

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**MAY** 1991

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 5. FIFTH AFTER EASTER ROGATION SUNDAY

Theme:

Going to the Father

8.00 am Communion  
10.30 am Family Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong

### 12. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Theme:

The Ascension

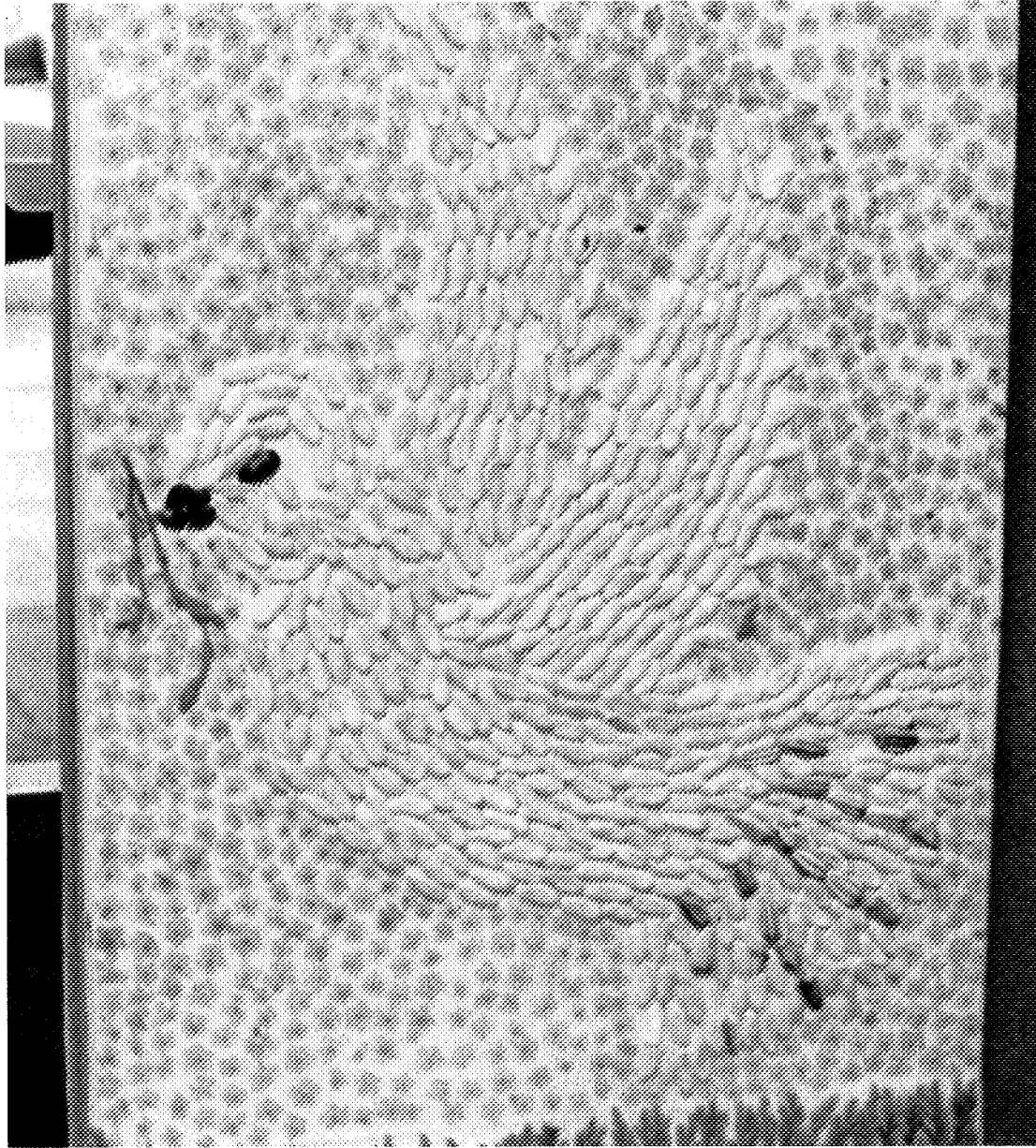
8.00 am Communion  
10.30 am Morning Prayer  
6.30 pm Family Communion

### 19. PENTECOST

8.00 am Communion  
10.30 am Family Communion  
6.30 pm Evensong

### 26. TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00 am Communion  
10.00 am Family Service  
6.30 pm Family Communion



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## MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except on May 22nd when it is at the Rectory.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday May 22nd at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Home Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays May 14/15 and May 28/29.

Ascension Day: May 9th, Holy Communion at St. Andrews at 10.00am and in Deane Church at 7.30pm.

Archdeacon's Visitation: Friday May 3rd at 7.30pm in St. Bede's Church, Morris Green.

Christian Aid Week: May 12 - 18th.

<b>Who's Who</b>		<b>What's On</b>
<b>Rector</b>	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	<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. Pauline Ridyard (651157)</i>
<b>Vicar</b>	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	<b>Explorers</b> 7 to 11 years <i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall Eric Downs (653049)</i>
<b>Curate</b>	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<b>Pathfinders</b> 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>
<b>Readers</b>	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	<b>C.Y.F.A.</b> 14 to 18 years <i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m. Alan Cheetham (61152)</i>
<b>Wardens</b>	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723) Terry Oakes 14 Salford Road (64362)  Stan Wilson 11 Clough Meadow (492034)	<b>LADIES' GROUPS</b> <i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>  <b>Ladies' Guild</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Joyce Owen (61849)  <b>Mothers' Union</b> Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
<b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b>		<b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b> <i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>
<b>Lay Chairman</b>	Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157)	<b>Brownies</b> 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010)
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Bob Barton 8 Birchfield Grove (657792)	2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511)
<b>Hon. Treasurer</b>	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463)	<b>Guides</b> Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)
<b>Chairmen of Working Groups</b>		<b>Rangers</b> Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Ashcroft (657430)
<b>Mission &amp; Unity</b>	Pat Sewell	<b>Cubs</b> A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277)
<b>Pastoral</b>	Roger Jackson	B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
<b>Worship</b>	Stan Wilson	<b>Rainbows</b> Fridays at 6.30 p.m. Margaret Latchford (657101)
<b>Buildings &amp; Fabric</b>	Harry Ridyard	
<b>Social</b>	Brenda Dixon	
<b>Overseas Mission</b>	Joyce Sutcliffe	
<b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b>		
<b>Organist</b>	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (922 812692)	
<b>Flowers</b>	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	
<b>MEMORIAL HALL</b>		
<b>Bookings</b>	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)	
<b>Caretakers</b>	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...



27th April, 1991

For the first time this year Mary and I have been able to join the Parish Weekend House-Party at Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales. It was a most enjoyable occasion, not least because we were able to be ordinary members of the party. We were not expected to be organising or leading "this, that and the other". The Social Committee under Brenda Dixon's leadership had planned the whole weekend from start to finish. They had organised the spiritual, social and recreational activities very well indeed, and to them we owe a debt of gratitude.

When some Churches go away for the weekend they have a very high powered conference with lots of talks and discussions. We are not at that stage. Our programme was comparatively relaxed with an emphasis not on meetings, but on meeting - i.e. getting to know one another better. This is important because it is a sad fact that many of us who attend a particular service on Sundays are relative strangers to one another and almost complete strangers to those who attend the services at different times from ourselves. It was encouraging, therefore, to see a good cross-section of our Church membership attending the houseparty - at least of those who are prepared to be sociable, for I recognise that some of us prefer to keep ourselves to ourselves and would never even contemplate going away with other Church members. It was encouraging to see people doing things which they had never done before, and being grateful for having been invited to have this new experience. For me perhaps the most encouraging thing was the wholehearted way in which people joined in the singing at the informal communion service on the Sunday morning. It was such a contrast from the half-hearted way in which so many of us are content to sing on Sunday mornings at Deane. There is a marked contrast between the evening and morning services. Though the congregation in an evening is only about a third of the size of the morning congregation the volume of the singing in the evening is considerably greater. Both I and the worship committee would be interested to know why. It's certainly not because we have all the more singable hymns for the evening! Is it because many of us are still in the process of waking up, having been in bed less than an hour earlier, or is it because we are dreaming about our Sunday dinners? If a Parish Weekend Houseparty is planned for next year I warmly commend it to you. This year's was fully booked.

## *...life before death*

Is the theme of this year's Christian Aid Week from May 12th - 18th. If ever we needed reminding of the plight of millions of our fellow human beings who are the victims of famine and war then the pictures on our T.V. screens of the Kurds in Iraq ought to have served that purpose. But we need more than reminding. We need to take action, and because the scenes are of way-off places we are slow to respond. As Church members we have at least two opportunities every year of responding by giving to our Harvest and Christmas Appeals. These monies are channelled through Tear Fund and last year we sent £1,286. As a Church we also support the other Christian Relief Agency - Christian Aid. A very considerable portion of its income is raised during Christian Aid Week each year, when in the name of Christ we appeal to the wider public to respond to the plight of those who suffer in Third World countries. We do this through the door-to-door collection. Last year our visitors raised a record sum of £1,237 from that section of Deane for which we are responsible. I am most grateful to Phil Ray for organising things again in the absence of any volunteer to take over from him. It will be a great encouragement to him if we can get the 70 volunteers for this house-to-house collection without the pressure of arm twisting. My wife and I will be two of the seventy. Will you join us?

Roger B. Jackson

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

Brenda Dixon who reports on the Parish Weekend - A House Party of Christian fellowship shared by a cross section of ages 2 years to 84 years young.

At Rhos-on-Sea we found something for everyone to enjoy, regular bus services to Llandudno Conway etc. walks along the coast, catching crabs on the beach, climbing and walking for the experts. We challenged each other to skittles, table tennis, table bowls, Saturday night quizzes, games and entertainment. Thoughts for the Day and Epilogues well planned and beautifully presented by everyone involved. Our Sunday morning Communion held in the Lounge was a very intimate and uplifting service. I thank everyone who shared in making it a weekend to remember.

The leaders of the Ladies Organisation who supply details of their programmes for this month.

The Mother's Union meet on Wednesday afternoons May 1, 15, 29 at 2.15 pm. On the last occasion Dilys Berry will give a talk on "Cottage Cookery" and to this meeting all ladies are welcome. In addition to these branch meetings members are encouraged to attend the annual rally at Manchester's Free Trade Hall when the Central President, Pat Harris, will be the speaker.

The Ladies Guild have a **busy** programme this month.  
May 7 A joint jumble sale with the Mother's Union  
May 11 An all day outing to the Wedgewood Pottery  
May 14 Sergeant Peter Seddon on "Community Policing"  
May 28 Mrs. Higgins of the "Well Woman Advisory Service".



Mary Jackson who commends a meeting at St. Andrews Over Hulton on Monday May 20th at 7.30 pm on the subject of the "New Age". Though organised by the CPAS Ministry amongst Women the meeting is open to men and women. The Rev'd Richard Cook will seek to show how many of the old problems of the occult and spiritism are surfacing under a new and sinister guise calling itself the New Age.

Ron Morris who passes on the following extract from a conference report on the subject of Work and Leisure

Work and Human Nature - Work belongs to the very purpose for which God originally made human beings, because work is central to the Creator's intention for humanity, work has intrinsic value. Thus work is not solely a means to an end. It is not simply a chore to be endured for satisfying human desires or needs, especially the consumption of goods. The essence of human beings consists in that they are made in the image of God. Their ultimate, but not exclusive, source of meaning and identity does not lie in work, but in becoming children of God, through faith in Jesus Christ. God calls all Christians to employ through work the various gifts that God has given them.

Rest and Leisure - The Biblical concept of rest should not be confused with the modern concept of leisure, in that the Sabbath commands interrupted work with regular periods of rest, liberating human beings from enslavement to work. The Sabbath erects a fence around human productive activity and serves to protect both human and non-human creation. Human beings have, therefore, both a right and an obligation to rest. Rest consists in the enjoyment of God's creation, in the free exercise and development of abilities which God has given, in the cultivation of fellowship with one another, and above all, in delight in communion with God. Worship is central to the Biblical concept of rest.

The Rector who asks us to keep the following dates free for the the monthly Prayer Focus.

May 22, June 19, July 17, August 14,  
September 25, October 23 and November 20.

**KEEP THIS DATE  
FREE!**

To enable us to give prayer the priority many of us at least believe it ought to have he suggests that leaders do their best not to plan other church meetings in Prayer Focus Weeks.



# BITS & PIECES

**BAPTISM:** On Easter Day we welcomed into membership of our Church Family at Deane:

Georgina Louise Marsh

15 Baysdale Avenue, Ferncrest Estate

Matthew Alick Proudlove

Cranberry Farm, Over Hulton.

Congratulations to Mrs Ethel Ryley who celebrates her 90th birthday on May 1st. After a very busy life of service in the Local Community. (she served as Mayor of Bolton), in education (she has served as Chairman of our local Education Committee and Nationally on the Burnham Committee) she still makes time to serve as one of our school governors. We give her our best wishes for her semi-retirement.

## The Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

The results of our ballot on this issue conducted in March were as follows

FOR		AGAINST		UNCERTAIN
Strongly	Mildly	Strongly	Mildly	
61	27	23	5	2
88		28		2

This represents a vote of 75% in favour of those who took the bother to exercise their vote.

At the Church Council the voting was by houses

The House of Clergy 8 in favour 5 against

The House of Laity 26 in favour 5 against

This represents a vote of 77% in favour.

Although each of these polls shows a considerable body of opinion at the local level in favour of women being ordained to the priesthood, they merely serve as an indicator. The important and decisive vote takes place at the meeting of the General Synod in Westminster next February.

**PIANISTS WANTED** The explorer Section of the Sunday School no longer has a regular pianist and we are therefore very limited in what we sing. We are asking for those church members who can play the piano to volunteer to help us out. We do not want you to feel that it will be a JOB FOR LIFE - and therefore we have put a list on the notice board in church of dates when we need help.

The idea is that you sign up for a particularly Sunday(s) and when that day comes round you leave church with us, play a couple of tunes and then are free to re-join the service in church .... 15 minutes is all we are asking!!!

Even if you can only manage one day in the year it will be one day more for Explorer children to enjoy their singing all the better.

Please sign up against any of the free dates and help the younger members of YOUR church.

If you need any further information please speak to Eric Downs (tel.653049)



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## MONEY MATTERS

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Thank you to all who have given to the work of God in our parish and beyond through their weekly contributions

	Planned Giving	Loose	
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
March 3	£ 656.49	£ 86.43	£742.92
10	538.07	177.84	715.91
17	431.50	97.10	528.60
24	454.07	102.10	556.17
31	570.59	217.51	788.10
Weekdays	-	223.55	223.55
	<u>£2650.72</u>	<u>£904.53</u>	<u>£3555.25</u>

The amount given in the corresponding period last year was £3309. This represents an increase of 8% which is about the current rate of inflation.

This year's Lent Appeal has resulted in producing a total of £296.70 which has been divided between the Church Missionary Society for God's work overseas £138.00 and the Church Urban Fund for Church's Ministry in areas of urban deprivation £158.70. This money was donated by the Ladies Guild £20 and the rest came from 44 individual gifts.

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The Church Treasurer wishes to place on record his gratitude on our behalf to the two individual donors (who wish to remain anonymous) for their donations of £800 and £600 respectively. Because they are taxpayers, they have taken advantage of the tax legislation which came into operation last October whereby individual gifts in excess of £600 can be 'covenanted' and tax recovered by the treasurer immediately. This he has done, and as a result he has received from the Inland Revenue two sums of £266.67 and £200. It has been the request of the donors that this money be invested in an account called the "Kirkebrok Fund" (Kirkebrok is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning Church Brook) for the maintenance of the Church building and that the interest be used for general church purposes at the discretion of the Church Council. Major Crook will be delighted to hear from anyone else who would like to make a contribution to the fund and take advantage of the facility called "GIFT AID"

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# Sale of Plants

10 to 12 noon Saturday 25/5/91.  
Bring your own baskets in to  
Church by Sunday 5/5/91.  
Collect Your Orders 25/5/91.