

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1992

SUNDAY DIARY

5 FIFTH IN LENT

Theme
The Victory of the Cross

8.00 am Communion
9.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service led
by a Home Group

12 PALM SUNDAY

Theme
The Way of the Cross

8.00 am Communion
10.30 am Morning Prayer
6.30 pm Family Communion

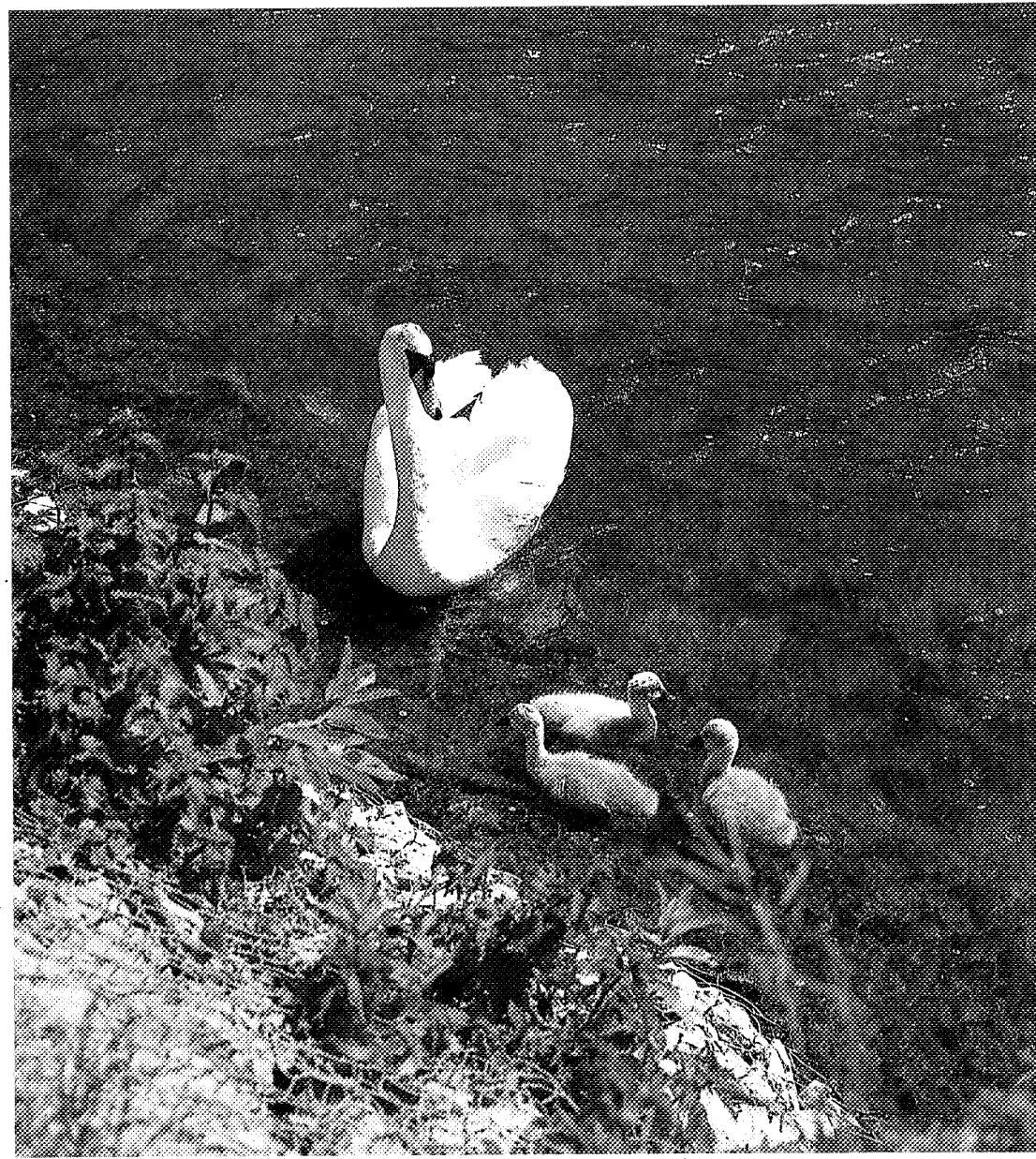
19 EASTER DAY

8.00 am Communion
10.30 am Family Communion
6.30 pm Evensong

26 FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme
The Bread of Life

8.00 am Communion
10.30 am Family Service
6.30 pm Family Communion



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except
on April 8th when it is at the Rectory

Prayer Focus: Wednesday April 22nd at 8.00pm

Lent Groups: Tuesday April 7th and Wednesday April 1st & 8th

Annual Church Meeting: Tuesday April 14th at 7.30pm

Parochial Church Council: Monday April 27th at 8.00pm

Maunday Thursday, April 16th Christian Passover Meal at 7.30pm

Good Friday, April 17th Morning Service at 10.30am

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
Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.	
Pauline Ridyard (651157)	
Explorers	7 to 11 years
Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall	
Eric Downs (653049)	
Pathfinders	11 to 14 years
Worship in Church on Sundays	
Club Night in the Memorial Hall on Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.	
David Dewhurst (651347)	
C.Y.F.A.	14 to 18 years
Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.	
Alan Cheetham (61152)	

LADIES' GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Ladies' Guild	Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Pat Sewell (61278)
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Mothers' Union	Alternate Wednesdays at 2.00 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
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Mums and Toddlers	Alternate Thursdays at 1.30 p.m. Alison Saunders (64313)
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UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies 1	Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010)
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2	Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511)
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Guides	Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106)
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Rangers	Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Ashcroft (657430)
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Cubs A	Thursdays at 6.45 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277)
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B	Wednesdays at 8.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450)
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Beavers	Thursdays at 5.30 p.m. Susan Ash (62657)
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Rainbows	Fridays at 6.30 p.m. 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

28th March, 1882

There are still another 13 days to Polling Day! Perish the thought! It is sad that many of us have switched off already, but I must say that the predictable political propaganda, together with the mud-slinging, does get very tedious. However, as Ron Morris points out on another page it is our Christian responsibility to exercise our vote on April 9th.

It is not my job to tell you for whom you should vote. To begin with my own understanding and diagnosis of what are often complex situations will be very suspect. Then if I were to encourage you to vote Labour or Conservative that would alienate about 60% of you if the polls are right in their predictions and if we are a good cross-section of society. And if I advised you to vote Liberal Democrat I would have at least 80% of you on my back including Philip Gore! That's more than I could stand. However, what I can say is this - the Bible introduces us to the God who is passionately concerned about justice, righteousness, peace and harmony in our communities. In the Old Testament we find His prophets boldly condemning the way society was being run, expressing His demand that the plight of the poor, the powerless and the downpressed should be remedied. In the New Testament Mary, the mother of Jesus, speaks of God putting down the mighty, and exalting the humble and meek, of filling the hungry with good things and sending the rich away empty. It seems to me that the question I should be asking myself before I exercise my vote is not "Under which party will I personally be better off?" but "Which party's policies are more closely in harmony with God's concerns as expressed in the Scriptures?" I'm sure of this - equally sincere Christians will answer this question in different ways, but I trust that whichever party wins the election we will all feel able to pray for the government and our country. They will need such support, even if they don't acknowledge it.

May I remind you too that if you are a member of our Church Electoral Roll then you have another opportunity to vote at our Annual Church Meeting on Tuesday, April 14th. The nomination list for the election of Churchwardens and Church Councillors is on the Church Notice Board. During the past year we have lost two of our 'elder statesmen'. I wish to encourage you to think and pray for the meeting and about whom we should elect. Do plan to be present that evening.

We welcome once again a young clergyman from overseas as our guest over the Easter period. He is Bamidele Murewa from Nigeria. Though he will be staying at the Rectory I hope you will take the opportunity to sharing your home with him over a meal. The hospitality list is in Church. All these bursars are potential leaders in the African Church. One of our previous bursars is now the Bishop of Southern Sudan - a country devastated by civil war, famine and numberless refugees. Another is the Provost of Nairobi Cathedral in Kenya.

Holy Week and Easter

Details of our services are being circulated once again to every home in the parish in co-operation with other local Christian Churches. On Maundy Thursday Michael Saunders will be introducing us to a Christian Passover Meal which he first experienced at Oxford. It is similar to our familiar Agapé meals, but in this instance we complete the meal before we start the Communion service. On the following morning Tony Woodward will be introducing us to a Communion service for Good Friday which he and his congregation at Stockport found very moving and helpful. Then on Easter Day we shall celebrate Christ's resurrection and victory over death. I look forward to seeing you at these special services this year.

Roger B. Jackson

LET'S
**CELEBRATE
EASTER!**



Introducing CPAS

CPAS IS A HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY

If we are to play our full part in taking the good news of Jesus to God's needy world it is essential that we do it from a strong home base. Sadly we are a long way from this. Less than ten per cent of the population are to be found in Church on any one Sunday and in the neglected inner city areas and the rural areas of our country this percentage can fall to much less.

CPAS was founded in 1836 to raise money to pay for additional workers for the hard pressed city parishes that were growing at an alarming rate in the Industrial Revolution. Viscount Ashley, who was later to become the great Lord Shaftesbury, was its first President. Then, as now, its aid was offered through the Anglican churches which looked to it for support.

Since those days the type of support the Society is able to bring to local parish Churches has grown in variety and is now grouped in these major divisions. The Evangelism Division has a team of Staff Evangelists available to lead parish missions. It also helps placing and grant-aiding lay Urban Evangelists. The Parish Resources Division is responsible through its three units for training and equipping leaders in the local churches. The Youth and Children's Unit (CYPECS - standing for CYFA, Pathfinders, Explorers, Climbers and Scramblers) helps the leaders of young people's groups, and organises camps and houseparties (Ventures) for young people. The Ministry Among Women Unit looks after the training and resourcing of the leaders of women's groups and families and under fives work. The Adult Training and Resources Unit provides pastoral resources and training for clergy and lay leaders. The Professional Ministry Division offers guidance for those considering full-time professional ministry through its Vocation and Ministry Unit and makes itself responsible for finding vicars for some 500 Churches round the country through its Patronage Unit. There is a team of CPAS Consultants in various parts of the country acting as the 'human face' of the Society.

The aim of the Society can be summed up in a phrase taken from its original charter "... it would carry the Gospel, by means of the Church, to every man's door." In fulfilling this aim our Parish Reps including you play a very important role. Last year we contributed £850 to CPAS through our Christian Giving Programme. Its work will be the focus of attention at this month's Prayer Focus on Wednesday April 22nd.

POLLING DAY IS ON 9th APRIL, 1992

Ron Morris writes on "CHRISTIANITY AND POLITICS"

If what Christians say about God is true, then everything in life matters to Him. On this basis alone, it can be maintained that politics matter to God, and that therefore, politics should matter to the people of God. While a person can live quite easily without the Church, he/she cannot exist at all without coming in touch with the State.

The reason why the human race live constantly on the brink of disaster is because unimaginable destructive power has been put in the hands of those who wield political power, like Saddam Hussein of Iraq, and many others.

Christians are called to be involved in politics not only to resist evil but also to help the good. Educating the masses, providing security for the aged, protecting the weak against exploitation, over-coming conditions that impoverish the many - all these and more have been an undreamed-of success because Christians have been allied with the power of the State.

Turn out on the above date to show that you care.

BITS & PIECES

AU REVOIR TAWNY OWL

After 20 years of fun and friendship with the Brownies, I have decided to take a (well earned!) rest. I had been a Tawny Owl with the Deane Brownies for five years before my marriage and I agreed to return to this role for the Tuesday 67th Pack when my own children became Brownies, intending to stay for the few years it took for them to join the Guides! I'm not sure how I still came to be serving as Tawny Owl two decades later but I do know that I have derived a great deal of enjoyment from my involvement. I would like to thank all the leaders with whom I have worked and the Brownies who have made the years so memorable. I especially enjoyed the 20th Anniversary Party on February 18th which marked a similar anniversary for me. On this occasion, I was presented with a flower arrangement, a card made by the Brownies and a replica of an owl - thank you for these reminders. Pauline Ridyard

TO LET - GARDEN BEHIND THE MEMORIAL HALL 40ft x 60ft approx. If you are interested, please contact **RON MORRIS** or telephone him on 62548.

The Plant Stall of the Autumn Fayre is once again offering external **HANGING FLOWER BASKETS AND/OR CAULDRONS** either new, complete with flowers or your own filled with flowers. Further details are contained on the order forms which are now available at the back of the Church.



Two members of our Church Family are in need of a little domestic assistance. If you could spare about 3 hours a week they would be delighted and of course they are willing to pay for such help. Please contact Mary Jackson for further details.

The Ladies Guild have invited to Miss Unsworth to speak about her work "Inside the Courts" on Tuesday April 28th.



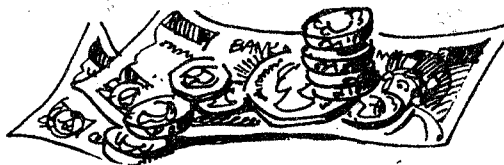
THANK YOU!



The Church family at Deane has been a source of great strength and support to me during this sad time. I thank you all most warmly for your love and prayers. I know, as do you all, that Harry would not have wanted us to be miserable, but to remember him with thanksgiving as a friend, a brother and a fellow worker. The churchyard and Memorial Hall grounds will always hold memories of Harry in the cobblestones and the flowering cherry tree, in the flowers, grass and trees which he so lovingly tended. He leaves these things as a legacy to us all.

As the Church Roof Appeal Fund is now well underway, we must carry on the good work. In Harry's own words "We need to be Good Doers as well as good Talkers" - to work for Jesus Christ and for His Church at Deane. Pauline Ridyard

CHRISTIAN GIVING

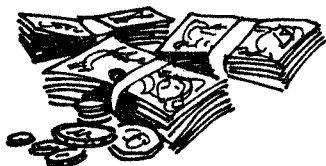


Thank you to all who contributed to God's work through our Church by their regular giving

	<u>Planned Giving</u> <u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
February 2	£ 638.40	£ 62.26	£700.66
9	813.50	73.89	887.39
16	502.70	111.53	614.23
23	632.93	141.03	773.96
Weekdays	-	141.38	141.38
	£2587.53	£530.09	£3117.62

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2448. As this was a very poor month it might be better to make a comparison with February 1990 when the amount given was £2576. The increase in giving over the period is an annual rate of 10.5%

COMING IN



Though the florist may not like it we are most grateful to those families who have suggested that in lieu of floral tributes friends and relatives might consider making a donation to our Church Roof Appeal.

During the past month we have received £1017

in memory of Harry Ridyard, £55 in memory of Ellen Schollick to whom our clergy regularly took communion when she lived in Cressingham Road. A final figure in memory of Rene Shaw, a former treasurer of the Mothers Union, is not yet to hand.

Let not the florists lose heart! We shall be decorating the church with Easter Flowers. If you wish to contribute towards the additional cost of Easter lilies please let Mary Jackson have your donation. Help will be appreciated with decorating the church on Saturday April 18th from 9.30am onwards.



We are delighted to hear that Roy Pomfret and Doreen Entwistle are planning to marry. Their many friends wondered whenever it was going to happen. We understand that Doreen took the bold step on February 29th and then Roy lost no time in buying her a couple of engagement rings. They wish their wedding to be a very quiet occasion in Deane Church in the not too distant future.