

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL

1989 SUNDAY DIARY

2 FIRST AFTER EASTER Theme: The Upper Room

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Family
Communion
Robin Hazelhurst
6.30pm. Evensong

9 SECOND AFTER EASTER Theme: The Emmaus Road

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Morning Prayer
6.30pm. Family
Communion
Robin Hazelhurst

16 THIRD AFTER EASTER Theme: The Lakeside

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

23 FOURTH AFTER EASTER Theme: The Charge to Peter.

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Family Service
6.30pm. Confirmation
Service at St.
Andrew's,
Bishop of Bolton.

30 FIFTH AFTER EASTER Theme: Going to the Father

8.00am. Communion
10.30am. Family
Communion
6.30pm. Special Request
Service.



*'Thursday is Pension Day' by Glyn Elms
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MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge except
on April 26 when it is at the Rectory.

Saturday Night at Eight: April 1 Charles Winder.

Parochial Church Council: Monday April 3 at 7.45pm.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Tuesday April 25 at 7.30pm.

Christian Aid Meeting: Monday April 17 at 7.30pm.

Christian Life and Witness Course (Mission '89).

Wednesdays April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 8.00pm. in St. Luke's Chorley
Old Road.

Who's Who		What's On
Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	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. Pauline Ridyard (651157)</i>
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Explorers 7 to 11 years <i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall Eric Downs (653049)</i>
Curate	- 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	Pathfinders 11 to 14 years <i>Worship in Church on Sundays Club Night in the Memorial Hall on Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m. David Dewhurst (651347)</i>
Reader	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231)	C.Y.F.A. 14 to 18 years <i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i>
Wardens	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	LADIES' GROUPS <i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i> Ladies' Guild Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Irene Ashley (64337) Mothers' Union Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS <i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i> Brownies 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010) 2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511) Guides Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106) Rangers Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430) Cubs A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277) B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450) Scouts Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)
Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook	
Chairmen of Working Groups		
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell	
Pastoral	Craig Mochrie	
Worship	Roger Jackson	
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard	
Social	Stan Wilson	
OTHER OFFICIALS		
Organist	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)	
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)	

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 March 1989

Last month I referred to the forthcoming "Mission '89" to be conducted in London in June. The Mission will be led by Dr. Billy Graham and his team. When they were last here 4 years ago they spent a week in each of several cities situated strategically in the provinces. This year they will operate from 3 different venues in London - from Earls Court in the West of the capital, from Upton Park, West Ham in the East, and from Crystal Palace in the South. This has been considered vital to overcome the horrendous traffic problems in our capital city. During the Earls Court period (June 26-July 1) over 200 locations throughout the British Isles will be linked up to Earls Court by live satellite transmission. The Albert Hall, Bolton, has been booked for one of these locations. Clearly this mission has the potential of being one of the most momentous of the century in this country.

I can hear some of you saying "This is not my cup of tea. I don't like mass evangelism." I can sympathise with you. I have reservations about it. I didn't come to faith in Christ in this way. However, I want you to know that I am solidly behind it. I am not ashamed to be identified with it. I want to encourage you by my own example and by my leadership to be involved in it too, even though you may be away from home in Bolton Holidays during the week of the transmissions. Here are my reasons:-

- (1) Who can deny that our country needs the good news of the Christian message today? We need to hear it proclaimed in a meaningful, attractive and relevant way, and we need to be challenged to respond to it. On past occasions Billy Graham has demonstrated how good and gifted he is at doing this, and yet he remains a very humble man. There are literally thousands of men and women today who look back in gratitude to God that it was during a Billy Graham mission that they first responded to Christ. Of course, I am aware that many so called "converts" lapse. Jesus had this sad experience too for one of the twelve men He called and trained to be a disciple actually betrayed Him before committing suicide. I too know how sad it is to look through the pages of our Confirmation register. Many older teenagers and adults who, at the completion of a long Believing and Belonging course, confessed their faith publicly in the Confirmation service in recent years are no longer members of the Church in any meaningful sense. On the positive side it is worth noting that in the aftermath of a Billy Graham mission there is always a marked increase in the number of men and women offering themselves for the ordained ministry.
- (2) All the evidence goes to show that not only do those outside the Church benefit from a Billy Graham mission but church members themselves are often re-vitalised. And isn't this what we need at Deane? A prospective curate spent a weekend with us recently, and at the end of it he asked me this penetrating question, "Why do you think the level of Christian commitment of many of your congregation appears to be so shallow?" To a visitor it looked as though all too many of us saw Christian commitment as little more than just attending church on those Sundays when there was nothing much else to do; it certainly wouldn't involve meeting with one another for fellowship between times.

A Billy Graham mission always lays great stress upon preparation and prayer. Some of the preparation takes the form of a series of 4 Christian Life and Witness Classes to be held at St. Lukes, Chorley Old Road on Wednesday evenings April 5, 12, 19, 26 from 8.00 to 9.30 pm. At these classes we will be taught to

- * understand your faith more clearly
- * how to apply the Bible to your everyday life
- * how to share your faith naturally with others
- * how to help new Christians in their faith
- * how to answer questions people ask.

I have re-arranged my own diary so that I can attend all 4 classes and I have signed the list in church to indicate this. I am sure you personally and our church corporately would benefit enormously if many of us gave these classes a high priority. How about you coming with me?

Prayer Triplets where 3 people agree to meet regularly to pray together for the Mission have proved to be invaluable. Two such prayer groups have continued to meet regularly since the last mission and I hope that this mission will lead to the formation of more. Listen for information about these during the month.

Roger B. Jackson

SPOTLIGHT ON C.P.A.S.

There are those within our own church who question the wisdom of supporting overseas missions through gifts of money and by sending personnel abroad when the needs of our own country are so great.

The Church Pastoral Aid Society (C.P.A.S. for short) is a "home missionary society". Whilst it doesn't subscribe to the view that we shouldn't support overseas missions it is firmly committed to the view that our own country is a mission field. It is the oldest and largest home mission, primarily concerned to assist the local church to fulfil its missionary role in this country. It has three Priority Areas, each of which will be spotlighted on posters on the pillars in church this month.

Priority Area No. 1 - Evangelism, taking the Christian Gospel to our own nation. The society does this through its staff evangelists who are available to lead parish missions and who encourage us in the task of sharing our faith with others. Every summer it provides a series of camps and houseparties for young people where, as part of a good holiday, they are challenged to commit themselves to Christ in faith. Many of our Pathfinders and CYFA members have been helped in this way.

Priority Area No. 2 - Training, equipping Christians to serve God and our fellowman whatever their age, condition and background. It does this through the stimulation of conferences and through the provision of the baptism and marriage preparation courses which we use at Deane, together with teaching material for Pathfinders and CYFA.

Priority Area No. 3 - Workers, supplying the front line by encouraging people to consider the "call" to the ordained ministry, giving them practical advice and guidance. No less important is the support and training which the Society provides for those involved in leading home groups, church worship, children's and youth groups.

As a church we receive a lot of help and encouragement from C.P.A.S. and last year we gave just short of £600 from our Christian Giving programme to C.P.A.S. The Parish Prayer Diary for April will make at least one suggestion per week as to how we can pray for C.P.A.S. Those leading the intercessions in church on Sunday will also include a prayer for this home mission.

MISCELLANY

The Missionary Working Fellowship has now established a regular pattern of meetings in the Church Lounge on two Monday afternoons per month. In addition to meeting each other they will be making things for those who serve God overseas. Further details from Joyce Sutcliffe (Tel: 696049). This month's meetings are on April 3rd, 17th.

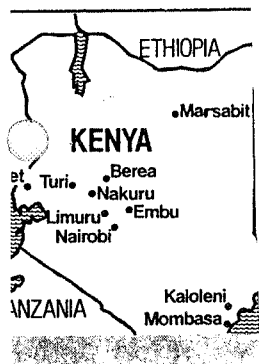
The Mothers' Union have planned two meetings this month. On April 12th in the Church Lounge Mrs. Hawthorn will speak on "Prayer or Pilgrimage". The next meeting on April 26th will be in church when local historian Mrs. Marie Mitchell will be the speaker.

Advance Notice: - Members have been invited to join the Ladies Guild for an evening trip to John and Virginia Corbyn's parish in Lancaster.

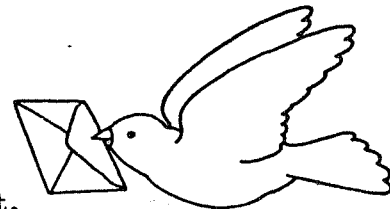
The Ladies Guild have invited Canon Arthur Dobb, Vicar of Wingates, on April 4th to show them some of his fine collection of embroidery and tapestry. On April 18th the focus will be upon the Social Services.

West End Carpet

We are most grateful to the Crook family for their gift of the carpet which now covers what was a rather untidy stone floor area at the back of the church. The gift is in memory of Major's brother, Jim, who died suddenly last autumn. We are also grateful for two anonymous donations which have enabled us to replace the carpeting in the chapel which had been damaged by the leaking central heating system. And our gratitude also goes to Vitafoam, the manufacturers of "Vitalay Blue Chip 2000", for their gift of this special underlay which is ideal for our particular purpose.



LETTER FROM KENYA



Mark and Anne Russell-Smith P.O.No. 18, Kapsabet, Kenya have written their first letter since returning to Kenya in January. Their leave in this country was suddenly disrupted the day after their "deputation visit" to us in November, when Mark's father was killed in a road accident in Kenya. Here are a few extracts from their letter, the full text of which is on the notice board in Church.

"Your support was made visible to us at the time of my father's funeral. I felt your prayers like a wall I was being forced up against, always there, never failing. The Church was packed out for the Memorial Service; black and white seated together, feeling the loss together. All the students from the Bible School had wanted to come, but as it was exam. week the acting Principal said that they would have to be represented instead. Their support and yours through prayers and letters have been a great comfort".

"We managed to squeeze in 10 days with Anne's parents in Norway over Christmas. We did not see the sun at all in this period, but Mark had a white Christmas for the first time in his life. It was a grand family affair with all the traditional Norwegian trimmings on Christmas Eve and a turkey for the English on Christmas Day"

"When we returned to Kenya we were met at the airport in Nairobi by Mark's mother with whom we stayed for a few days before eventually arriving home at Kapsabet to a most warm welcome from staff and students. There was a big party with speeches and cakes and the news that every student had passed his exams."

"Over the next few months selection of new students will be taking place for January 1990. Hopefully a lady teacher from the Church of Ireland will be joining us in April to stand in when one of our staff goes on leave.

FROM OUR INDUSTRIAL MISSIONER I had the "privilege" of having my last Industrial Mission magazine article partially reprinted in the Bolton Evening News. The paper reproduced large parts of the article accurately, and put across clearly some of the point I had made about Low Pay.

However, the anonymous BEN reporter added his/her own gloss. The two-and-a-half inch deep headline "Bosses who lack morals" set the tone of the piece. The opening paragraph suggested that I had "blasted" tight-fisted bosses. Language which I only use when I am trying to satirise provincial newspapers.

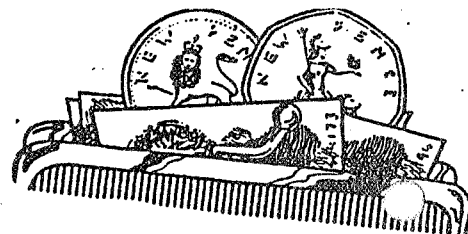
To a certain extent, I have no control over what the BEN does to my article (although it would have been nice if they had actually asked permission to reprint it). I am more concerned about how they used it, and therefore the purpose of publishing a local newspaper.

I recently was looking through a copy of a 1949 edition of the BEN; the contrast was striking. I am not suggesting that we should go back 40 years - that would be a negative move to say the least, but it appears to me that the purpose of the paper in those days was to tell Bolton residents the news. Nowadays, the purpose of most newspapers is to make money. The papers have to create a profit for their owners, and therefore tabloid-style sensationalism and inaccuracies have become common, if not the norm.

The Church regularly includes the media in its prayers - that God might help media management and employees to use their power with responsibility and integrity. We all realise the great influence that they have on people's thinking and actions. Perhaps we ought to add to our prayers the petition that those who work in the newspaper industry might be true to their purpose.

John Paxton.

CHRISTIAN GIVING



Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through their regular giving.

	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
February 5	£414.56	£56.25	£470.81
12	447.64	58.49	506.13
19	427.10	88.29	515.39
26	504.25	109.57	613.82
Weekdays	-	47.64	47.64
	<u>£1793.55</u>	<u>£366.24</u>	<u>£2153.79</u>

This figure compares with a total of £2009 in the comparable period last year - a rise of 7%, thus keeping abreast of inflation. Last month's increase of 37% was therefore only a "blip", but our treasurer wouldn't mind another blip next month!



At the Family Service on February 26th, Trevor and Christine McColl of 25 Kylemore Avenue gave thanks for the birth of their daughter Leanne Louise. Michael and Janet Whittle of 33 Kylemore Avenue gave thanks for the birth of their daughter Natalie Louise.

Attendance Awards have been given in the Climbers for -

50 attendances to Joanne Baxendale, Joanne Cheetham, Jonathan Cheetham

75 attendances to Michelle Bradshaw, Emma Crook.

125 attendances to Craig foster

... and in Explorers for -

40 attendances to Alison Baxendale, John Gradwell

120 attendances to George Barton, Sarah Cullen, Stuart Holden.

KEEP THIS DATE
FREE!

Saturday 1st April when Charles Winder will give an illustrated talk at Saturday Night at Eight on his recent travelling scholarship that took him to Germany and France for six months and

Monday, 17th April at 7.30pm. when James Muwomba, a co-ordinator of Primary Health Care in Tanzania will speak at a special CHRISTIAN AID Meeting in the Memorial Hall. Health care is a particularly important issue in developing countries. At present he is in this country studying at Manchester University and passing on his expertise to others and -

Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm. when we hold our Annual Church Meeting for a review of the past year and for the election of new lay leaders. Every member of the newly revised Electoral Roll should endeavour to be present and finally -

Sunday 30th April at 6.30pm. when we have our next Special Request Service using hymns, music, prayers and readings which members of the congregation have selected.