

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

3. PENTECOST

Theme: The Holy Spirit

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion
and Baptism

3.30 pm Evensong

10. FIRST AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Holy Trinity

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Morning Prayer

6.30 pm Family Communion

17. SECOND AFTER PENTECOST

Theme: The Church's Unity
and Fellowship

8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

3.30 pm Evensong

24. THIRD AFTER PENTECOST

"SERMONS SUNDAY"

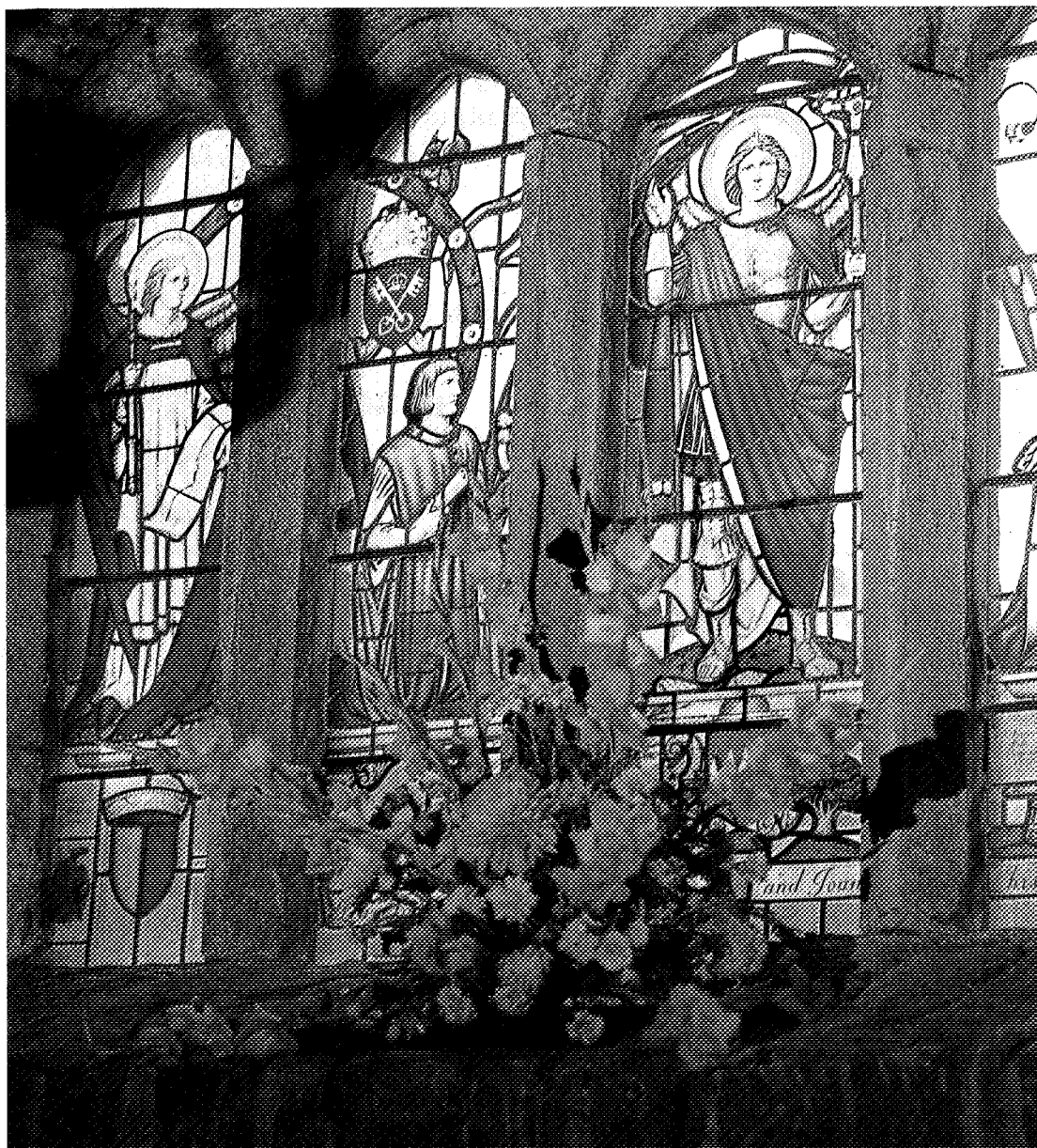
8.00 am Communion

10.30 am Family Communion

2.30 pm Family Service

3.30 pm Procession of Witness

6.30 pm Evening Service



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00 am in the Church
Lounge except on June 20 when it is at the Rectory.

Parochial Church Council: Thursday June 14 at 7.45 pm.

Central Fellowship: Tuesdays June 5, 19 at 8.00 pm in
the Church Lounge.

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays June 12 & 13, June 26 & 27

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Monday June 4 at 7.30 pm at
St. Catherine, Horwich.

Who's Who

What's On

Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)
Wardens	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723) Terry Oakes 14 Salford Road (64362) Stan Wilson 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Chairman	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)
Hon. Secretary	Bob Barton 8 Birchfield Grove (657792)
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463)

Chairmen of Working Groups

Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell
Pastoral	Roger Jackson
Worship	Stan Wilson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Brenda Dixon
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (922 812692)
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)

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)	
Explorers	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653043)	
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)	
C.Y.F.A.	14 to 18 years
<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i>	
Alan Cheetham (61152)	

LADIES' GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall.

Ladies' Guild	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Carol Tickle (652515)
Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies 1	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
2	<i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Lily Jarret (63511)
Guides	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
Rangers	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Bromley (657430)
Cubs A	<i>Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
B	<i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
Scouts	<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.

THE RECTOR WRITES...



.....about ORDINATION, DIVORCE and REMARRIAGE

26th May, 1990.

At the end of June my colleague, Michael Saunders, will be going into "retreat" to prepare for his ordination to the priesthood. The ordination service will be held this year in Bolton Parish Church on July 1st and will be conducted by the Bishop of Bolton. Though the ordination date once again falls within the Bolton Holiday fortnight, I do hope that a good number of us will be able to attend this service for it will be most encouraging to Michael. In the evening of that day he will preside at the Communion Service at Deane and this will be a parish occasion for there will be no evening service at St. Andrews.

One of the most agonising problems for the bishops to-day is the number of clergy marriage breakdowns. I have lost count of the breakdowns in our deanery and town over the past ten years or so. Though the bishops deal with each case individually, it nearly always means that the clergyman will cease to minister forthwith for at least a period of time. Depending on the circumstances he may be allowed to return to active ministry again after a time in the wilderness. Until recently one of the anomalies has been that anyone who was already divorced or married to a divorcee was automatically barred from being a candidate for ordination. The bishops are now to be given the authority to exercise the same kind of discretion as they do with those already ordained whose marriages have failed.

The Christian Church upholds, and must be seen to uphold, the lifelong nature of marriage. One of the functions of our Church of England is to preach it, for it is enshrined at the heart of our beautiful wedding service. Divorce is a clear failure to honour this principle of lifelong marriage. For the Church of England to condone divorce amongst its clergy is to weaken its witness. However, there are degrees of blame for failure even though it is rarely true that one party is wholly innocent and the other wholly guilty. I believe there are some people who ought not to be barred from a lifetime of ordained service because of a past divorce for which their share of the blame is negligible. Their application to become a candidate for ordination can now be considered with mercy by the bishops.

Ordinary clergy like myself are faced with what is numerically a far larger problem - that of the number of people who come to us for a Church wedding when at least one of the partners is a divorcee. Some vicars say "No" to all such requests on the grounds that to conduct a second marriage would be to detract from, and undermine, the principle of the lifelong nature of marriage. This position at least has the merit of being logical, and I respect those who hold it, providing they are gracious and caring in their ministry to such couples and don't give a categorical "No" without explanation. At the other end of the spectrum there are those who, to avoid hassle, or being accused of sitting in judgement on couples, will more or less indiscriminately marry anyone who comes to them. I have little respect for this position for I believe it to be irresponsible.

My own position is midway between these two extremes if I may describe them as such. At the risk of appearing to be judgemental I try to consider each application on its merits. When a couple satisfy certain criteria I am prepared to conduct their marriage. The criteria on which I wish to be satisfied are these:-

1. That a deliberate and determined effort had been made to work at the first marriage and that divorce had been the last resort when everything had failed.
2. That this new relationship had not been a contributory cause in the breakdown of the former marriage.
3. That the obligations of the former marriage - e.g. financial responsibilities and care of children were not being shirked by entering into this new relationship.
4. That I know the couple personally through their membership of our Church Family so that I can see that it really is God's blessing that they want, and not just an up-market version of the civil ceremony in the more photogenic background of Deane Church.

And it is because so few couples satisfy these requirements that over the past decade I have not averaged more than one such wedding ceremony per year. Robin and I do value the support of your prayers as we exercise this aspect of our ministry involving as it does certain agonising decisions from time to time.

Roger B. Jackson.

IN THE NEWS



At the annual Confirmation service on April 29th the following people confirmed their faith in Christ and were then confirmed in their membership of the Church by the Bishop of Manchester:- Leslie David Kilsby, Patricia Jane Reed, Martin Andrew Smith, Karen Elizabeth Waite and Janet Whittle.

We express our SYMPATHY to Mary Jackson and Joyce Sutcliffe both of whom have recently lost their elderly mothers. They wish to thank the many who have written to them, and Mary especially wants to express her gratitude to those who helped in practical ways with laundry and baking during her recent salmonella illness from which she is now recovering.



CONGRATULATIONS to.....Judith Bromley the leader of our Ranger Company on the occasion of her marriage to Phillip Ashcroft on May 25th. Jack Dawber who celebrates his 80th birthday on June 22nd. The immaculate condition of the lawns in the Garden of Remembrance and in front of the Church owe much to the hours which Jack spends tending them each week during the summer season. Elizabeth Plant at present Deputy Head of Bolton School Girls Division, on her appointment to the headship of Parson's Mead School, Leatherhead, Surrey.

WELCOME to Steven and Annette Abram. On June 11th Steven will be instituted by the Bishop of Manchester as vicar of our neighbouring parish of St. George the Martyr, Daubhill. Though they come from the countryside of Hampshire where he has been vicar of a small parish in the Salisbury diocese they are no strangers to the North West. Steven was brought up in Preston and Southport and Annette comes from Stoke-on-Trent. A few years ago they had the traumatic experience of being expelled by Colonel Gaddafi when our Embassy in Libya was closed down overnight. At the time Steven had been chaplain to the English speaking ex-patriates living and working in Libya.

NEWS FROM THE ORGANISATIONS

The Ladies Guild have invited Doreen Entwistle to speak about her visit to Canada on June 12th. The visiting speaker on June 26th is Miss Housley of the Octagon Theatre.

The Mothers' Union programme for this month includes a talk from Judith Worrall on June 6th and a visit from Ann Walmsley of the St. Johns Ambulance Brigade on June 20th. In the evening of June 20th the Deanery Festival will be held this year at St. Elizabeth's Church Horwich.

The Missionary Support Group meet on Monday afternoons June 11th and 25th.

The South American Missionary Society can use your Airmile Tokens and Gift Stamps for missionary travel and air fares, and for the purchase of equipment. These can be placed in special envelopes on the Church Notice Board.

UPDATE

"Christian Aid Week" Phil Ray wishes to thank all those involved in this year's door to door collection. Last year he was "over the moon" that at last we had broken through the £1000 barrier. This year we have already passed the £1200 mark. The final figure will appear next month.



The Church Army is another of the "Home" Missionary Societies that we support through our Christian Giving programme. Last year we gave £100 and we place the spotlight on the Church Army this month because our preacher on Sermons Day, June 24th, is the new Chief Secretary, Captain Philip Johanson. Philip is the first layman to hold this position. He was commissioned in London last month by the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Coggan, at a service in which the preacher was the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr Robin Eames.

The Church Army was founded in 1882 by a young Anglican clergyman called Wilson Carlile who, whilst working in central London, saw how traditional Church of England parishes were failing to reach out to ordinary people, and especially to those who are disadvantaged in life. God had given Carlile a heart for evangelism, and in starting the Church Army he was fulfilling his vision of taking the Christian message to those people without any contact with the Church, and encouraging fellow Christians to do the same.

Today there are over 340 uniformed evangelists in the Church Army. All hold the same rank as Captain. Together with many non-uniformed personnel they working in Ireland and West Germany as well as this country. Some work in parishes, whilst others work in prisons, hospitals as well as with the Armed Forces. Some hold deanery and diocesan posts, whilst others are in community and residential situations caring for the elderly, the homeless and those suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. There are sister societies in America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Barbados, Jamaica, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

As the subject of "Evangelism" is beginning to find its way onto the agendas of church councils and synods there is obviously an increasingly important role for the Church Army to play during the forthcoming "Decade of Evangelism".

For one month in each year Church Army officers assist with the stewarding of the many visitors to Westminster Abbey. The story is told of a visitor from New Zealand who was surprised to find a grey uniformed Church Army officer near to the entrance to the Abbey. On seeing the shoulder flash "Church Army" he commented "I know things were bad in England, but I hadn't realised that you needed an official army to guard the church buildings!"

SPOTLIGHT ON SERMONS WEEKEND

FRIDAY 22 JUNE at 7.30 pm. 'FRIDAY NIGHT IS MUSIC NIGHT' when the Blackburn and Darwen Youth T.D.S. Band will play a varied programme of light music in Church. Tickets are now available from members of the Social Committee at £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children and senior citizens, and is inclusive of light refreshments.

DEANE CHURCH SONG BOOK

ON SATURDAY 23 JUNE the CYPA group with a little help from other singers and musicians are going to do a:-

SPONSORED SING/PLAY of all the 230 items in the **NEW DEANE CHURCH SONG BOOK.**

They will be in Church from 9.00 am - 11.30 am and from 12.30 pm onwards to sing or play all the items.

From 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm we do hope that many of you will come to the Church to have a good sing of some of the old favourites and one or two new ones and encourage the CYPA members to raise a goodly sum towards the cost of the new electric piano.

Sponsor forms will be available in Church soon so do please try and sponsor CYPA or take a form and encourage your friends to sponsor the Young People either per song sung/played or for a donation towards the event.

CHURCH OPEN DAY - As in previous years there will be conducted tours of the Church on the Saturday afternoon of June 23 from 1.00 pm to 5.00pm.

THE YEAR'S FINANCES

CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	<u>Planned Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
April 1	£983.05	£ 75.11	£1058.16
8	513.25	76.43	589.68
15	536.75	177.47	714.22
22	373.95	60.95	434.90
29	505.17	199.73	704.90
Weekdays	-	269.16	269.16
	<u>£2912.17</u>	<u>£858.85</u>	<u>£3771.02</u>

In the corresponding period last year the total given was £3004. This represents an increase of 22% in the level of giving.

LENT APPEAL

The amount given in this year's Lent Appeal was only £280 which was well down on last year. This represents the contents of 52 boxes and a few loose donations. It has been divided equally between God's work overseas through the Church Missionary Society, and the Church's response to the problems of areas of urban deprivation in this country through the Church Urban Fund.

GIVING AND THE TAX MAN

May I express my very sincere thanks on behalf of the Church, to everybody who has supported us through the Envelope Scheme during 1989. If anyone who has covenanted gifts would like details of the Covenant for their Tax Return, I will gladly supply them.

The NETT amount received from COVENANTORS was £19,429. Because TAX has been paid to the INLAND REVENUE on this amount, this is equivalent to a GROSS payment of £25,905. Thus we have been able to recover a TAX REFUND of £6,476. A further sum of £5,366 was received in the envelopes which was NOT COVENANTED. A proportion of this amount would be given by Non-Taxpayers.

I would now like to refer to changes that the Chancellor made in the recent Budget. Since April 5 1990, it has not been possible to combine a married couple's gifts to claim a maximum amount of tax. From that date, each person must pay TAX in their own right in order that a TAX CLAIM may be made.

In October 1990 there will be a further concession worth at least £200 on GIFTS of £600 or more. The TAX REFUND can be repaid in full immediately without waiting for the usual 4 year spreadover. At this moment "ONE OFF GIFTS" which are made from time to time, can be used as DEPOSIT COVENANTS, and a TAX CLAIM made which would increase the value of the GIFT by 33%.

Finally , I would like to tell you that the Church of England as a whole, received back in TAX REFUNDS £20 MILLION, and was the largest "CUSTOMER" of the INLAND REVENUE in this respect. May I once again thank everyone who supports the Church in so many different ways. If you have questions to ask or want further advice on these matters do not hesitate to get in contact with me.

Major Crook - Hon Treasurer.