

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**MARCH** 1991

SUNDAY DIARY

**3 THIRD IN LENT**

Theme: Suffering

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family  
Communion

6.30pm Evening Service  
Led by a Home  
Group.

**10 FOURTH IN LENT**

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

6.30on Family  
Communion

**17 FIFTH IN LENT**

Theme: The Victory  
of the Cross

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family  
Communion

6.30pm Evening Service  
Led by a Home  
Group

**24 PALM SUNDAY**

Theme: The Way of  
the Cross

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

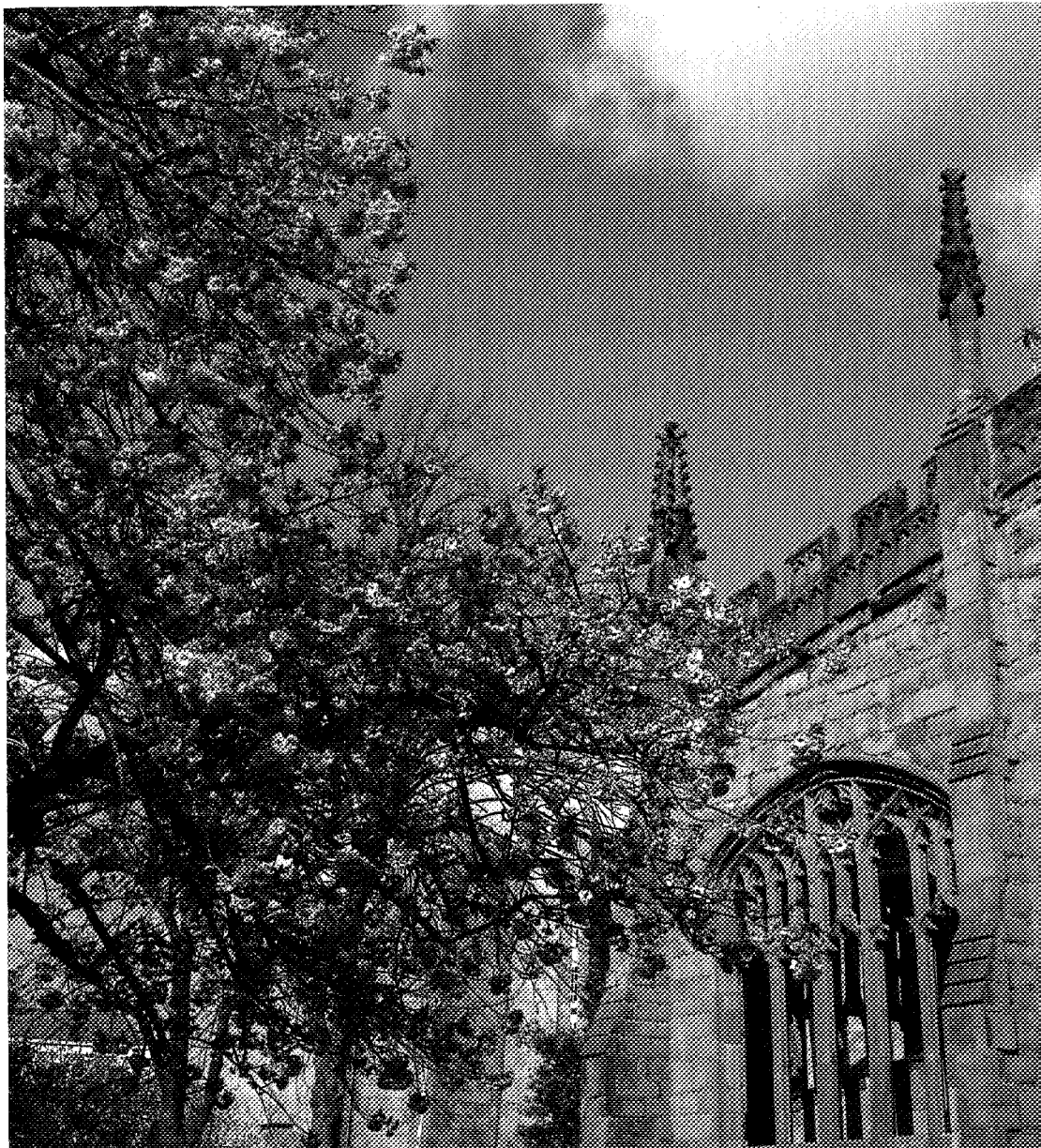
6.30pm Passiontide  
Carol Service

**31 EASTER DAY**

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family  
Communion

6.30 pm Evensong



*Blossom at Coventry, by Ivan J. Belcher  
(X series cover published by Chansitor Publications Ltd, St Mary's Works, St Mary's Plain,  
Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 3BH; printed in Great Britain by Stott Brothers Ltd, Halifax and Oxford)*

MID WEEK DIARY

Communion : Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church lounge  
except on March 13th when it is at the Rectory.

Lent Groups: Tuesdays March 5, 12, 19 at 1.30pm, 7.45pm, 8.00pm  
Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20 at 10.50am, 1.30pm, 2.15pm and 8.00pm

Parochial Church Council; Monday March 11th at 7.45pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Tuesday, March 26th

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal: March 28th at 7.30pm

Good Friday: Morning Service at 10.30am

## Who's Who

## What's On

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

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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

### Chairmen of Working Groups

<b>Mission &amp; Unity</b>	Pat Sewell
<b>Pastoral</b>	Roger Jackson
<b>Worship</b>	Stan Wilson
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabric</b>	Harry Ridyard
<b>Social</b>	Brenda Dixon
<b>Overseas Mission</b>	Joyce Sutcliffe

### OTHER OFFICIALS

<b>Organist</b>	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (922 812692)
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<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)
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### MEMORIAL HALL

<b>Bookings</b>	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
<b>Caretakers</b>	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

<b>Crèche</b>	under 3 years
<b>Scramblers</b>	3 to 5 years
<b>Climbers</b>	5 to 7 years
<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i>	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
<b>Explorers</b>	7 to 11 years
<i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i>	
Eric Downs (653048)	
<b>Pathfinders</b>	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)	
<b>C.Y.F.A.</b>	14 to 18 years
<i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i>	
Alan Cheetham (61152)	

### LADIES' GROUPS

*Meet in the Memorial Hall*

<b>Ladies' Guild</b>	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Joyce Owen (61849)
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<b>Mothers' Union</b>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)
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### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

*Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut*

<b>Brownies</b>	1 <i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
	2 <i>Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Lily Jarret (63511)

<b>Guides</b>	<i>Mondays at 7.15 p.m.</i> Carol Baxendale (62106)
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<b>Rangers</b>	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.</i> Judith Ashcroft (657430)
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<b>Cubs</b>	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)

<b>Rainbows</b>	<i>Fridays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Margaret Latchford (657101)
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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...

23rd February, 1991.

One of the books which I read whilst on holiday recently is entitled "The Church in the Market Place." It is written by George Carey, soon to become Archbishop of Canterbury. It is very easy to read because it tells the story of his 7 year ministry at St. Nicholas Church, Durham, a Church of which I was a member for 5 years during my student days at the University.

When George Carey arrived in Durham he found St. Nicholas to be very similar to the Deane Church when I arrived in Bolton. Both were ancient parishes. Patterns of Church life and worship were traditional. The committed nucleus of the congregation tended to be older rather than younger and generally they were content with things as they were.

The changes that took place at the Church in the Market Place were quite traumatic to say the least during those 7 years, much more so than have taken place here. When my son Adrian went up to Durham University it was just a few months after George Carey had left. Like me he became a member of St. Nicholas Church. By now it was a very different Church. The congregations were very large, Church life and worship were vibrant, the inside of the building had been completely re-orientated and the level of giving was in a different league from that of almost every other congregation in the diocese. But changes don't take place overnight. Nor are they achieved without a considerable amount of opposition, division, suffering and pain.

Just how this particular Church faced up to the challenges and faced up to those issues under George Carey's leadership is a remarkable story. Because I believe that our two Churches at Deane and Over Hulton can learn lessons from the experience of "The Church in the Market Place" I wish to commend this book to you most warmly. Indeed I was so thrilled with what I read that I have ordered a copy for each of our Lent House Groups to read and pass on to other members. In addition I have ordered a few more copies at £3.50 each for any who wish to purchase it for themselves. I am now more than ever thankful to God that a man such as George Carey who has had some down-to-earth experience in a parish and also has a vision for the future has been chosen to become the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

Here are three brief extracts from the book:

"I have discovered that Christians are on the whole terrified of direct evangelism. Why is it, I ask myself, that we can talk so freely and naturally about football, the weather, politics and the state of the economy, and yet feel so ill at ease when it comes to talking about something which means everything to us?"

".....in no way were we trying to destroy or remove the Prayer Book. But, I argued, beautiful as it is, it is no vehicle for reaching the outsider or for touching young people. I like it too, but it is not a question of what I like, but whether the language of the Prayer Book can reach our contemporaries or even express the spiritual devotion of modern Christians. The Church is not a religious club whose only responsibility is to its own members. Our worship is a shop window to the world. If our worship is attractive as well as reverent, joyful as well as devotional, relevant as well as anchored in Scripture, then God will use it to draw many to Him".

"Music group is first and foremost a prayer group and only secondly a music group"

## Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

This subject has been debated and argued about for many years now. In July 1988 the General Synod of the C of E (our Church's parliament which usually meets in Westminster) gave its general approval to the principle that women could be ordained as priests within our Church. During this year every Diocesan Synod will be voting on a series of draft measures for the implementation of the decision taken in 1988. If more than half the dioceses vote in favour (by a simple majority) then the motion will go forward to the General Synod early next year for approval by a two thirds majority, in each of the 3 houses (bishops, clergy and laity). It then passes to Parliament for final approval. As a congregation we are encouraged to consider this matter so that our Deanery Representatives - Harry and Pauline Ridyard, Stan Wilson and the Clergy - will have some idea of the balance of opinion within our Church. Because they are representatives rather than delegates they will not be bound by your opinions, but I am sure they will take note of them. I am most grateful to Harry and Stan for setting out the issues overleaf. I hope you will consider the two sides of the argument carefully and prayerfully and exercise your vote placing your slip in the box provided in Church.

Roger B. Jackson.

# Women for the Priesthood

# YES

# or

# NO

1. Priests are go-betweens, bridges between God and human beings. Since male and female together were made in the image of God the priesthood needs to include women.

2. Many parishes are already deriving benefit from the ministry of women in everything except priestly duties. Why stop short?

3. Initially Jesus chose 12 male Jewish Apostles. Within a short space of time the Holy Spirit led them and their successors to include Gentiles. Cannot the same Spirit lead us to include women too?

4. Several Churches within the Anglican Communion are already ordaining women to the priesthood and so the C of E would not be the first to break ranks with tradition.

5. Whilst it would be wrong to insist that every congregation should be willing to have a woman priest, it would be equally wrong to prevent a congregation from having one.

6. There are particular gifts such as sensitivity and compassion which women can bring to a shared priesthood.

7. Parishoners should have a choice of a man or woman to approach when seeking the ministry of a priest as they have in relation to a G.P.

8. There are sincere Christian women who, often to their own surprise, feel that God is calling them to be priests. Not even to test their vocation is to suggest that God is unable to lead us into new truths and to deny them the opportunity of responding to God's call.

1. Though male and female are equal in status before God they were created with different functions.

2. Priests are "Pictures" of Christ and He was male.

3. Jesus entered the world according to God's plan. He was in the right place at the right time. His choice of male apostles was not conditioned by the culture and expectations of that time. It was deliberate and must have implications for to-day's ministry.

4. It has been the tradition of the Church to have a male priesthood, and it is not for the C of E to break with that tradition without the agreement of the whole Church including the R.Cs.

5. The proposed legislation would allow a diocese through its bishop to establish 'no-go' areas for women priests. This would create a division within our Church by a ministry which should be reconciling.

6. To suggest that priesthood cannot be truly representative unless both men and women are part of it is to suggest that Jesus needed to be both male and female to redeem the world.

7. There does not seem to be any warranty in Scripture for women to exercise an apostolic or priestly ministry, but this does not deny the ministry of women which is of value and of no less importance than priestly ministry.

8. The future appointment of bishops would be affected by how a diocese had voted e.g. a diocese in favour of women priests would not have a bishop who was against and vice-versa. This could compel the trickle of people leaving our Church over this issue to become a steady stream.

# BITS & PIECES

## ANNUAL REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Following last year's compiling of a completely new roll (the official list of members of a local congregation) we are required to revise it and bring it up to date. In our case the appointed period for doing this is from February 24th to March 11th. A copy of the existing roll is on the notice board in church. If you have joined us over the past year or for one reason or other didn't apply for membership last year, you are encouraged to take one of the application forms which are available in church and return it by March 11th.



KEEP THIS DATE  
FREE!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Tuesday March 26th at 7.30pm. Sometimes, annual meetings of a company or organisation can be deadly, dull affairs attended by a mere handful of officials. Sadly church meetings can be like this too, but they don't have to be. Last year's meeting had a very good attendance and was an enjoyable and enlightening meeting.

This month's prayer comes from the Church in Wales -



God the sender, send us,  
God the Sent, come with us,  
God the Strengtheners of those who go,  
empower us,  
that we may go with you  
and find those who will call you  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

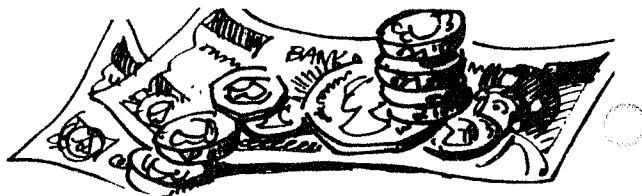


This year there is a choice of meeting for this annual event on Friday March 1st. The afternoon service at 2 o'clock will be held at St. George and St. Andrew United Reformed Church on St. George's Road. The evening service at 7 o'clock is at Holy Infants Roman Catholic Church near to Astley Bridge Asda.

The Ladies Guild and Mothers Union members are joining in the mid-week Lent programme on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons at the usual times.

The Missionary Support Group meets on Mondays March 4th and 25th.

## CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	<u>Christian Giving Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January 6	£ 631.54	£ 67.28	£698.82
13	557.41	77.89	635.30
20	345.72	96.60	442.32
27	478.19	96.05	574.24
Weekdays	-	39.36	39.36
	<u>£ 2012.86</u>	<u>377.18</u>	<u>2390.04</u>

In the corresponding month last year the total amount given was £2358. This year's figure represents a marginal increase of 1% which is well below the inflation rate.

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In their reply to our gift of £841.40 from our Christmas Appeal, Tear Fund inform us that with this and gifts from other churches they have been able to make grants of £36,000 for the purchase of a lorry and two trailers to assist with food distribution along two "peace corridors" to the two million people in Angola facing starvation. Additional grants of £30,000 and £7,000 have been made towards the cost of airlifting supplies to those areas which cannot be reached by truck. They ask us to pray that these supply lines will be kept open, and that God will protect all those engaged in this demanding, and often dangerous, work.

## IN THE NEWS

### THANKSGIVING



On Sunday, February 10th, we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children.

David and Heather Marsh for their daughter Georgina  
David and Susan Proudlove for their son Matthew

CLIMBER ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been gained by

Emma Bateson for 75 attendances

Joanne Baxendale and Joanne Cheetham for 125 attendance

Victoria Entwistle for 150 attendances

### SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Betty Dootson on the death of her husband Jim, a quiet, considerate Christian man who had been in failing health for some time and also to Brenda Lord whose father has died recently.

**PUT CLOCKS FORWARD!**

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