a refreshingly different way. The fee for the two sessions is £12.00 which includes a Seminar Manual. Brochures and Registration forms are in Church and should be sent to Paul Ellis by January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Deane Church News is produced on time every month by a small team of voluntary workers. We are most grateful to Craig and Una Mochrie and to Christine Dean who is head of the Deane School Reprographic Unit. Our thanks must go also to David Dewhurst and Mary Jackson for their work in producing the monthly Parish Prayer Diary. And did you know that this publication is now on the web site? Computer boffins can find it on: <http://website.line.net/~deane.parish>.

The Ladies Guild meet on Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> to sing carols and listen to the Christmas readings. Their next meeting will be in the new millennium when they hold their AGM on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Diaries and Calendars for next year.

There are still a few parish diaries available at 75p and once again the Bolton Hospice calendars containing attractive drawings by the local artist Brian Barlow are retailing at £2.25.



## AFRICA

### KENYA

Pray for Tearfund partner Daystar University in Nairobi following two bomb threats from a caller claiming to represent "The Worshippers of Allah". The first was dismissed as a hoax, but the second threat was immediately relayed to the Athi River campus. Swift action was taken to evacuate students from classrooms and call in security personnel, who arrived promptly.

### SUDAN

Members of Tearfund partner the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) have responded with prayer and fasting to the latest government move to seize their church and land. The Khartoum authorities have tried several times in the past two years to confiscate the land.

### SIERRA LEONE

Sierra Leone is emerging from nine years of savage civil war after a cease-fire agreement was signed in May. Pray for the former rebel leaders as they join the government and persuade their fighters to disarm. Pray for reconciliation at all levels throughout the country, for peace to hold, and for the many, both fighters and civilians, coming to terms with trauma, physical injury, and loss of family members and livelihoods. As the disarmament process begins, access will increase for humanitarian agencies to reach up to two million people with much needed food and medical care.



## EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

### GREECE

Pray for the Pentecostal Church in Thessaloniki and its pastor, John Demetriades, who has to stand trial charged with operating an illegal church, despite the fact that since December 1938 the church has had a licence from the government to operate. All evangelical

churches in the whole country open and operate with the permission of the Religion Department of Greece. There now appears to be renewed persecution from the Orthodox Church.



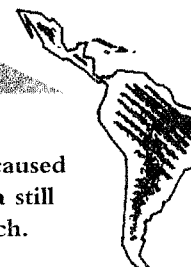
## LATIN AMERICA

### COLOMBIA

Pray for peace talks between government and rebels, that they will lead to greater understanding and genuine and lasting peace.

### CENTRAL AMERICA

Remember those affected by the devastation caused by floods and mudslides last month, in an area still recovering from the impact of Hurricane Mitch.



## ASIA

### AFGHANISTAN

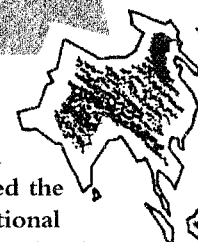
The coming winter will cause severe hardship for over 100,000 refugees as many homes have been destroyed by the Taliban. Pray for adequate food and shelter. Remember too refugees in countries such as Kosovo who face a similar situation.

### INDONESIA

Pray for the whole country and its leadership following President Habibie's resignation. Pray for good governance by his successor and for lasting peace in East Timor.

### INDIA

Church leaders fear a new wave of violence against Christians following an attack by Hindu fundamentalists. The attack occurred the day after the election victory of the Hindu national Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its coalition, seriously injuring two pastors. The Pope is scheduled to visit India next month, and Hindu leaders are demanding that Pope John Paul II offer an unconditional apology for atrocities committed by missionaries, something the Vatican will almost certainly refuse. This could create a very tense situation.



### Orissa Disaster Appeal

In response to the emergency appeal for help for the victims of the recent cyclone disaster in this Indian state, a cheque for £250 has been sent to Tear Fund.



Ringing 19th Dec

## MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	£488.08	£94.75	£582.83
10 <sup>th</sup>	481.60	147.01	628.61
17 <sup>th</sup>	776.84	95.05	871.89
24 <sup>th</sup>	450.27	127.62	577.89
31 <sup>st</sup>	559.87	160.81	720.68
Standing Orders	310.50		310.50
Weekdays		62.50	62.50
	<hr/> £3,067.16 <hr/>	<hr/> £687.74 <hr/>	<hr/> £3,754.90 <hr/>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,841

The treasurer acknowledges with gratitude the following anonymous donations of £800 and £2.



## IN THE NEWS

**Baptism:** We welcomed into membership of God's Family on October 31<sup>st</sup> –

Joseph Robert Karl Colehouse, 7 Eastwood Close Beaumont Rise.

**Attendance Awards** have been given to the following children in.....

Climbers for	200 attendances:	Ruth Kirkby
	175 attendances:	Olivia Healey
	150 attendances:	Adam Parton
	75 attendances:	Nicola and Kimberley Burke
	25 attendances:	Laura Bannister, Robert Foster, Jenny Moore.
Explorers for	120 attendances:	Daniel Bickerstaffe, Craig Parton.

Our **Sympathy** goes to **Alice Moone** and her family in the very sudden death of their husband and father, George. Deane Village will never be quite the same without the familiar sight of George providing personal service at his small independent petrol station on Wigan Road. We send our condolences also to **Carolyn Wilson** and her father on the loss of her mother Cecily Johnson so very soon after her parents had moved from Blackpool to Bolton to be nearer to Carolyn.



**WE  
APPRECIATED**

**Don and Pat Sewell** wish to thank all those who have sent messages, cards, offers of help and who have prayed for them during what has been a very anxious time while Don has been in the Christie Hospital. We are most appreciative of belonging to the caring family at Deane Church.