

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1991

SUNDAY DIARY

7. FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Upper Room

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

14. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Emmaus Road

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Family Communion
& Commissioning of
new P.C.C.

21. THIRD AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Lakeside

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

28. FOURTH AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Charge to
Peter

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Service

2.30pm Annual George Marsh
Memorial Service

6.30pm Parish Confirmation
Service at St Andrews



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on April 24 when it is at the Rectory.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday, April 10 at 8.00pm in the Church
Lounge.

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, April 16/17 and
April 30/May 1.

Who's Who

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)
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Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)
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MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)
 caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)

What's On

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 (653049)	
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.</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> Joyce Owen (61849)
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 Ashcroft (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)
Rainbows	<i>Fridays at 6.30 p.m.</i> Margaret Latchford (657101)

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...

30th March, 1991

I have been most encouraged that a good number of people have been reading Archbishop George Carey's little book "The Church in the Market Place" which I commended last month. Though it is an exciting story of how a relatively small congregation tackled some enormous problems under his leadership, and in the process grew from strength to strength, it is by no means a success story from beginning to end. They had their full quota of setbacks and disappointments on the way. For the most part their divisions were between those members who were complacent and wanted things to remain just as they were, and those who were the visionaries having caught a vision of what they believed God wanted for their Church in Durham as we approach the end of the millennium.

In our Lent programme of mid week home groups we have been encouraged to dream dreams and to get a vision of what God would like our Church in Deane to be like at the end of this decade. At our annual meeting earlier this week I shared with those present just one aspect of the vision I have, and because one of those present has encouraged me to share it with the wider audience who read this newsletter I propose to repeat something I said on that occasion. I would love to see a greater unity amongst Church members in three areas which at present are areas of conflict, misunderstanding and disunity.

In making a plea for unity in the realm of music I do not mean that we should all have the same likes and dislikes; that could only lead to a drab uniformity. Instead it means that I will not insist that everyone else must have the same tastes as myself and that I will be sensitive to the preferences of others. It is a very painful expression of our disunity when some of us deliberately absent ourselves from Church on those occasions when some of the hymns and songs are accompanied by the Music Group rather than the organ. Equally sad is when people suggest that if an item isn't in the Deane Church Song Book it can't be worth singing! If our worship is to be worthy of God and emotionally and intellectually satisfying to ourselves we need a balanced combination of the new and the old.

The second area where I would love to see a deeper unity is in a recognition of the importance of worship and fellowship. Whereas some of us find the informality and intimacy of a house group more helpful than public worship, there are others who feel more secure in the structured and more formal Sunday worship than we imagine we would feel in a midweek fellowship group. The simple fact is that they are not alternatives from which we pick and choose. We need them both for they compliment each other by supplying what the other lacks. Our Christian lives are impoverished without worship and fellowship.

The third area of conflict is when we place the practical and spiritual in watertight compartments. Some of us are very practical and get things done, whilst others are content to talk and pray. Others of us are concerned when the Church Council appears to spend most of its time discussing practical and material things and gives little time and space for a discussion on things spiritual. Once again it is wrong to see these as opposites. The one should be the outworking of the other. The Christian attitude to finance is a good illustration of this. All would agree that money is an intensely practical matter, but the problems which many individual Christians and Churches have with money are not financial but spiritual. If we really were obedient to what the Bible teaches about Christian giving by giving regularly, sacrificially and in direct proportion to our income then our financial problems would disappear overnight.

During the past five weeks the average attendance of different adults of 17+ years of age has been 217. In order to meet our obligations and commitments both inside and outside the parish we need a weekly income in excess of £800. As a matter of rough justice it means that on average each one of those 217 adults should contribute about £4 per week each week. Clearly some will and do give considerably more, but equally clearly many give considerably less. If we give less than the average is it because we are numbered amongst those whose income is less than average, or is it because what we give to God has a lower priority than it ought to have? This is an intensely spiritual and practical question which all Church members ought to be asking themselves.

I conclude by drawing your attention to two important events in April. In the context of the evening Communion Service on April 14th we shall commission those who were elected to serve on the Church Council at the annual meeting. They are:

Church Wardens: Keith Acton, Terry Oakes and Stan Wilson.

Councillors: Edna Barlow, Nathan Biney, Brenda Dixon, Harold Lever, Peter Marron, Eric Morgan, Sheila Morgan, and Joyce Sutcliffe.

Deanery Synod Reps: Harry and Pauline Ridyard, Stan Wilson.

The other event is our monthly prayer gathering called Prayer Focus on Wednesday April 10th from 8-9.30 pm in the Church Lounge. I look forward to seeing you on those two occasions as we support by our presence and prayer those whom we have elected to run the practical affairs of our Church.

Roger B. Jackson.

WE APPRECIATED



Sheila Acton "Thank you to all who have remembered me in your prayers and have sent me cards during my return visit to Wrightington Hospital. I gained tremendous strength to cope with the second operation and I am now progressing well with hopes of full fitness by the summer. We are most grateful too, on a practical level, for help given with shopping, ironing and for meals prepared for the family. Indeed Keith says he's never eaten so well. Many thanks".

THANK YOU!



John & Virginia Corbyn "Thank you very much for all the cards and good wishes which we have received on the birth of Elizabeth Alice. She seems to be settling down now we are home and have some sort of routine. She was 6lbs.13 ozs. at birth and, appropriately arrived at 6.53am on Mothering Sunday".

Michael Saunders

"After the Lent Study Group Programme we revert this month to our fortnightly Home Groups on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting on April 16/17. Between now and the Bolton Holidays at the end of June we meet on 6 occasions to look at one of St. Paul's shorter letters - the Epistle to the Philippians. Fuller details of times meeting places and passages to be studied are available from me or in Church. If you enjoyed the Lent Groups then do accept this as a personal invitation to join one of these groups".



The Leaders of our Ladies Organisations who supply details of their respective programmes for this month.

The Ladies Guild have invited the following speakers on:

April 2 Nellie Woodward who will give an illustrated talk on her visit to India.

April 16 Miss Unsworth who will introduce members to procedures in the Courts.

April 30 Mrs. Hawthorn who will prepare members for "Growing Old"

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoons April 3rd and 17th.

In addition members are encouraged to attend a "Spring Conference" to be held at Daisy Hill, Westhoughton on April 15th.

The Monday Afternoon Missionary Support Group meet on April 8th and 29th.

The Social Committee who have planned a theatre visit on Friday May 24th to the Trencherfield Mill at Wigan Pier. The Riding Lights Theatre Company are on a nationwide tour performing "Rolling in the Aisles". They retell the epic story of the creation and redemption of the world with a freshness and inventive humour enabling them to proclaim great truths without pomposity. Comic invention abounds. The sketches - some riotously funny, others deeply moving - combine into a gutsy celebration of some of the key Bible stories and their relevance to a modern T.V. generation.

Further details, together with a booking list are in Church.

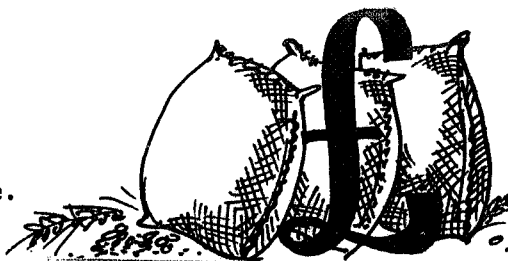
ROLLING IN THE AISLES



APRIL HAPPENINGS

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

In preparation for next month's the local committee have organised a series of three open meetings to which everyone is invited to learn about the immense problems facing our fellow human beings in other parts of the world and how they can be solved through united effort in Christ's name.



Wed. 10th April at St Pauls, Astley Bridge.

Mrs Anne Booth-Clibborn is the Deputy-chair of the Board of Christian Aid and also chairs the Christian Aid Africa/Middle East committee. She has spent 11 years in Kenya and has recently visited Namibia, Kenya and Uganda. Her talk will be on the present crisis in Africa.

Tues. 16th April at St Andrews, Over Hulton.

Rev. Michael Austin is an authority on the problems of the poor in Central America and has spent the first three months of this year on a return visit to Honduras where he previously was a minister. He has always concerned himself with the injustice and exploitation of the poor and will give graphic descriptions of their plight.

Wed. 17th April at Victoria Hall

Film: *The Living City*. "More than 2.5 million people live in Calcutta's bustees, one family to a hut about 12 feet square." As well as outlining its many problems, this film describes the hopeful, living face of Calcutta. It will be followed by a discussion led by a panel of experts.

All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m.

This year's PARISH WEEKEND April 19 - 21 at Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales

is fully booked. There will be a short meeting in the Church Lounge on Thursday April 11th at 8.00pm. to which those going on the weekend are invited. Those requiring transport should come to this meeting or contact Brenda Dixon on Bolton 653333.



The Plant Stall of the Autumn Fayre is once again offering external HANGING FLOWER BASKETS either new, complete with flowers of your own baskets filled with flowers, or new 12" cauldrons filled with flowers. Further details are contained on the order forms which are now available at the back of the church.



CHRISTIAN GIVING

Thank you to all who have contributed to the work of God through His Church



	Planned Giving	Loose	
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
February 3	605.12	76.62	£ 681.74
10	379.30	92.38	471.68
17	520.03	93.37	613.40
24	507.85	93.61	601.46
Weekdays	-	80.19	80.19
	<u>£2012.30</u>	<u>£436.17</u>	<u>£2448.47</u>

The amount given in February last year was £2576. Not only is this a fall of 5% in the level of giving, but when we take account of inflation it represents a fall of 14% in real terms.

IN THE NEWS



Attendance Awards were presented at the Family Service in February to the following Climbers :-

25 attendances	:	Heather Crook
50 attendances	:	Angela Cheetham, Richard Harrison
175 attendances	:	Mark Oakes

Philip Harrison	for	80 attendances
Alison Baxendale	for	120 attendances
Sarah Valentine	for	160 attendances

CONGRATULATIONS

We were delighted to hear the news of the birth of of a daughter, Elizabeth Alice, to John and Virginia Corbyn on Mothering Sunday. John, a former curate at Deane is now Vicar of St. Gabriel's Church, Blackburn and Virginia is the elder daughter of Harry and Pauline Ridyard. Congratulations to Jane and David Martindale on the birth of their daughter, Emma Jane. David is the professional at Deane Golf Club and Emma is the first grandchild for Joyce Burtonwood.

We express our SYMPATHY to Pat Otter on the death of her mother, Mellicent, and to Kathryn Merrick, a member of our Pathfinder and Music Group on the very sudden and tragic death of her brother David, who, like Kathryn, was a pupil at The Deane School. We extend sympathy to Kathryn's parents, John and Linda. We also assure Rosemary Crook and her family of the support of our prayers at this time of the loss of her mother, Florence Turner, who had been in failing health for some time.

