

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY 1992

SUNDAY DIARY

3. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Good Shepherd

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm Family Communion
and Confirmation
The Bishop of Bolton

10. THIRD AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Resurrection & The Life

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Prayer P.M.

17. FOURTH AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Way, The Truth and The Life

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

24. FIFTH AFTER EASTER

Theme:
Going to The Father

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Family Communion

31. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

Theme:
The Ascension

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Choral Evensong



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
except on May 13 when it is at the Rectory.

Home Group: Tuesdays May 5 & 19; Wednesdays 6 & 20.

Christian Aid Week: May 10 - 16.

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Thursday May 14 at 7.30pm
Holy Trinity, Horwich.

Prayer Focus: Thursday 28 May in the context of the Ascension
Day Communion Service in the Church Lounge at 8.00pm.

Spring Fayre: Saturday May 30 at 10.00am.

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)
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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

Meet in the Memorial Hall

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

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies 1	<i>Mondays at 5.45 p.m.</i> Jean Hanley (654010)
Brownies 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)
Cubs B	<i>Wednesdays at 8.15 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

22 April 1992

Christianity is not only a religion of faith; it is a religion of hope. The message of Easter is one which is brimfull of hope. The Christian hope is not confirmed to a future of life beyond death; it is also concerned with the present. Christians are to be men and women of hope in the here and now. One area in which we can demonstrate of hopefulness is in relation to our Church Roof Appeal. Overleaf, Terry Oakes has explained why it is necessary for us to replace our present roof covering with a more permanent and durable one. The overall cost of about £130,000 is daunting to say the least. The way we react to having to find a sum of this magnitude demonstrates whether or not we are approaching it Christianly. The non-Christian and secular person would despair of us ever being able to raise this amount, and in desperation would resort to a ceaseless round of fund-raiding activities which can be very energy sapping, and at the end of the day don't usually raise large sums of money. The Christian, on the other hand, will approach the task hopefully.

At the annual Church Meeting, I expressed my own hope that this target could be reached and I gave the following grounds for my hopefulness :-

1. Our need has been appreciated by both English Heritage and the Manchester Diocese who have promised us grants of £64,000 and an interest free loan of £10,000. This means that we are already half way there.

2. Relatives are beginning to encourage friends of their loved ones to donate to the Roof Appeal in lieu of floral tributes. These gifts are being acknowledged in this monthly publication.

3. We received a most generous anonymous donation of £4000 from a couple in our congregation which has already yielded a further £1,333 because they are willing to "covenant" their gift. At the end of the meeting another member told me that because of what she had heard she was prepared to make a donation of £1000 and also to "covenant" her gift.

4. There is the encouraging example of the Church in Sheffield of which my daughter is a member. They too have a problem with their roof. Their congregation is smaller than ours, and the church is situated in a working-class suburb of the city. Nevertheless at their recent gift day the £45,000 that they required was given or pledged on that occasion.

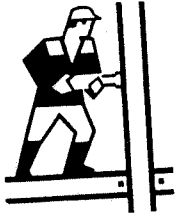
I am hopeful therefore, that the £60,000 that we require is well within our capacity to give. Mind you, it will need all of us to give generously and sacrificially. If the majority of us are content to make only a token gift, and leave it to others to give generously and sacrificially then we will fail. Because I believe that you have a right to expect your clergy to give a lead by "putting our money where our mouth is", the four clergy families have between them pledged to give £2,300, and again by covenanting their gifts the total value is £2,875, averaging at over £700 per family. I don't reveal these figures out of a sense of pride, but to give you some idea of the level of commitment that is required from many of us if we are to approach this appeal with Christian hope.

Just a final thought. At Christmas I received a donation for our Christmas Tear Fund Appeal from a pensioner in our congregation who had received £15 from the Crompton Charity. She wrote "Though I may not have all I want, I have all I need. PLEASE use this for those who don't have all they need" So often we sit tightly to our bank balances in fear of the future, rather than giving generously and sacrificially in faith. God has never been anyone's debtor. Put Him to the test and see for your self.

Roger B Jackson

TERRY OAKES - WHY WE ARE REPLACING THE CHURCH ROOF

In the mid 1970's the original lead covering was being taken from the Church roof as fast as it was being replaced. The first indication that the thieves had been at work was when rain poured through the wood timbers. (It was this dampness which was the major contributory cause of the outbreak of dry rot in the 1980's).



Eventually what remained of the lead was taken off and sold to finance the asphalt covering which is now coming to the end of its life span and leaks are beginning to appear intermitantly. Unless this problem is tackled sooner rather than later then we could have a recurrence of dry rot.

English Heritage is the Government sponsored body responsible for looking after all that we have inherited from previous generations so that our generation can pass it on to the next. Within its jurisdiction are the nations historic Churches and they operate a scheme for giving grant aid to Churches like our own which are faced with major repair works. To obtain a grant it is essential that the Church works in close liaison with English Heritage and does not carry out any work without the approval of their expert architects and surveyors. They have approved a scheme for replacing the asphalt with stainless steel terne coated sheeting, improving the drainage system and introducing ventilation to the roof space and insulation where practicable. Our application to English Heritage has succeeded in obtaining the maximum 40% grant of the total estimated cost of about £136,000 (which includes professional fees and VAT). Our success has been due to the following factors:

- i) Deane Church is Grade 2 * listed building.
- ii) Our Buildings and Fabric committee have followed to the letter the very strict procedures laid down.
- iii) Both the Archdeacon and the English Heritage architect have been impressed by the improvements that have been made in the overall condition and appearance of Deane Church in recent years.

The work is expected to begin in the early summer and take up to 30 weeks to complete. With such encouraging and generous assistance from outside the parish our task is to raise the balance of about £60,000



AFTER THE VOTING, THE HARD WORK

ROWLAND GOODWIN INDUSTRIAL MISSIONER

It's over. We now know who's won. It wasn't the Natural Law Party with its "EEG coherence" and its "improved mind-body co-ordination" through "Yogie flying"!

I actually waded through the NLP's full-page March adverts, because I wanted to find out if their concept of what lies at the heart of Creation agrees with mine. I was disappointed. The Church of England, the Queen and the British Empire got a mention, but there was nothing about love, or human sin, or how God was made manifest in Jesus Christ. There was the promise of Heaven on Earth (weren't they all offering that!) but not a word on repentance, faith in Jesus as Lord, or the promise of liberation for the whole of Creation.

My post-Election reflection, as I prepared for Good Friday and Easter, centred on Jesus's word, "My Kingdom is not of (that is, out of) this world". The NLP didn't get my vote because I failed to pick up any strains of that powerful and challenging love song that reached its crescendo on the Cross.

In the action that must now follow April 9 Christians, somehow, must make that music heard and not be surprised if they meet opposition. For that is the way the natural order is.

Manchester Diocese has also promised us a grant of £10,000 and have given us an interest free loan of £10,000 repayable over 3 years.

BITS & PIECES

Christian Aid Week May 10-16

Once again Phil Ray is calling for 70 volunteers to distribute and then collect about 50 envelopes in this nationwide door-to-door collection. He cites the true story of a lady in Bury who felt so uncomfortable after her first years collecting that she resolved never to do it again. Then after some thought she realized that her own hour of discomfort was nothing compared with the lifetime of relief that her efforts might bring to someone being helped by Christian Aid. She now tackles the job each May positively and cheerfully. May her example be an encouragement to many of us. Last year we collected £1751 during the week and when we include that collected at the St. Andrews end of the parish the total was just short of £3,000.



At least 7 members of our Church Family are expecting additions to their families this year! The first 2 arrived last month. We rejoice with Ian and Jane Hampson on the birth of Lucy on April 6th and with Anthony and Monica Yakiah on the birth of Joseph also on April 6th.

An evening of Flowers and Music in aid of the Bolton Hospice is to be held on Wednesday May 13th at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall. There will be a flower arranging demonstration by Bert Ellis and music will be provided by Alan Roscoe, Malcolm Wood and others. Tickets at £4 can be obtained from Mary Jackson.



Flower Festival

..... entitled "Songs of Praise" at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. The Social Committee have arranged a coach trip on Saturday June 6th leaving the Memorial Hall at 9.30 am and returning from Liverpool at 5.00 pm. Refreshments are available and there will be ample time to visit the City centre if desired. The cost of the coach is only £2 per person. Admission charges are to be paid individually - Adults £1 and 50p for the usual concessions. A list for booking places on this trip is in Church.

There is a Europe March for Jesus in Manchester and every capital city in Europe on May 23rd. Details on the Church notice board. This year's Bolton March for Jesus is on September 26th 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Please book the date now.

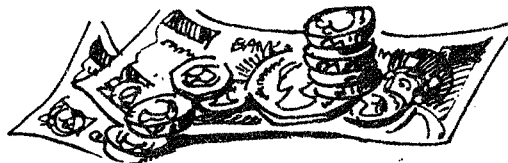
MARCH for JESUS

The Ladies Guild have invited Mr. Richardson to give an illustrated talk on the Rhine on May 12th. On May 26th Mrs. Foster and pianist will come in connection with the Bolton Evening News 'Heart beat' appeal. In addition the Guild have a joint Rummage Sale with the Mothers' Union on May 5th and their annual outing is on Saturday May 16th.

The following members of Climbers have recently received attendance awards:

Sarah Humphries (25), Tim Atkinson (50) Elizabeth Woodward (75)
Joanne Baxendale and Joanne Cheetham (175)

CHRISTIAN GIVING



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
March 1	£ 599.32	97.53	£ 696.85
8	612.39	102.38	714.77
15	510.28	130.71	640.99
22	568.60	93.87	662.47
29	527.36	178.97	706.33
Weekdays	-	109.68	109.68
	<u>£2817.95</u>	<u>£713.14</u>	<u>£3531.09</u>

In the corresponding period last year, the amount given was £3555. With the inflation currently running at 4%, this represents a fall in giving of 4%

COMING IN



Though the Church Roof Appeal hasn't officially been launched, we are most grateful to those who have already made contributions. We acknowledge donations amounting to £185 given by friends and relatives in memory of Rene Shaw.

Sale of Plants

10 to 12 noon Saturday 30/5/92.
Bring your own baskets in to
Church by Sunday 17/5/92.
Collect Your Orders 30/5/92.

Footnote An Appeal leaflet will be available during May in preparation for our Day of Prayer and Gifts on June 7. The Roof Appeal Committee wish to stress the importance of tax payers covenanting their gifts. A special leaflet explaining the various kinds of covenants and how they work will be available in Church, and you are encouraged to take one and read it carefully. It is the prayer and hope of the PCC and Committee that the bulk of the finance will be pledged or given on or before June 7th. It is important that if an individual or organisation is thinking of planning a fund raising event then it should be discussed with the Appeal Committee Chairman, Stan Wilson, so that it can be programmed to avoid clashes.