

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1992

SUNDAY DIARY

1. SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Friend
of sinners

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

8. FIRST IN LENT

Theme: Temptation

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Family Communion

15. SECOND IN LENT

Theme: Conflict

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Service
(House group)

22. THIRD IN LENT

Theme: Suffering

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Family Communion

29. FOURTH IN LENT MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Evening Service
(MOTHERS UNION / LADIES GUILD)



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on March 11 when it is at the Rectory.

Prayer Focus in the context of Ash Wednesday communion
service in the Church Lounge at 8.00pm on
March 4th.

Lent Groups: as announced

Church Council: Monday March 23 at 7.45pm

Evening Outing to Borg Castel: Friday March 27th

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)
Hon. Assistant	Anthony J. Woodward 6 Barrisdale Close (654863)
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. Treasurer	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)
Hon. Secretary	Peter Marron 18 Milverton Close (492643)

Chairmen of Working Groups

Mission & Unity	Michael Saunders
Pastoral	Joyce Sutcliffe
Worship	Stan Wilson
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard
Social	Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist	Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (0942 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)

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</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

<i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i>	
Ladies' Guild	<i>Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Pat Sewell (61278)
Mothers' Union	<i>Alternate Wednesdays at 2.00 p.m.</i> Janetta Makin (658270)
Mums and Toddlers	<i>Alternate Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.</i> Alison Saunders (64313)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

<i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i>	
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 6.45 p.m.</i> Wendy Gooding (653277)
B	<i>Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.</i> Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
Beavers	<i>Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.</i> Susan Ash (62657)
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

29th February, 1992

I guess that I'm not alone when I say that the sudden death of Harry Ridyard whilst working in the grounds of our Memorial Hall has overshadowed much of my thinking in my spare moments over the past week or so. It has been said that "the Christian Church is the one institution that does not lose its members by death" for the simple reason that when the christian dies he/she transfers his/her membership from the Church militant on earth to the Church triumphant in heaven. Nevertheless, I for one, do have a real sense of loss. Since my own heart attack in the autumn I have drawn encouragement from Harry and the active life of service that he has led since his own heart attack 10 years ago. Though he was younger than I am I have been happy to regard him as my mentor and model and I will be profoundly grateful to God if I'm spared a further 10 years of active service.

In recent months the project closest to Harry's heart has been the replacing of the asphalt church roof with a special more permanent stainless steel covering. Though the roof isn't at present springing leaks all over like the one at St. Andrew's it would only be a matter of time before it did so and with it the danger of "dry rot" in the roof timbers. It has been Harry's forward thinking and planning which has enabled us to be in a position to proceed this year. This is going to be a very costly exercise, but we have had two most encouraging starters. Firstly, as I mentioned in my letter last month English Heritage have promised a grant of £54,000. Secondly, I have received an anonymous donation of £4,000, which because it has been "covenanted" is worth £5,333 by courtesy of the Inland Revenue! (incidentally the donation arrived the same week as a request from the Architect for a first instalment of his professional fees amounting to £4,600). I am most grateful to Harry's family for suggesting that donations in lieu of floral tributes at his funeral may be given to the Roof Appeal in his memory. In the meantime we wish to assure Pauline and the family of our love and the support of our prayers. I understand that Sunday June 7th has been earmarked as a special Gift Day for the Roof Appeal and we will hear more about this later.

Roger B. Jackson.

MIKE SAUNDERS WRITES . . .

I have been very encouraged over the last few weeks and months to see a steady trickle of new faces in Church. I have also found it most encouraging to hear of new people joining the home groups and new families being involved in the Church's social activities. Without doubt it is a very important part of the purpose of the Church to welcome newcomers and encourage them to join in the life of the Church.

The Mission and Unity group would therefore like to invite all those who are regular worshippers at the Church to consider joining the Electoral Roll if their names are not already on it. This is a list of people who want to be members of the Church family at Deane, and the only reason it is not called a membership roll is because it also serves as a list of those who may vote at the annual Church meeting. Obviously being a member of the Church family brings with it some questions about how committed you are to that family, but on the other hand, if you are already a regular member of the congregation at Deane Church then it would be our hope that you would want to be a member of our Church family.

The month of March is the time when the Electoral Roll receives its annual revision in preparation for next month's annual Church Meeting. A copy of the Roll is on the Church notice board together with application forms. Please take this opportunity to declare that you too want to belong to Deane Church.

Last year we allocated £800 to this Church of England Missionary Society which operates as its name suggests in the countries of The South American continent. In recent years we have had close links with Bob and Margaret Lunt who have been working amongst the Mataco Indians of N. Argentina. Initially Margaret who is a doctor served as a medical missionary, but in more recent years has been engaged in preparing material for and training Sunday School teachers. Bob who is a linguist has recently completed a translation of the New Testament into the Mataco Indian language. For the sake of their daughters' education they have now returned to this country. Bob is supervising the translation of the Old Testament and will visit South America for a period each year to meet his co-translators. Our other link has been with Peru where Bishop Alan Winstanley and his wife Viv are based. Because of hyper-inflation and guerrilla warfare life is hard and precarious for them both. The Society produces a quarterly magazine called "Share" which is distributed free of charge by our local secretary, Olive Plant, who was born in Brazil

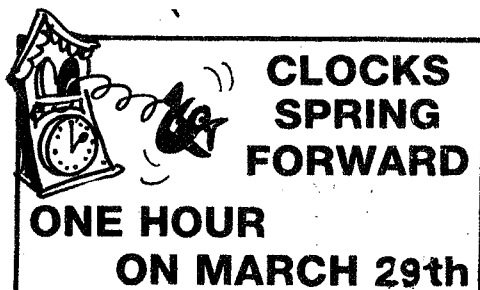
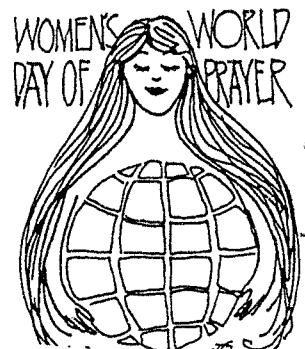
BITS & PIECES



..... if you can play the piano for the Explorers. All we ask is for you to join a rota of those who are prepared to play for 2 or 3 songs on a Sunday morning after the Explorers leave the morning service. You can then rejoin the Church service. Eric Downs says "Please don't leave it to the same few volunteers; instead sign up on the list in Church indicating when you are available to help the children in Explorers".

The Ladies Guild and Mothers' Union both have one meeting in the first week of the month before encouraging their members to join in the Lent programme of 5 weekly meetings held at the same time and place as their normal gatherings, that is on Tuesday evenings from 7.45 - 9.15 pm and on Wednesday afternoons from 2.15 - 3.30 pm. The visiting speaker at the Guild on March 3 is Andrew Dickson from St. Andrews Travel who is sure to make members dream of holidays to come. Mrs. Southland of the Bolton Journal will be the guest of the Mothers' Union on March 4th. The members of the two groups are responsible for planning and conducting the evening service on Mothering Sunday, March 29th. They have invited Miss Betty Bamford to be the preacher. Betty is the Personal Accounts Manager at the Royal Bank of Scotland in Deansgate.

This will be held as usual on the first Friday in March, March 6th. The theme is "Living Wisely with Creation". There is a choice of 2 services. In the afternoon at 2 pm Mrs. Marie Mitchell will be the Speaker at St. Andrew and St. George United Reformed Church in St. Georges Road. In the evening at 7.30 pm Miss Hilda Unsworth will be the Speaker at Bank Top United Reformed Church.



Don't forget or else you will be late for the Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10.30 am when there will be an opportunity for the young and the not-so-young who still have mothers to show their gratitude with a token bunch of daffodils.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

Phil Ray who wishes to thank all those who took part in his annual Christmas Puzzles competition. The total raised was £220 which has been divided between Christian Aid and the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund who each receive £110.

Roland Goodwin the leader of the Manchester Industrial Mission, who writes about **CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS**

Every Election Christians can make connections between the God of justice, mercy and peace, whom they worship, and the conditions in which they live. They can do it by sending people to Westminster or the Town Hall whom they will make the Kingdom of God more evident. It is a hard fought-for right. Every Christian should exercise it. It is even better if Christians share in the processes that select a candidate, and better still if, having voted, they continue, thought their new MP or Councillor, to press for change.

The Bible contains many examples of the faithful challenging systems in order to establish justice. The Prophets and Jesus paid a high price for wanting to see change. Our Lord's sermon at Nazareth must have sounded like a Party Political Broadcast to some but we know it was set in the context of a vision of the Kingdom.

In 1992 we have an opportunity to influence the future. Some will want to take up the issue of low pay. Others, rights for part-time workers. How can sex, race and age discrimination be ended? And how can businesses be encouraged to pay their bills on time? Just as Jesus wanted the blind to receive their sight and the lepers to be cleansed, many will be concerned about the Health and Education Services.

These are political issues, but they are also people issues. And Christians are in the people business.

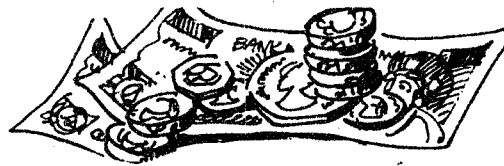
Ron Morris: "SURE AS HELL - Don't pick and choose from the Bible and suit your own taste, refusing whatever you think is bitter, and grabbing whatever you think is sweet - 'I believe this verse because I like it. I don't believe that one because it doesn't agree with what I think!'. Read all of it and believe it all. To believe in heaven but not in hell is to suggest that there were times when Jesus was telling the truth and times when he was not, and that would be stupid. Hell is a real thing. It begins at death and it lasts forever just as heaven does. It doesn't need a special decision to go there. All it needs is that you do absolutely nothing. C S Lewis said "The safest road to hell is the gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts".

The Bible tells us that you will not go to hell because you sinned. You will go to hell because you refuse the remedy provided for man's/woman's sin. If you go to hell you will go over the broken body of Jesus Christ who died to keep you out. That's what Easter is all about.

Alice Hough who expresses surprise that the unknown author of the following notice attached to a tree in Spain did not include the most significant purpose of a tree, namely to provide the Cross on which our Saviour died.

"I am the warmth of the hearth on cold winter nights
I am the shade screening you from the hot summer sun
My fruits and restoring drinks quench your thirst as you journey on.
I am the beam that holds your house; the door of your home; the bed on which you lie; and the timber that builds your boat.
I am the handle of your hoe, the wood of your cradle and the shell of your coffin."

CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	<u>Planned Giving</u> <u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January 5	£558.40	£ 79.37	£ 637.77
12	678.59	89.05	767.64
19	465.03	82.14	547.17
26	513.80	106.58	620.38
Weekdays	-	59.75	59.75
	<u>£2215.82</u>	<u>£416.89</u>	<u>£2632.71</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2390. This year's giving represents an increase of 10% which continues to be abreast of inflation.

A BIG THANK YOU

It was in the early hours of a Sunday morning in January when a person or persons unknown, set fire to and destroyed my motorbike parked outside my flat, in turn causing fire and smoke damage to the flat, particularly in the kitchen. Following an announcement in church by Roger that same day about the tragedy, I received many offers of help. Luckily the damage wasn't as severe as it could have been, and by now things are slowly but surely beginning to show signs of getting back to normal. I want to take this opportunity, in all sincerity and gratitude to say "Thank you": not only for the many kind offers, prayers and expressions of support which have made life a little easier these past few weeks, but also for your overwhelming generosity in the financial support I have received (which has greatly assisted in the purchase of cleaning materials!) **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH** Jim Needham



IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM We welcomed into membership of the Church Family at Deane on December 29th, Jessica Louise Cooper of 64 Melbourne Road.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been gained by the following

Climbers 25 Attendances: Elizabeth Cox, Adam Smith, Rebecca Waite

50 Attendances: Louise Scammell, Heather Crook

150 Attendances: Stuart Wagner

Explorers 40 Attendances: Michelle Bradshaw, Emma Carson,
Craig Hesketh

80 Attendances: Craig Foster, Martin Wagner

160 Attendances: Alison Baxendale, Ian Holden, Lee Wheeldon

CONGRATULATIONS to Christine Kilsby on her promotion to the deputy Headship of our St. Mary's CE Primary School. This is a well deserved recognition of her commitment to the school and the Church and the community they both endeavour to serve.