

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY

SUNDAY DIARY

1. FOURTH AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Way, the Truth and the Life.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. Evensong.

8. FIFTH AFTER EASTER

Theme: Going to the Father

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Morning Prayer

2.30pm. Hospital Ward Service

6.30pm. Family Communion

15. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Theme: The Ascension of Christ.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

22. PENTECOST

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Service

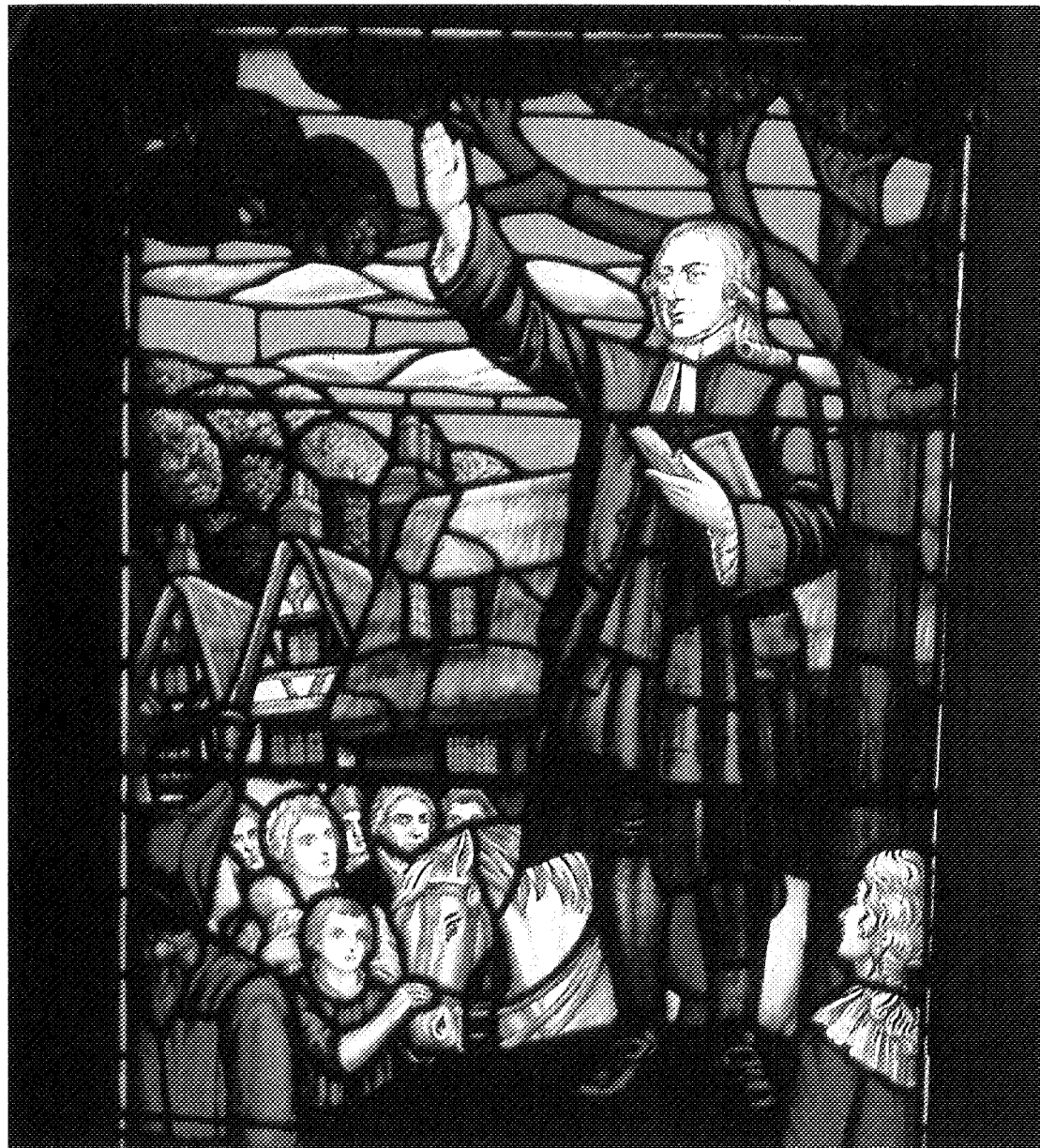
6.30pm. Family Communion

29. TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family Communion

6.30pm. Evensong.



*John Wesley window, City Road, London, by Keith Ellis
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MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge, except on May 18th when it is in Church.

Ascension Day, Communion at St. Andrews at 10.00am and at St. Mary's at 7.30pm.

Parochial Church Council on Thursday May 12th at 8.30pm.

Christian Aid Week May 15-21.

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Thursday May 19th at 7.30pm.
St. Katharine, Blackrod.

Who's Who

Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)
Curate	- 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
Reader	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231)
Wardens	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)
Hon. Secretary	Eric Downs 1 Marnland Grove (653049)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook
Chairmen of Working Groups	
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell
Pastoral	Eric Downs
Worship	Roger Jackson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Stan Wilson

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)

MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

What's On

Crèche	under 3 years
Scramblers	3 to 5 years
Climbers	5 to 7 years
<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i>	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
Explorers	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653049)	
Pathfinders	11 to 14 years
<i>Worship in Church on Sundays</i>	
<i>Club Night in the Memorial Hall on Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.</i>	
Dorothy Cox (62889)	
David Dewhurst (651347)	

LADIES' GROUPS

<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>	
Ladies' Guild	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Dorothy Wallwork (652505)
Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Annie Crook (62463)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies	<i>Pack 1</i> <i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
	<i>Pack 2</i> <i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Lily Jarret (63511)
Guides	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
Cubs	<i>Pack A</i> <i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
	<i>Pack B</i> <i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (61100) Pat Boydell (61450)
Scouts	<i>Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Richard Newall (654663)

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.

Because less than 50 people attended this year's Annual Church Meeting it was suggested that what I said in my report on that occasion should be given the wider coverage of this monthly newsletter for church members. I began by noting 2 things that had encouraged me.

Firstly, the way we now do things at Church Council is in my opinion a big plus. We have had our "teething problems" with the working groups, and some groups, particularly the more practical orientated ones, have functioned better than others. More people have been involved in decision making and few have been allowed to be mere passengers on the P.C.C. Worthy of mention are the improvements in the appearance of the church hall, the churchyard and the refurbishment of the clergy house in Deane Church Lane, the successful parish dinner/dance last December and the congregational weekend planned for May 20-22 at Conway. All these, and other things besides, have been carried out on the initiative of the working groups.

Secondly, the steady stream of adults enquiring about church membership. Of the 7 people confirmed from our congregation on the previous Sunday half of them were not even attending a church a year ago. It is always a pleasure to me to "interview" confirmation candidates and to discover the various ways in which God has been becoming real to them in recent times. Another group of adults are just beginning a new preparation course on Wednesday evenings.

In my report I then went on to speak about the serious medical condition of haemorrhaging. You can't go on losing blood without it seriously affecting the performance of the human body. The Church which is the Body of Christ has been haemorrhaging badly over the past year. This loss of "blood" can be seen (1) in statistics. For instance at the recent revision of the Electoral Roll there was a net loss of 11 names over the past year. But far more serious is the tale told by the Service Register. This reveals smaller congregations at the major festivals as well as on ordinary Sundays. Indeed during the recent "census" period for calculating our share of the 1989 Diocesan Budget the average number of different adults attending in 1988 was 194 as compared with 234 in 1987 - a fall of 17%.

(2) in personnel. These statistics represent people, people who have left us, some of whom were deeply committed members. Whilst I'm glad that we have been able to export some of our best members to other congregations, my gladness is tempered with sorrow when I know that our congregational life is weakened through departures, and this is what is happening.

(3) in young people's work. It does seem to be a feature of youth work that what is a flourishing organisation one week can be decimated in the space of a week. Harold Wilson's dictum "A week in politics is a long time" can be applied to youth work too. Last year 40-50 teenagers were attending Pathfinders on Friday evenings and were in church on Sunday mornings. Half of them decided as a group to boycott the group, most of them never to be seen again. This was a very disheartening experience for those who had taught them in Climbers, Explorers and Pathfinders and also for those parents who still care about their children's spiritual upbringing. With Dorothy Cox completing her term as a Pathfinder leader in the summer and with me having to stand in as temporary leader of our small CYFA group when I'm tired at the end of a busy Sunday which rarely ever starts after 6.00 a.m. we are desperately in need of Christian men and women to lead these groups.

(4) in staffing. When John and Virginia Corbyn left us for Lancaster in November, they were not replaced and there is no likelihood of a replacement in the foreseeable future. Since the meeting I have received a "green light" from the Bishop to seek to obtain the services of an experienced person wishing to do a second curacy, as Mark Russell-Smith did when he joined us in 1975. Mind you, it's one thing to get a green light, it's another thing to get your man!

Set backs like these 4 examples of haemorrhaging must give sensible Christians cause to ask themselves, "Are there lessons which God is wanting to teach us here?" For example, have we been too dependant upon clergy to lead our youth work? Why have we failed to train Christian laypeople to be effective communicators of their faith? And the Christian minister must be prepared to ask himself "Is God telling me that it is time you were making way for someone with different talents? I don't know the answers to these questions but I do commend them to you for your thoughtful consideration and prayers as we set out on another year together."

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK

This letter was to be read in all churches on Sunday April 24th. It was read in Deane at the 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. services and the text is set out below so that it can be read, pondered and acted upon both at the individual and congregational levels.

"Greetings in the name of Christ,

We are fellow members of the Church of England and that very name declares our responsibility not just to parts of England but to the whole of it.

So when parts are in need we cannot ignore them. That is the situation now. The report "Faith in the City" diagnosed the urgent and serious needs of our inner cities and urban priority areas.

The Church of England is there in those areas and has been from the beginning. We cannot and will not withdraw from them. Already there are heroic examples to inspire us. It is on this foundation we shall advance in evangelism, pastoral care and community cation. A new future is possible.

The Church Urban Fund, launched last Wednesday, is a response of hope, faith and love. It is an initiative which has the support of fellow Christians with whom, in these urban areas, we are working together as closely as anywhere in the country. It is a step which has won all round political support. It is a move which will enable the local Church to meet the needs which they know best of all.

Together we are to create a Fund sufficiently large to enable many projects to go ahead and workers to be financed for years to come. We owe this to the dedicated clergy and lay people living in areas of physical decay, financial hardship and high unemployment but often sustained by a faith, a resilience and a spirituality that is an example to us all. The Fund will stand with them and support them.

The investment of money in the Fund is an investment for Our Lord and His mission, with the dividend being found in the lives of people and the transformation of communities. We ask all Church members, wherever they are, to share with us in this venture with vision, prayer and generosity.

We believe this Fund to be a cause which will renew our confidence in the unity of our Church as we work with all those who long for a sense of one nation within this land. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

May God bless our endeavours and be with you all.

NEW CHRISTIAN TRAIIDSHOP

Over £70,000 has changed hands in the three years since the Christian TraIDshop opened in St. George's Church Craft Centre. Stock has been crammed into the 15½ sq.m of the tiny shop, and overflowed into the 'nave'. Even regular volunteers have seized on a "new line", only to be told "It's been there for months".

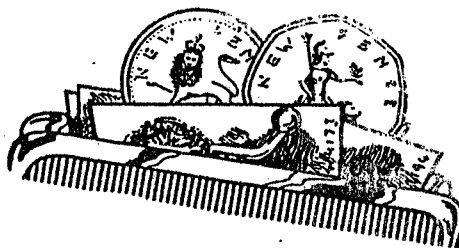
In mid April, the TraIDshop moved to the opposite corner of the St. George's Road/Knowsley Street Junction. In the newly adapted basement of SS Andrew & George URC building, it has double the shop space, its own front door and windows facing the new Market Place, and storage space too. The address is 81 Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2BJ, and the phone number is Bn 363308. Come soon! Come often!

Better still come regularly as a Volunteer shop-assistant. There are two shifts, 9.30 - 1.0 pm and 1.0 - 4.30 pm. Volunteers do one shift every - or every other - week, or, on Saturdays, each month. Ring Bolton 41961 for the weekday rota, and 061-764-4171 for Saturday's.

That £70,000 has been paid mostly for the products of those working to rescue themselves from poverty, for instance in Bangladesh. It rains a lot in our part of the world, but not enough to put HALF the country under water as it has in Bangladesh. Christian Aid's new Manifesto is "To Strengthen The Poor". The poor want and need the power to support themselves. That's what the Christian TraIDshop aims to give them. Come and do likewise!

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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



	<u>Christian Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
March 6	£416.85	£48.07	£464.92
13	303.12	101.56	404.68
20	452.73	76.81	529.54
27	480.00	105.40	585.40
Weekdays	-	39.73	39.73
	<u>£1652.70</u>	<u>£371.57</u>	<u>£2024.27</u>

In the comparable period last year the amount given was £1850. This represents an increase in the level of giving of 9.4%. However, a much more significant comparison is the average weekly income of £505, from direct giving in March when our target needs to be £605. It is to be hoped that many of us will begin to work out our response to the fact sheet on our Church finances which was produced at the end of March.

This year's Lent Appeal for the general work of the Church Missionary Society in Sudan raised a total of £340 which was made up as follows :

Brought forward from the Christmas Appeal	21.40
Contents of 68 boxes and donations	308.60
St.Mary's Primary School, Deane	10.00
	<u>£340.00</u>



NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Baptism The following children were welcomed into membership of our Church Family on April 10th.

Sarah Danielle, the daughter of Ian and Elizabeth Gardiner, 35 Florence Avenue.
Adam Stuart, the son of Stuart and Gwenda Grills, 17 Marnland Grove.
Elizabeth Amy, the daughter of Ian and Susan Simpson, 5 Langside Drive.

CONFIRMATION At a service later on the same day the following members of our congregation publicly confirmed their faith and were then confirmed in their membership by the Bishop of Hulme.

Sylvia Harrison, Keith Holden, Lily Longbottom, Trevor and Carole Marsden, Stephen Reed and Jennifer Willcox. In addition, seven members of our congregation at St.Andrews were also confirmed.

At the ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING the following people were elected to serve on the new Parochial Church Council

as Churchwardens : Major Crook, Craig Mochrie and Harry Ridyard.
as Councillors : Keith Acton, Dorothy Cox, Malcolm Hearsey, Harold Lever,
Ronald Morris, Terry Oakes, Philip Ray and Sandra Scruton.
In addition, Eric Downs, Philip Gore, Patricia Sewell and Stan Wilson serve as ex-officio members by being members of the Deanery Synod.

1988 is a significant year for the Christians of the Methodist tradition and the month of May is a special period of celebration. It was 250 years ago on May 24, 1738 that John Wesley the preacher was converted at a meeting in Aldersgate Street, London. It was 200 years ago that his younger brother, Charles, the hymn writer died in 1788. Local celebrations will include "Festival of Praise" in the Victoria Hall on Saturday evening May 21st.



The Ladies Guild have organised an Evening Coach Outing to Bradford on Tuesday, May 31. Included is a visit to the Cathedral which has recently been refurbished and where light refreshments will be available. The coach leaves the Memorial Hall at 6.30pm. The outing costs £2.50 and is open to everyone. Bookings should be made through Pat Sewell, tel.61278.

The rest of the Ladies Guild programme for May includes an illustrated talk by Barbara Jones on Corn Dollies on May 3rd and a travel talk with slides by Miss Davison on May 17th.

The month of May is a very busy one for the Mothers' Union -

- May 4 Deanery Outing to Port Sunlight and Albert Dock
- 11 Mrs.Helen Ketchen of Bradshaw
- 21 Family Picnic and Fun Run at Heaton Park
- 23 Diocesan Rally at the Manchester Free Trade Hall, with Hazel Threadgold, the Central President, as the speaker.
- 25 Canon John Whittaker, M.U. Chaplain.



100 NOT OUT that's not the achievement of a Graeme Fowler or Neil Fairbrother this time, but of Ministry among Women - the ladies section of the Church Pastrol Aid Society. Our local organising committee has planned a Centenary Celebration on Friday May 13th at 7.30pm. in the recently redesigned and refurbished church of St.George the Martyr. Some of our own ladies are taking part in the service and the main speaker will be the Revd. Pam Harvey, who many will remember from the days when she used to live in Deane. In addition to giving thanks to God for "Ministry among Women" here is a good opportunity to have a pre-view of how the congregation at the "Martyrs" have adapted their building to make it more suitable for present-day needs. The official opening is not until June 4th, when the Pishop of Bolton will be conducting a service of rededication.

CHOIR In addition to losing the Cunliffe Family, we have also lost the services of Bill Newton. When most people are thinking of 'hanging up their boots' on retirement, Bill joined the choir 10 years ago. However, he now finds he hasn't got enough wind to reach the higher notes and so is calling it a day. On the plus side Maureen Edwards, though resigning as an Explorer leader, will be devoting more time to the choir. We thank Bill and Maureen for their respective contributions.

And a final word from Ron Morris . . . WHAT IS CHARITY ?

It is Silence - when your words would hurt.
 It is Patience - when your neighbour is curt.
 It is Deafness - when a scandal flows.
 It is Thoughtfulness - for others' woes.
 It is Promptness - when duty calls.
 It is Courage - when misfortune falls.

Author unknown.