

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

1. FIFTH IN LENT

Theme: The Victory
of the Cross

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

8. PALM SUNDAY

Theme: The Way of
the Cross

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Evensong

15. EASTER DAY

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

22. FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Bread of Life

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm George Marsh
Memorial Service

6.30pm Family Communion

29. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Good Shepherd

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30pm Confirmation

The Bishop of Manchester



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am in the Church Lounge
except on April 25 when it is in Church.

Lent Groups: Tuesday April 3 at 7.45 pm
Wednesday April 4 at 2.15 pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Tuesday April 10 at 7.30 pm

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal: April 12 at 7.30 pm.

Good Friday: Morning Service at 10.30 am.

Parochial Church Council: Monday April 30 at 7.45 pm
at St Andrew's.

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) 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	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.

THE RECTOR WRITES...



24th March, 1990

At the meeting of the Church Council earlier this week we accepted applications from 245 people for membership of the new Electoral Roll together with a further 170 from St. Andrews. At the Deane end of the parish 330 membership packs were distributed to people who had attended Church during the previous 5 weeks and who were eligible to apply. Though this figure is fractionally higher than the number on the old roll there are still at least 40 people whose names ought to be on the roll but have not bothered to apply. In some cases it may be because they prefer to remain anonymous and not too closely identified with the Christian Church at Deane for some reason or other. In other cases it may simply be an oversight. In either case late applications can still be made and these will be considered at the first meeting of the new council meeting on April 30th, but it does mean that such people will not have a vote at the Annual Church Meeting on April 10th.

At the annual meeting we have the important task of electing our new leaders. These include 8 Church Councillors, 3 Deanery Synod Reps and 3 Churchwardens. Our present wardens Major Crook, Craig Mochrie and Harry Ridyard have all indicated that it is not their intention to seek re-election. We owe to each one of them a real debt of gratitude for the sacrificial way in which they have in their own different ways given of their time and energies to the service of God and His Church at Deane. The question is - Who will follow them? At this point in time God only knows! Several things, however, are clear.

Firstly They are not irreplaceable. It is not disrespectful to say this, but if it were true it would be a serious indictment on a Church with a membership the size of ours.

Secondly From one point of view it is not ideal that all the wardens should retire at once. From another point of view it at least leaves the way open for their successors to work out together a new style of leadership. Of course mistakes will be made and there will be teething problems too, but I'm sure that the retiring wardens will be only too happy to offer advice if asked for it. One of the reasons why in recent years some potential wardens have declined to allow themselves to be nominated has been because rightly or wrongly, they have felt unable to develop a new style of leadership. This need no longer be the case providing the Church membership recognise that the rapidly changing times in which we live demand a new style of leadership.

Thirdly Though Churchwardens are responsible for maintaining order and decency in the Church and Churchyard especially during Church services, and also for the finances and fabric of the Church they do not necessarily have to do all these things themselves. They can delegate and I do know that there are those who are willing and able to take on and/or continue to be responsible for some of these areas. I wouldn't wish to hide the fact that being a warden will involve sacrifice, but this is what Jesus asks of all who would be His disciples. (see St. Matthew Ch.16 v 24). I do sincerely hope that you will give these forthcoming elections some thought and prayer as to who could serve in these positions, and if you are approached don't brush off the suggestion contemptuously.

Our emphasis in formulating the new Electoral Roll has been upon commitment, and I make no apologies for this. There is far more to being a member of the Christian Church than signing an electoral roll form. Church membership, if it has any meaning at all, must involve a commitment to Christ and to His Church.

In the context of all our services on Palm Sunday there will be an opportunity for us to express this in a short act of Commitment and Re-dedication in the preparation for the annual meeting a couple days later. If your name is on the new Electoral Roll, or you were late in applying, please do make a special effort to be present at one or other of the services on that day. As usual Palm crosses will be distributed to those who want them.

Roger B. Jackson.



A team of our boys took part in the Pathfinder North West Sports Spectacular at Bury Leisure Centre last month. Fifteen other teams were competing.

There were 16 events in the competition and our team achieved the remarkable results of winning 13 of them and drawing 1. Consequently they achieved 43 points out of a maximum of 48 and it is hardly surprising that they were declared the outright winners. The trophy was presented to the team members - Richard Acton, Michael Cupitt, Ian Davies, Martin Lewarne, Christopher Marsden, Paul Oakes and Stephen Tew, in the morning service on March 4th.

Rainbow Guides After Easter a Rainbow Guides Company (pre Brownies) is being formed for girls between the ages of 5 and 7 years. They will meet on Friday evenings in the Guide and Scout Hut between 6.30 and 7.30 pm.

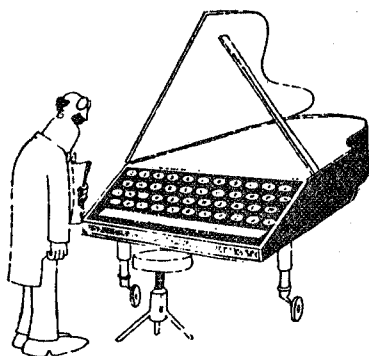
At this stage the membership will be limited to 10 girls, but a waiting list will be compiled if it proves necessary. If you know of a girl who might be interested in becoming a founder member, then please contact the leaders who will be Margaret Latchford (tel. 657101) or Isobel Marron (tel. 492643). Margaret is a trained nursery nurse and Isobel has had many years experience as head teacher of one of our infant schools, so the girls ought to be in good and capable hands.

The Social Committee have organised a walk on Saturday afternoon April 28th. Meet at the Memorial Hall at 1.30 pm. We start with a short car journey and should return by about 6.00 pm. Bring something to eat and drink.

**SPRING INTO
SPRING!**



Nellie Woodward is the guest speaker at the Ladies Guild when they meet on Tuesday April 17th. She will give another of her travel talks illustrated with slides.



A Piano in Church No not a 'Grand' or even a 'Baby Grand' but an Electric Piano! In common with other Churches it has been felt for some time now that a piano would be a valuable asset for accompanying some of the more recent songs we sing in public worship. The Church Council has authorized the purchase of an instrument at a special offer price of £2,400. This is £900 more than we had budgeted, and though no special appeal will be made to cover the shortfall, it is hoped that this will be made up from donations, especially from those who have been pressing for its purchase.

**LET'S
CELEBRATE
EASTER!**



It's a lovely time of the year. Flowers in the gardens. Lambs in the fields. We enjoy springtime. We enjoy Easter. It's a time to remember in a very special way how much God loves us. Millions throughout the world will be celebrating and thanking God for Jesus who, through his life, death and glorious resurrection has given us the opportunity of a new beginning. If you are going away at Easter don't miss the opportunity of celebrating Easter with others. For those of us remaining in Deane the details of our Easter services are on the front cover. In addition we will be celebrating the institution of the Lord's Supper at an Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday., April 12th at 7.30 pm. There is a catering list for this in Church. We will also be meditating upon our Lord's death at our Good Friday morning service the following day.

This month we put the focus on two Christian organisations that we support through our Christian giving Programme. The accounts to be presented at the Annual Church Meeting on April 10th reveal that each received a donation from us of £130.

We may be inclined to think that SCRIPTURE UNION simply produces Bible Reading notes and nothing more. Though one of its primary functions is to promote Bible reading, not only in this country but in at least 90 others throughout the world, its activities are more varied. For instance, it is engaged in children's evangelism and ministry to families throughout the world through its work in school, residential camps, house parties and church based missions. Then Scripture Union is both a book publisher and bookseller with bookshops in 17 countries.

In the Family/Parade Service on April 29th there will be a brief 5 minute visual presentation of the work of Scripture Union amongst children in one of the poorest area of Latin America.

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U.C.C.F. stands for Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship.



Michael Saunders is typical of many men and women who only came to a real, living Christian faith when they were students. They had gone through the children's and youth departments of their local church but their faith had remained somewhat nominal. It is through the Christian witness of fellow students that they often discover that faith can be a living experience, and it is through the ministry of some of the Churches in our university cities that they hear the Christian message proclaimed in a way that make it at least intellectually credible.

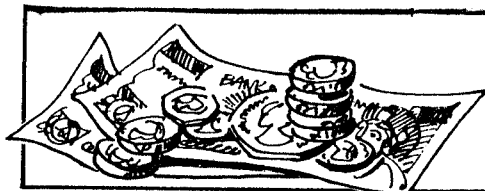
Being a Christian witness in today's student world is not easy. U.C.C.F. exists to support individual Christians and Christian Unions in the universities and colleges. In these situations the turn over in student population is so rapid and inevitably the leadership so inexperienced that leadership training and friendly support from older Christians is very important. This is the role which U.C.C.F. seeks to perform. U.C.C.F. staff (Mark Russell-Smith was a member after he left Deane) aim to come alongside Christian students to help; not to dictate or smother, but to teach, encourage and facilitate the developing gifts of young Christians, who will become Church Leaders in a few years time. Our support of U.C.C.F. through our prayers and financial gifts is a strategic investment for the future.

A NOTE ABOUT WASTE PAPER

It was a sad day when the rector had to announce the end of the Church's Waste Paper Collection. Last year's accounts reveal that this generated an income of £474, and we thank not only those who brought paper to the Rectory, but especially those who over the past 20 years have helped to separate it, and then stack it neatly in the Rectory Garage. The firm that have bought it from us for many years now claim that they are getting more than they can cope with. Ironically they are still receiving paper from the Charities Collection on the first Saturday of each month, and we are encouraging people to take their paper to one of the collection points rather than disposing of it in their wheelie bins where it will not be recycled. Computer paper is still in great demand, and if what your works computer churns out is going to waste please bring that to the Rectory, and the Church will benefit from its sale.



CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	Planned Giving	Loose	Totals
	Envelopes	Collections	
February 4	£464.71	£80.40	£545.11
11	733.69	79.94	813.63
18	453.11	78.93	532.04
25	496.37	127.06	623.43
Weekdays	-	61.41	61.41
	£2147.88	£427.74	£2575.62

This total compares with the £2145 given in February last year, and it represents an increase of 20% in the level of giving.

IN THE NEWS



The following children have received their awards for regular attendance at

<u>CLIMBERS:</u>	75 attendances	Stuart Wagner
<u>EXPLORERS:</u>	80 attendances	John Gradwell
	120 attendances	Rebecca Rutter, Rebecca Smith, Sarah Valentine
	160 attendances	Kirsten Gradwell

We are sorry to have to report that one of our former curates, Tony Woodward, has had to resign from his parish in Stockport because of his severe breakdown in health. The Church Commissioners are helping him to purchase a house and are going to grant him a disability pension until such time as he recovers and is able to return to active ministry again. The family are hoping to continue to live in Stockport area so that the disruption to the childrens' schooling is minimised.

We also have news of another former curate, Mark Russell-Smith. He has returned from Kenya, where he has been serving with one of our missionary societies as the principal of a Bible School/Theological College on the Kenya/Uganda border. With his wife Anne and daughter, Caroline he is based at their flat in York until autumn when he goes to Edinburgh University to study for a Masters Degree in Theology. He has been given leave of absence by the missionary society for he hopes to return to Africa for christian service better equipped as a result of his studies to cope with the intellectual challenges that are facing the men whom he is training for the ministry. He particularly asks us to pray that he may be able to obtain the finance for the course and to maintain his family during the next 18 months that he is off the pay roll of the missionary society.

We wish to express our sympathy to Pat Sewell and Barbara Woodfield on the death of their father John Hall whom we used to meet at church when he made his trips up north from his beloved Tottenham. He was involved in a serious road accident which eventually proved fatal.