

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

4. FIRST IN LENT

Theme:
Temptation.

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

11. SECOND IN LENT

Theme:
Conflict

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Morning Prayer

6.30pm. Family
Communion

18. THIRD IN LENT

Theme:
Suffering

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family
Communion

6.30pm. Evensong

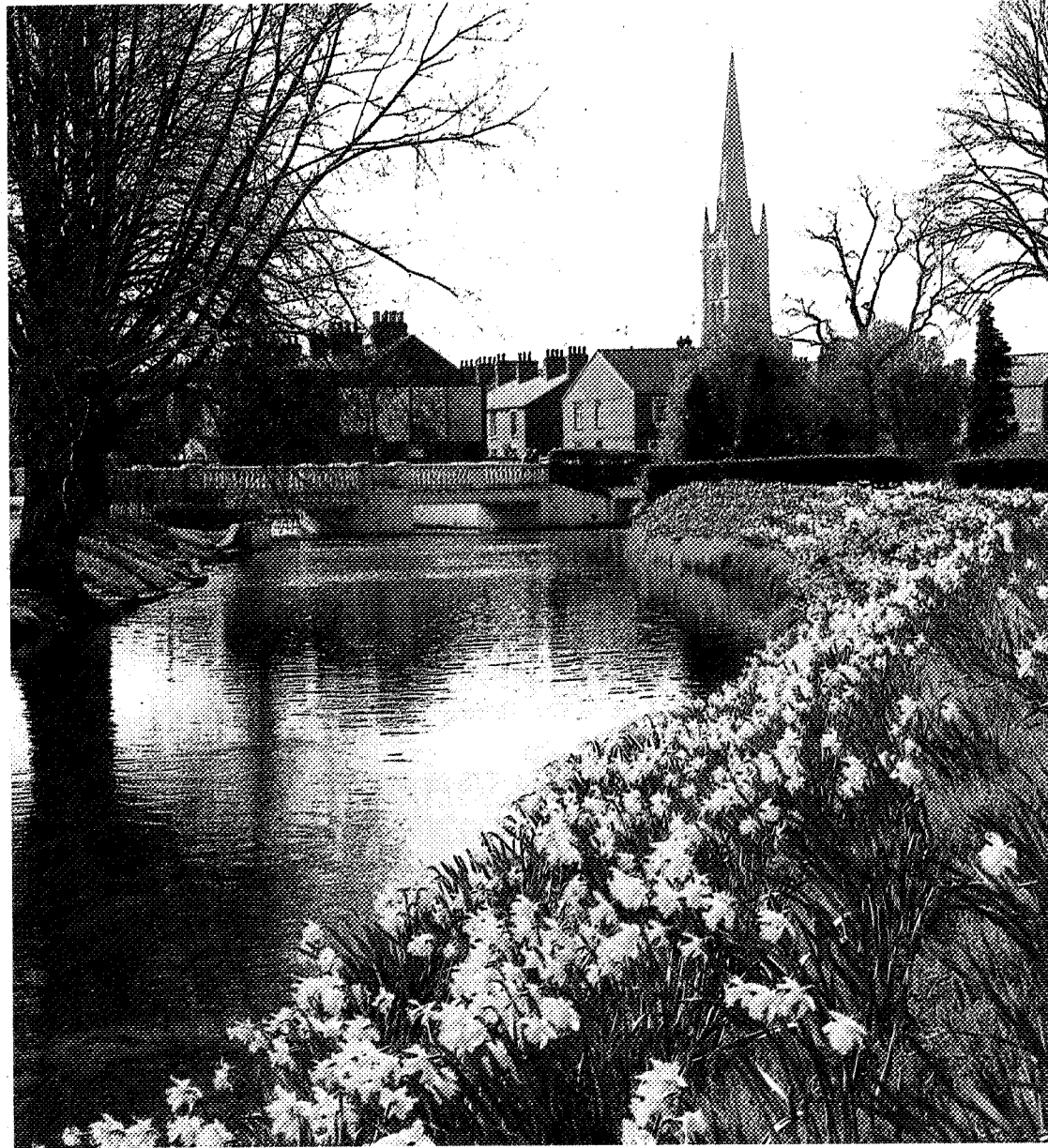
25. FOURTH IN LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am. Communion

10.30am. Family/
Parade Service

6.30pm. Family
Communion



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MID-WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am. in the Church Lounge,
except on March 14th when it is at the Rectory.

Home Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesdays March 6/7 and 20/21.

Lent Groups: Every Tuesday and Wednesday this month

Parochial Church Council: Monday March 19th at 7.45pm.

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.</i> Pauline Ridyard (651157)
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</i> Eric Downs (653049)
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	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> David Dewhurst (651347)
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	C.Y.F.A. 14 to 18 years <i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Alan Cheetham (61152)
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)
Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	Guides Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	Rangers Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook	Cubs A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277) B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
Chairmen of Working Groups		Scouts Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell	
Pastoral	Craig Mochrie	
Worship	Stan Wilson	
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard	
Social	Brenda Dixon	
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe	
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.		

24th February, 1990

It had not been my intention to refer to my recent appointment as an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral. However, some of you read the announcement in the press and have subsequently spoken about it to me personally, perhaps a comment or two might not be out of order.

When the Bishop of Manchester invited me to accept this honour at the beginning of the year my initial and instinctive reaction was to decline it gracefully. This stems from my uneasiness about the honours system which we have in this country. For example in the Queen's Honours lists we can all think of people who seem to us to be more deserving than at least some of the recipients. Because they work away steadily behind the scenes they are not noticed whereas others whose work has a high profile are noticed and receive the accolades. When it comes to the Church's honours system I feel even more ill-at-ease. Once again I'm sure there must be some very good people who get overlooked. For instance why should it be only the clergy in our diocese who receive these honours? In our own parish my wife's contribution is just as great as mine. Again, someone like Major Crook who has served on our Church Council for 57 years and has been a Churchwarden for 37 years is far more deserving than I am. I sincerely hope that when he retires from being a warden next month someone will propose that we honour him by making him a "Warden Emeritus" in recognition of his outstanding service over the years.

Whilst it is encouraging to know that one's ministry is appreciated, and I don't wish to deny this for one moment, I also know that at the end of the day it is not what the bishop or anyone else thinks that really matters; what counts is how God sees us and our work.

Some of you have asked what does it mean to be made a canon. Is it more work? Is there more responsibility? Is there more pay? Historically the title "canon" applied to all clergy on the staff of a Cathedral. They all had a share in the revenue of the Cathedral Church. Nowadays, however, it is only the residentiary canons who receive any financial benefit. They form the permanent salaried staff of the Cathedral and are responsible for the maintenance of its services and the fabric of the building. Manchester Cathedral has 4 of these residentiary canons. Then in our case there are 24 non-residentiary or honorary canons. Their responsibilities are not very great. They simply possess this honorary title. Indeed so far as I have been able to ascertain the only "perks" I shall be entitled to are some fishing rights in the River Irwell close to the Cathedral(!) and a stall in the Cathedral Chancel.

One becomes a canon when you are installed or placed in your stall in the Cathedral. This takes place in the context of Cathedral Evensong on Saturday March 17th at 3.30pm. I don't mind telling you this presents me with a serious clash of loyalties for it happens to be at the same time as the most important rugby international Scotland v England. It is no secret where I would prefer to be on that afternoon, and I have told the Bishop and the Dean that they have got their priorities mixed up! However, for those of you who do not share my passion for rugby union, and who would like to attend this service in the Cathedral, may I extend a warm invitation to you to do so. There will be a list in Church for people to sign and hopefully those who have a spare seat or two in their cars will be willing to take those without their own transport.

Finally, I was amused that the Bolton Evening News managed to sandwich the announcement of my appointment between the daily list of stolen cars and an advert for a jumble sale on the obituary page! I'm not quite sure what this is meant to say, but I think it goes some way to pricking the bubble of pomposity which sadly some of the holders of these titles have and this can't be a bad thing. I would like you to know that titles don't interest me one bit, and therefore I will be much happier if you continue to address me as you always have done - preferably by my Christian name or if you find that difficult, by my surname.

Roger B. Jackson.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

Phil Ray who reports that the Christmas Puzzle competition generated a total of £96 which is being shared equally between the Church Urban Fund and Christian Aid. This year's winner is the same as last year - Duncan Irons. There were only six other replies submitted and each will receive a prize for their efforts. Assuming that it is possible to produce another set of puzzles for next Christmas, Phil aims to introduce a simpler section to encourage more people to send in their replies, at the same time keeping the challenge for the experts. Copies of the answers to the puzzle are now available and can be borrowed from Church.

Phil also draws our attention to a series of 3 Christian Aid meetings to be held on
Monday March 26 at Chorley Old Road Methodist Church
Tuesday March 27 at St. Andrews Methodist Church, Tonge Moor Road
Wednesday March 28 at St. Stephens & All Martyrs Church, Radcliffe Road, Darcy Lever.

All meetings begin at 7.30 pm and they will seek to demonstrate how Christians can and are responding to suffering in its many forms throughout the world.

Mary Jackson on Prayer Triplets At the present time there are 7 of these meeting regularly - 4 for ladies and 3 for men.

Why triplets? - so that if one of the trio is prevented from coming the other two can still meet.

What do we pray for? - our parish, our country, our world, our families and for individuals.

How long do we meet? - usually $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ hour, no longer.

How often? - normally on a weekly basis, though sometimes it may be a little less frequent.

Where do we meet? - in one another's homes.

When? - The men are only able to meet in the evening, but the women's groups meet in the morning, afternoon and evening.

The groups can increase in size until they reach 6 people when they would divide to form a new triplet. If you believe in prayer, see the need for it and are interested either contact me direct or make the appropriate response on the Response form in the "Church Membership" pack.

Craig Mochrie Chairman of the Pastoral Committee.

The New Testament tells us that the Church is the Body of Christ. Everybody has ears and eyes and you will be acting as the ears and eyes of the Church in Deane if you pass on to us the names of the new residents in your neighbourhood, people who are ill or distressed in some way. We are not psychic and so we depend on you to let us know in order that the Body of Christ may be a truly caring Church.

Eric Downs on returning from this year's parish outing to the pantomime in Manchester wrote "One hundred young and young at heart thoroughly enjoyed this year's trip to the panto. Oh! Yes they did!"

Many thanks to Brenda Dixon and the Social Committee for organising the outing. P.S. after the show we bumped into former members Jim and Joan Telford who now live in the Bristol area.

Brenda Dixon's Social Committee are organising a Guided Walk of approximately six miles on Saturday afternoon April 28th. Please book it in your diaries now for 2.00 pm and don't forget to bring your sandwiches. (I think she means 'butties' - Ed).

Joyce Sutcliffe's Missionary Working Party meet on Mondays March 5th and 26th.

Carol Tickle and Janetta Makin the leaders of our ladies organisations wish to encourage their members to support the parish mid week Lent programme by joining one or other of the discussion groups which have been planned.

WHATS ON IN MARCH

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



FRIDAY - MARCH 2nd

This year's service will be held at the United Reformed Church of St. Andrew and St. George, on St. George's Road at 2.00pm. The theme of the service, written by

Christian Women from Czechoslovakia, is "A Better Tomorrow - Justice for all".

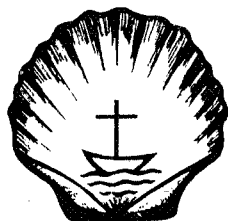
CRECHE - 0 - 3's

Starting on the first Sunday of March there will be a creche during the morning service for the under 3's. It is hoped that this will allow parents to participate more fully in our worship in the knowledge that their children are being cared for.

The creche will operate on the first, second and third Sundays of the month and will be held in the small room to the left of the stage. Every Sunday there will be two helpers, one of the mums and one other who could come down to the church to collect a parent if they are needed.



At the moment we have a few toys, but additional toys which would be suitable for this age group would be welcome. Please place them in the box at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like to make a contribution to buy some toys please speak to Alison Saunders - Tel: 64313.



LENT STUDY GROUPS

Details of these have already been published on a separate sheet. They will be held on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday afternoons and evenings in

the middle 5 weeks of Lent. There is a choice between Bible Study Groups looking at Chapters 14-16 of St. Mark's Gospel, and a course entitled "Living with Loss" in which we seek to understand bereavement - our own and that of others. It is most important that if you wish to form one of these Lent Groups you complete the application form and return it by Sunday March 4th at the latest. N.B. These Lent Groups are not intended to replace the existing Home Groups which will continue to meet fortnightly.

THE FAMILY/PARADE SERVICE at 10.30am will have a special Mothering Sunday theme. this is usually a very popular service when the Church gets very full so don't leave it to the last minute and remember



**CLOCKS
SPRING
FORWARD**

**ONE HOUR
ON MARCH 25th**

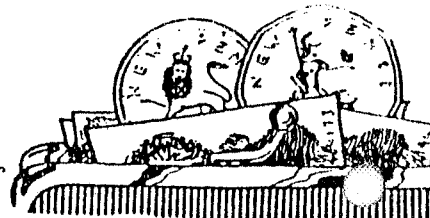
**25th
MOTHERING
SUNDAY
SERVICE**



THE CHURCH COUNCIL, at its final meeting on Monday March 19th will be approving the new Electoral Roll. A Church Membership pack is available in Church and all applications for the new roll should be received by Sunday, March 18th.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

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



	<u>Planned Giving</u> <u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January 7	£ 586.75	£ 65.44	£ 652.19
14	424.81	60.26	484.07
21	480.79	88.17	568.96
28	485.26	118.25	603.51
Weekdays	-	47.88	47.88
	<u>£ 1977.61</u>	<u>£ 380.00</u>	<u>£ 2357.61</u>

Because last year's figures were a statistical 'fluke' nothing is to be gained by comparison this month.

IN THE NEWS

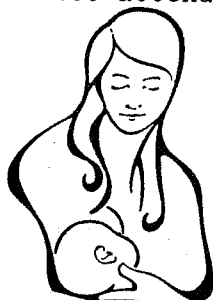


The following children have recently received awards for regular attendance at the Climbers

- 25 attendances: Simon Wadsworth
- 50 attendances: Rebecca Hesketh, Andrew Oakes, Gary Parker
- 100 attendances: Emma Crook
- 150 attendances: Yvonne Biney

..... and at Explorers

- 40 attendances: Andrew Beesley
- 80 attendances: Alison Baxendale
- 160 attendances: George Barton, Anna Kilsby, Stuart Holden, James Newall, Tim Scruton, Craig Wheeldon.



We are delighted to hear of the birth of a daughter, Amy, to Megan and John Roebuck on Sunday, January 21. Equally delighted is Amy's grandma, Veronica Smith.

After spells in Bolton General Hospital we welcome home a number of our Church Family - Bob Barton, Major Crook, Jim Dootson and Nellie Woodward and we trust that they will each make a good recovery to better health.

We were sorry to hear that Yone Lam, the little girl from Thailand whose education we have been sponsoring through Tear Fund during the last couple of years has had to leave school in order to go to work to improve their family finances. This means that she automatically drops out of the sponsorship scheme. We have heard that her place has been taken by another girl from Thailand called Mongkol Singsatit. Her parents too are farmers and they find it difficult to support Mongkol and her older brother and sister. Mongkol was 13 years old last month. She attends Sunday School and day school regularly where her favourite subject is maths. In addition she enjoys reading, art, playing volley ball with her friends and cycling. Further details can be obtained from Eric Downs.