

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

6. THIRD AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Resurrection
and the Life.

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

13. FOURTH AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Way, the Truth
and the Life.

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Family Communion

20. FIFTH AFTER EASTER

Theme: Going to the Father

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

6.30 pm Evensong

27. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Theme: The Ascension

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Service

6.30 pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am in the Church Lounge except
on May 23 when it is at the Rectory.

Central Fellowship: Tuesday May 8 at 8.00 pm in the Church Lounge.

Home Group: Tuesdays and Wednesdays May 1 & 2, 15 & 16, 29 & 30.

Christian Aid Week: May 13 - 19.

Ascension Day: Thursday May 24. Holy Communion at 8.00 pm.

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	Michael W. Saunders 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>
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. Alan Cheetham (61152)</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	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...



28th April, 1990

The attendance at our recent Annual Parochial Church Meeting was most encouraging. Equally encouraging was the fact that there had to be elections for the new Churchwardens and Church councillors because the number of nominations exceeded the number of places to be filled. Though the voting process prolongs the length of the meeting it is good that Church members have the opportunity of exercising a choice. Moreover I'm sure that the fact, together with the pleasant atmosphere of the meeting under Robin Hazlehurst's chairmanship, were answers to the prayers of those who had prepared for the meeting in a thoughtful and prayerful manner.

As a result of the elections the following were appointed to serve as our leaders during the coming year:-

Churchwardens:	Keith Acton, Terry Oakes and Stan Wilson.
Deanery Synod Representatives:	Harry and Pauline Ridyard and Stan Wilson.
Church Councillors:	Edna Barlow, Bob Barton, Brenda Dixon, Ray Howarth, Harold Lever, Sheila Morgan, Pat Sewell and Joyce Sutcliffe.

In recognition of his many years of outstanding service to God's work in this parish, Major Crook was appointed to the honorary position of "Warden Emeritus" by popular acclaim. The new wardens officially take up office at the Archdeacon's Visitation service on Monday June 4th which this year will be held for the first time at St. Catherines, Horwich. Sidesmen, whose job it is to assist the wardens, are expected to attend this service too.

I wish to commend to you the new midweek programme of Home Groups and Central Fellowship which meet on alternate weeks between now and the Bolton Holidays. At these groups we shall be considering a selection of the Psalms. Whenever there is a popularity poll or a discussion about the contents of our Sunday worship the psalms appear to come out bottom of the list. I'm sure this has a lot to do with the extreme difficulty which ordinary congregations like our own experience in singing the psalms to traditional chants. When, however, we discover that it is perfectly in order to read them or to sing them in a metrical form, as is the tradition in Scotland, then the psalms increase in popularity. Without many of us realising it, some of our most popular hymns (e.g. Praise my soul the King of Heaven, The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, O God our help in ages past etc.) are all paraphrases of the psalms. Generations of men and women have discovered what a rich treasury of spirituality they contain and our lives are impoverished if we neglect them. Thus I pray that this short two month programme of considering eight of the psalms will be a spiritually enriching experience. The details of the programme are contained in a brochure which is available in Church.

One of this year's confirmation candidates asked me this question "What do people say in their prayers when they return to their seats after receiving communion?" The short answer is that I don't know for I don't hear what they pray. I offer my own suggestion and here it is:

"I thank you Heavenly Father that your Son left us this memorial of His death on my behalf. Grant that as I have received the bread and wine through my lips, so I may also receive His body and blood in my heart by faith with thanksgiving. Cleanse me from my past sins and strengthen me now to follow the example of His most holy life in fellowship with my fellow Christians through Jesus Christ our Lord".

If you have a prayer which you use and may be helpful to others, then please submit it to me and we might be able to include it in the page of your contributions.

Roger B. Jackson.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

John Paxton, our Industrial Chaplain who writes about "A Young Man's Death Tragedy" The death of any person normally gives rise to feelings of grief, loss and pain, but the death of a young man or woman, particularly if it is sudden, comes as a sharper shock. If that person also happens to be "in the prime of life" and successful in work or socially, then we are brought up short, at least for a while.

If that person is a 40 year old manager in charge of over twenty people, is always cheerful, and enjoys a full leisure life, then questions begin to form. I do not want to explore the answers to the insistent "Why?", although that is important enough, but rather to see what issues arise in our minds about priorities, the pace of life and our own expectations.

The above description is of a real employee in a local company. When he died, the shock felt by his colleagues and staff was understandably deep. But as the days pass, the overwhelming topic of conversation was about the stresses of modern working life, the continual pressure of meeting targets and controlling costs, and the way in which the human body and spirit react to this busy life. People began to ask serious questions about values, and needs, and whether work, as they experience it, was worth all the risk. Health, rest and peace of mind were seen as more important than continual growth, and the emphasis on "achievement" and "efficiency".

These are spiritual matters. True fulfillment is found in ways other than long hours hyperactivity and unreal economic goals. We all need to get the balance right.

Ron Morris, our regular contributor who says "Little things mean a Lot"

Sometimes the problems of the world seem to be so big and so frightening that we feel powerless to do anything about them. There is homelessness here and abroad, poverty, starvation, wars, terrorism, oppression: the list goes on and on. All of these things are big problems. Many of us feel a deep concern about them. But what can we do?

It is true that we can't solve all the world's problems by ourselves, but we can make a start by helping those who need our help. It doesn't matter how small the things are that we can do. All of them make a difference to someone.

All the food we buy in a shop is produced by someone else and it makes us realise how much we rely on others for our food. If we relied on ourselves for producing food, then we would starve, and it is a fact, we cannot live without help from others in very many ways. So let us all do something, let us try and not let the others down, by doing our bit however small, in helping those in need around us and throughout the world. One practical way is by assisting in Christian Aid Week.

Phil Ray, our Christian Aid Week Organiser.

14th – 18th

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



For the first time ever last year we broke the £1,000 barrier in the house-to-house collection in that section of our parish for which we as a Church are responsible. Let's see if we can do this again. So that no one has a large backbreaking assignment (we try to keep it to about 50 houses/flats) we require about 70 volunteers to distribute the special envelopes and then to return later in the week to collect them. There is a list for volunteers in Church.

Our Church Council is divided into 5 working groups, which have the status of sub-committees. This month we put the

SPOTLIGHT ON THE MISSION AND UNIT GROUP

Pat Sewell writes :-

"Our group was formed two years ago and is composed of ordinary men and women from our church who were invited to look specifically at 'Local Mission' rather than Overseas Mission. As well as this, we were asked to examine ways of encouraging the links between the churches of all denominations in the locality.

At first, we seemed to lack a clearly defined purpose and consequently we didn't appear to be getting anywhere.

Then we were introduced to a method of evangelism called "Good News Down the Street", and after reading a booklet and listening to the tapes, telling us about the scheme, we met together to discuss our reactions. The result was a positive decision to give the scheme a trial. We thought we would like to share with you what has happened since.

Briefly "Good News Down the Street" works like this. A group composed of three members of our Church (either two men and one woman or two women and one man) visit a couple at their home. The invitation to visit results from previous discussions between the couple and the Rector, during which they have expressed an interest in learning more about the Christian faith. The object of the visits is for us to look at St. Luke's Gospel during a simple course of six one hour sessions using notes to guide us and for us to share with together what being a Christian means to us. As we talk about our hopes and fears and our past experience, our sessions soon become a meeting of friends, which we look forward to each succeeding week until, at the end of the six week course, we have all learned a lot more about each other. The couple we have visited know at least three more friends from Church with whom they can relate, and, most important of all, the visitors and the visited have come to understand something more about the Gospel of Christ, in an informal atmosphere in the comfort of their own homes. In this way, members of the Church at Deane are able to share "The Good News Down Your Street.

If you would like to know more, please come to the Morning Service on May 6th when there will be a short "face to face" interview with one of the members of the group, who are

Alan Cheetham, Maureen Edwards, Norman Hayes, Doreen Owen, Phil. Ray,
Margaret Reed and Pat Sewell.

Bank Holiday BONANZA

Deane Memorial Hall, 10.0am to 12noon.
SATURDAY 26th May 1990.

Summer Bedding Plants, Other Stalls, Refreshments.
Don't Miss It !

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>
March 4	£464.60	£65.27	£529.87
11	473.85	75.93	549.78
18	498.80	86.25	585.05
25	408.77	117.64	526.41
Weekdays	-	59.49	59.49
	<u>£1846.02</u>	<u>£404.58</u>	<u>£2250.60</u>

The amount given in March last year was £2314 and this means there is a fall of 2.7% in the level of giving.

IN THE NEWS



The following children received their attendance awards at the Family Service on Mothering Sunday:-

Climbers: Hayley Peavoy for 25 attendances
Jonathan Cheetham for 100 attendances

Explorers: 80 attendances: Lindsay Entwistle, Matthew Hewitt and Ian Holden.

160 attendances: Linda Biney.



On April 1 we gave thanks to God with John & Megan Roebuck for the birth of their daughter Amy and with Bernie and Susan Jackson for the birth of their daughter Erika Elizabeth.

We offer our congratulations to Margaret Battersby who was married to Kevin Holt on Palm Sunday, and to Bill & Alice Newton who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Alice's 79th birthday April 19 and to Major Crook who reached his 80th birthday on April 28.

At a service of Evensong in Manchester Cathedral on Friday May 18 at 7.30 pm Alison Saunders will be licensed by the Bishop of Bolton to serve as a Reader in our parish. As she was admitted to the office of Reader in the Diocese of Oxford last year this simply means a transfer of her licence for what is an undisclosed fee!

The Ladies Guild have planned the following programme of events

- May 1 - an evening outing to Barton Grange
8 - a joint Jumble Sale with the Mothers Union.
15 - Mrs Greenhalgh on the "Bronte Sister".
29 - Michael Saunders.

Mothers Union May

- 9 - Mrs Whittaker - I.M.P.C.
21 - Rally in Manchester.
23 - Robin Hazlehurst.