

## THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

### MARCH

1989

#### SUNDAY DIARY

#### 5. FOURTH IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family Service  
Bill Andrew  
6.30pm. Family  
Communion  
Bill Andrew.

#### 12. FIFTH IN LENT Theme: The Victory of the Cross.

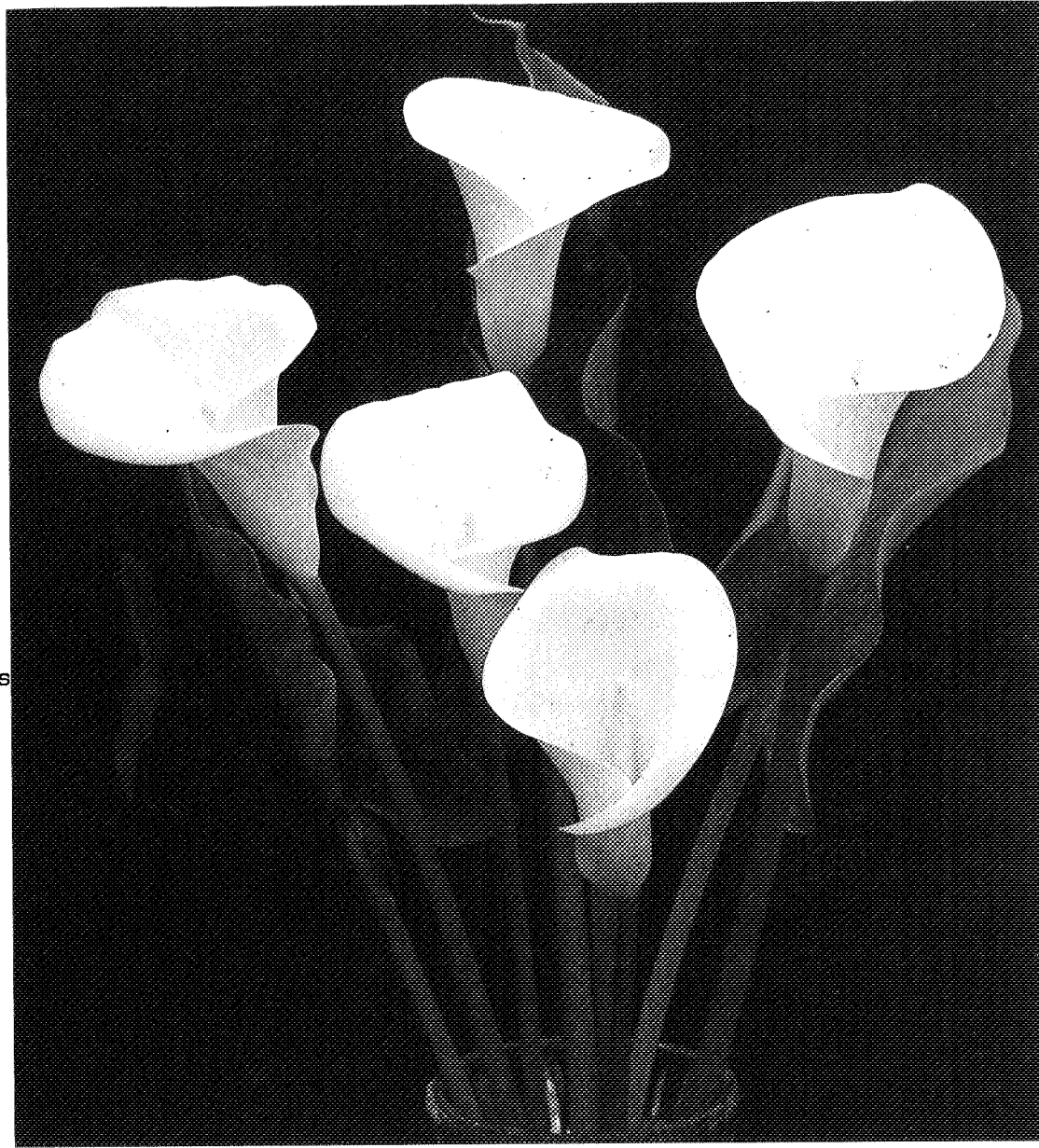
8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family  
Communion  
Eric Cuthberts  
6.30pm. Evensong  
Ken Allan.

#### 19. PALM SUNDAY Theme: The Way of the Cross.

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family Service  
6.30pm. Family  
Communion  
John Njoroge.

#### 26. EASTER DAY

8.00am. Communion  
10.30am. Family  
Communion  
John Njoroge  
6.30pm. Evensong



*Eastertide Arum Lilies, by George H. Hall  
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#### MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge,  
except on March 15th when it is in Church.

Lenten Services: Tuesday March 7, 14, at 8.00pm. Holy Communion  
with address.

Maundy Thursday: Communion with Fellowship Meal in the Memorial  
Hall at 7.30pm.

Good Friday: Morning Service at 10.30am.

Saturday Night at Eight: March 4th. Canon Bill Andrew,  
Communications Director of the Bible Society

Who's Who		What's On	
<b>Rector</b>	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<b>Crèche</b>	under 3 years
<b>Vicar</b>	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	<b>Scramblers</b>	3 to 5 years
<b>Curate</b>	- 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<b>Climbers</b>	5 to 7 years
<b>Reader</b>	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231)	<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i> Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
<b>Wardens</b>	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	<b>Explorers</b>	7 to 11 years
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>		<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i> Eric Downs (653049)	
<b>Lay Chairman</b>	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	<b>Pathfinders</b>	11 to 14 years
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	<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> David Dewhurst (651347)	
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Major Crook	<b>C.Y.F.A.</b>	14 to 18 years
<b>Chairmen of Working Groups</b>		<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i>	
<b>Mission &amp; Unity</b>	Pat Sewell	<b>LADIES' GROUPS</b>	
<b>Pastoral</b>	Craig Mochrie	<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>	
<b>Worship</b>	Roger Jackson	<b>Ladies' Guild</b>	Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Irene Ashley (64337)
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabric</b>	Harry Ridyard	<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
<b>Social</b>	Stan Wilson	<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b>	
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b>		<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
<b>Organist</b>	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)	<b>Brownies 1</b>	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<b>2</b>	<i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Lily Jarret (63511)
<b>MEMORIAL HALL</b>		<b>Guides</b>	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
<b>Bookings</b>	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)	<b>Rangers</b>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (657430)
<b>Caretakers</b>	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)	<b>Cubs A</b>	<i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
		<b>B</b>	<i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
		<b>Scouts</b>	<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.

25th February 1989.

For the second month in succession we include a nationally produced 'inset' in addition to our local church news. This is the leaflet entitled "Giving in Faith" and it comes from the Church Commissioners. The Commissioners come in for a great deal of criticism - much of it ill-informed and unfair. They are most anxious to improve their public relations and this leaflet is the popular and much abbreviated version of their annual report, a copy of which I am happy to loan to anyone who is interested. Our Standing Committee considered this leaflet to be good value and well worth including with this newsletter.

I had hoped to have been able to let you have at least an interim report from the recent congregational survey/census, but I understand that like the "high street banks" we can blame the delay on the computer. Perhaps it was that bogus return from one of our teenagers with six children that caused the computer to splutter! I guess that when it does eventually produce the results it will confirm what I have long suspected, namely that at Deane Church we have a relatively large number of people who prefer to remain anonymous visitors rather than committed members. Evidence of this is to be seen by the fact that our Electoral Roll, the official list of church membership, does not contain the names of many of you who are reading this newsletter. Whilst I would never wish to encourage people to treat church membership in a casual way or to regard membership of the Electoral Roll as a mere formality, I do wish regular attenders would apply for membership of the Roll using one of the forms available in church. The Church Council has to revise the Roll each year and the period for doing this is March 19th-April 3rd.

The front cover reveals that you are going to have a change of voice on Sundays this month. Our visiting preacher on March 5th is Canon Bill Andrew, the Communications Director of the Bible Society. For several years now the Bible Society has been making a determined effort to present a much more contemporary image of its important work, and Bill has played a major part in this. We shall be working him hard for in addition to the Sunday services he and his wife Mary will be our principal guests at the Saturday Night at Eight and at a joint C.Y.F.A. meeting at St. Andrews when he will demonstrate some of the Society's latest visual material. Eric Culbertson, the new area secretary for the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society (B.C.M.S.) will conduct the morning service on March 12th. Eric and his wife Kay are temporarily living in our staff house until B.C.M.S. are able to purchase a house for them locally. Towards the end of the month we welcome back to Deane the Rev'd. John and Hellen Njaroge, our E.F.A.C. Bursars who will be returning to Kenya this summer on completion of their theology degree courses at Bristol. In addition to sharing in the Sunday services at Deane and St. Andrews they will be very happy to meet you personally in your own homes. There is a hospitality list in church so do please make use of it by inviting them for a meal. I can assure you that you will find it a rewarding experience.

When the Anglican bishops met at the Lambeth Conference last summer they called upon our Church to regard the final decade of this century as a "DECADE OF EVANGELISM". The African bishops in particular were very concerned that in this country we spend so much time on maintenance of building and so little time on mission to people. In the Church of England we are better at talking about evangelism than we are doing it. Though the Diocesan Synod will be considering our response to this call from the bishops, our own local Mission and Unity Committee have really "taken the bit between their teeth by taking three initiatives in evangelism. First, they are operating two pilot schemes this month using a programme entitled "Good News down the Street" in which two small teams of three lay people visit the home of someone who has expressed an interest in the Christian Faith. Using St. Luke's Gospel they share with their hosts what they have discovered to be true in their own lives. Second, they have encouraged our Church Council to support the Livelinek Satellite Relay from the Billy Graham Mission '89 in London to our own Albert Hall during the first week of Bolton Holidays, June 26th-July 1. In preparation for this there will be a short series of four "Christian Life and Witness" classes on Wednesday evenings in April at St. Luke's Halliwell. Do try to keep these dates free. Third, they have invited a specialist in evangelism to guide us as to when we should have a parish mission and what form it should take.

I'm very conscious that during my ministry here evangelism hasn't had the high priority which it deserves and so I particularly welcome these developments.

Roger B. Jackson



# Bible Society



Canon Bill Andrew, the Communications Director of the Bible Society is visiting our parish for the weekend March 4/5. Here is some information about the Society to which we made a donation last year of £260.

Over 64,000 people join the Christian Church every day but, particularly in developing countries, many cannot afford a Bible. Added to this are translation difficulties; although some books of the Bible have been printed in 1,884 different languages (only 303 have the complete Bible), there are around 6,000 major languages in the world. Consequently, some 4,000 languages still need to be tackled if Christians are to have access to the message of the Scriptures. This is the challenge facing Bible Society today.

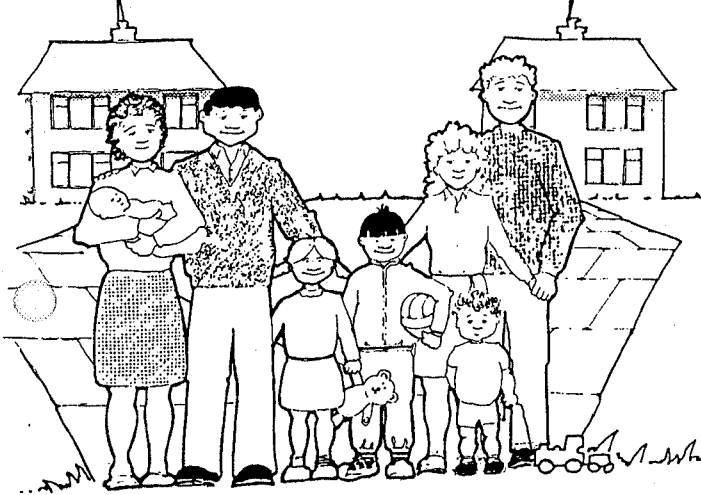
The Society, an inter-church charity is working to make the Bible available to all people in a language they can understand and at a price they can afford. With the prayers and help of its many supporters, and in co-operation with other Bible Societies world-wide, it is identifying needs, funding translation and revision projects, and publishing and distributing Scriptures.

Bible Society is the largest Bible publisher in the United Kingdom, distributing Bibles and Testaments in 15 English versions and Scriptures in more than 150 other languages. The Good News Bible first published in Britain in 1976 by Bible Society and Collins, is the most popular Bible in the United Kingdom today. It enjoys wide acceptance throughout the English speaking world, and also in countries where English is the second language.

The Society ships some two million Bibles abroad each year and, in 1987, contributed just over £3 million to the United Bible Societies, the body which co-ordinates the work of over a hundred Bible Societies world-wide. Bible Societies are currently engaged in over 570 new translation projects, as well as publishing and distributing millions of Scriptures.

N.B. In this month's Parish Prayer Diary there is a suggestion each week for you to pray for the Bible Society.

# Families Together



FAMILIES TOGETHER aims to provide a rewarding experience to children with a handicap, their families and those offering to share their own home.

Bringing up any child is time consuming and tiring, most parents welcome some time to themselves to go shopping or for an evening out or a holiday. Caring for a child with a physical or mental handicap may leave parents with even less time for each other or for other children in the family. That is where FAMILIES TOGETHER comes in . . .

HOW DOES IT WORK? The scheme matches families in Bolton who have a child with a handicap with a link family who will share the care of the child throughout the year. At first a child is likely to stay for an hour or so, as the child and the families get to know each other the stays may increase to overnight or holidays.

How much time is shared will depend on the child's and his or her family's needs. It may be one day a week or several weekends or blocks of one or two weeks. The times will be arranged between the families. We will be very careful to match families, to find people who get on well together.

Most families are expected to use their link families for the equivalent of 35 days a year. This is seen as an important service and an allowance is offered to link families, together with practical support.

Those wishing to act as link families may be families, couples or single people with common sense, patience and commitment - a sense of

humour might help too. There are no special qualifications needed to be a link family. The important thing is to have an interest in getting to know a child with special needs and his or her family. If you would like to know more, please contact : SUE NUNN, EAST LODGE, GILNOW ROAD, BOLTON BL1 5BX. Tel. Bolton 363679 or 364355.

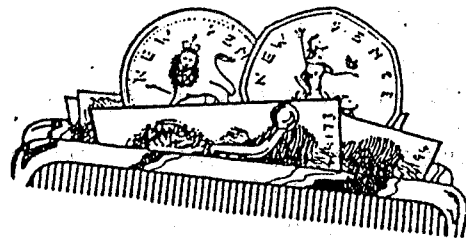
MISCELLANY .... Joyce Sutcliffe, writes - We have now started the Missionary Fellowship - our next meetings will be on March 6th and 20th. It will give us the opportunity to do some partical work to help in overseas work, e.g. knitting and crochet woollen blankets and jersery for toddlers. We would welcome your fellowship and help. If you are unable to meet with us, I am sure you would like to help. You could give us all your odd balls of wool, large or small, any colour - there is a box by the notice board in Church. We will also need money to pay the postage on our parcels, this will be costly, and so we are asking for a gift of money. A box will be by the Notice Board, where you gift may be placed. I think many are forgetting to collect stamps. I was very disappointed with the small amount of "Christmas Specials". Thank you to those who continue to bring their stamps.

Palm Sunday, March 19th is the 2nd anniversary of the baptism of a group of older children. Though some of them have now left the area, they will be encouraged to return and light their baptism candles at the same service as Adam, the son of Julie and the late Kevin Fitzpatrick, who will be baptized and receive his candle to show that he must "shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father".



## CHRISTIAN GIVING . . . . .

Thank you to all who have contributed to the most encouraging figures set out below



	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
January 1	£496.40	£79.88	£576.28
8	636.89	78.87	715.76
15	469.20	88.77	557.97
22	527.69	226.56	754.25
29	462.33	89.38	551.71
Weekdays	-	61.02	61.02
	<u>£2592.51</u>	<u>£624.48</u>	<u>£3216.99</u>

This represents an almost unprecedented increase of 37% over the £2334 given in the corresponding figure last year. Is this a statistical fluke, or does it really represent a genuine and sustained increase in Christian giving? Next month's newsletter will give the answer to this important question

A donation of £20 has been sent to the Childrens' Society from the Climber's Department. This was the amount saved at the annual Christmas party, by giving the children a token present rather than a more expensive one, so that less fortunate children could be helped through this society.



### HURRY, HURRY !!

Book your place now for the Parish Weekend at Conway, N.Wales from Friday evening, May 12th to Sunday tea May 14th. Last year 39 of us spent a fabulous weekend together at Beechwood Court. It is so popular with our congregation at St. Andrew's that they have been going to this same place for several years and this

year all 70 places were booked on the first Sunday that the booking list was opened! The cost, which includes all meals and charges, is as follows :-

Adults	£32.40	12 - 17 years	£25.00
6 - 11	£18.40	3 - 5	£13.00

Under 3 - No charge.

Lack of transport need not be a reason for not going, for almost certainly we will be able to offer empty places in cars. The booking list is on the notice board in Church.

And finally, a joyful note from Ron Morris - "HE'S ALIVE! I've seen Him!". The first breathless announcement was full of wonder, astonishment, fear, joy. It frightened the first disciples. It thrilled them. It turned them inside out. Jesus, they knew, had died. They had carried the limp, cold body down from the cross, wrapped the burial cloths around it, and placed it on the rock shelf in the borrowed tomb. On Easter Sunday, millions of Christians will meet with the risen Christ. In some parts of the world they will face hostility and even persecution. But if we proclaim the resurrection and its meaning with the joy and confidence with which it ought to be proclaimed, then all Christians will go out into the world with the message that real is good news "HE'S ALIVE!"

