

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1993

SUNDAY DIARY

7 SECOND IN LENT

Theme: Conflict

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

14 THIRD IN LENT

Theme: Suffering

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family
Communion

6.30pm Evensong

21 FOURTH IN LENT

Theme: Transfiguration

8.00am Communion

10.30am Mothering Sunday
Family Service

6.30pm Family Communion

28 FIFTH IN LENT

Theme: Victory of the Cross

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family/Parade Service

6.30pm. Family Communion.



*Devon Daffodils, by Roy J Westlake
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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge, except on March 10th when it is at the Rectory

Lent Home Groups Tuesday March 2nd, 16th and Wednesdays March 3rd, 17th

Childrens' Mission Training Evenings Wednesdays March 10th, 24th
at 8.00pm

Parochial Church Council Monday March 15th at 7.45pm

Men's Dinner Tuesday March 30th at 7.15 for 7.30pm

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 (842723)

Terry Oakes
14 Salford Road (64362)

Stan Wilson
11 Clough Meadow (492034)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Craig Mochrie
Chairman: 4 Laxford Grove (652324)

Honorary Keith Acton
Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close

Honorary Peter Marron
Secretary: 18 Milverton Close (492643)

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Mission & Unity: Michael Saunders
Pastoral: Joyce Sutcliffe
Worship: Roger Jackson
Buildings & Fabric: Terry Oakes
Social: Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist: Jim Needham
130 The Pewfist
Westhoughton (0942 812692)

Flowers: Mary Jackson
234 Wigan Road (61819)

Verger: Betty Calderbank
32 Junction Road (655375)

Archivist: Rodney Howard
42 Elswick Avenue (652417)

Covenant Sid Harris
Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)

MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings: Keith Holden
3 Beaumont Drive (653075)

Caretakers: David and Eunice McCormick
34 Junction Road (654503)

WHAT'S ON

Creche: 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.
Michael Saunders (64313)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall
Ladies Alternate Tuesdays
Guild: at 7.45 p.m.
Marjorie Oakes (64362)

Mothers' Union: Alternate Wednesdays
at 2.00 p.m.
Janetta Makin (658270)

Mums and Toddlers: Thursdays at 1.30 p.m.
Alison Saunders (64313)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies: 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.
Jean Hanley (654010)
2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Lily Jarrett (63511)

Guides: Mondays at 7.15 p.m.
Carole Baxendale (62106)

Rangers: Alternate Wednesdays
at 7.30 p.m.
Judith Ashcroft (657430)

Cubs: A Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.
Wendy Gooding (653277)
B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.
Frances Barlow

Beavers: Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.
Susan Ash (62657)

Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30 p.m.
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 root cause of our troubles - I don't think I can remember any murder which has so dominated peoples' thinking over the past fortnight as the dreadful killing of a 2 year old in Liverpool. It's not just that a young child has been the victim (and that's bad enough in itself) but that in all probability, the culprit's are children who are still at primary school.

We have known for sometime that the society in which we live has become increasingly violent and lawless, but we have been inclined to accept it with a tolerant shrug of the shoulders. It is no exaggeration to say that this incident has shocked the nation. If it really does shock us into asking ourselves what is the root cause of our troubles and then to take positive and radical action to eliminate the cause then James Bulger's death will not have been in vain, however painful and devastating to his family.

In conversation with a young father this week, he expressed his deep concern that his daughter should grow up knowing clearly right from wrong. He admitted he wasn't a religious man but he did "believe in right from wrong" and that it was his responsibility to set the standards in their home. Though I agreed with him, I felt it necessary to point out that unless we have some absolute standards of right and wrong then everything becomes relative. Right becomes what I find convenient, and if this happens to be inconvenient for the folk next door, then what is right for me is wrong for them. I believe the root cause of the troubles in our society is that we have attempted to marginalise God, and as a consequence ignored or even rejected His standards of right and wrong. Video nasties, pornographic magazines, violence on TV, marriage breakdowns are not the root cause, they are the symptoms of what happens when we live as though God did not exist and pay no attention to His standards of right and wrong.

Someone who is in constant contact with convicted criminals is Noel Proctor, the Chaplain of Strangeways for the past 14 years, where under God he has had a most effective ministry in seeing many men find faith in Christ and starting afresh. I have invited him to be the speaker at our Men's Dinner on March 30th. The last Men's Dinner was a memorable occasion, and I believe this one will be too. I have drawn up a list of at least 130 men who attend Deane Church, some of course less frequently than others. These men will be invited personally to come to the Men's Dinner, but those whom I have asked to be heads of table. Because I am bound to have overlooked someone's name do please let me know if you have not received an invitation by March 14th and I will do my best to see that you are accommodated.

Electoral Roll Revision One reason why my list of men is incomplete and has to depend upon my finite memory, is because our Church Electoral Roll is incomplete. For example, only 75 out of 130 names are on the official register of church members. It is in order to make the list a more accurate reflection of our current membership that it is revised every year. The revision takes place this month between March 1st and 15th and application forms are available in Church. If you are already on the list you do not need to apply again.

Homelessness Though homelessness is not the root cause of our problems in society, it is undoubtedly a contributory cause, and therefore I wish to commend to your attention two projects which are in their early stages of 'getting off the ground'. The first is a joint initiative between the Social Services and the Bolton Churches to provide short term (i.e. 2-3 weeks) lodgings in a supportive environment. It is called Short Term Accommodation for Young People (S.T.A.Y.). Rent will be paid by Housing Benefit and clear contacts will be drawn up to ensure the smooth running of the scheme. Further details are on the church notice board.

The second is a Support Centre for the Homeless during daylight hours, providing simple food and drink in a warm environment. The Salvation Army has offered the use of their premises on St Georges Road, rent free, on certain weekdays.

Initially it is proposed to take up this offer for one afternoon per week, on either Tuesday or Friday. Volunteers, both men and women, are required to assist in making sandwiches, brewing tea and washing up. If the minimum requirement of 20 volunteers is achieved, then each person will only be needed one afternoon per week. An exploratory meeting with volunteers to discuss the proposals in more detail will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel on Tuesday March 16th at 7.00pm.

Roger B Jackson

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

Rowland Goodwin, the Industrial Missioner, who asks...

"Is there an alternative aim to Full Employment?"

1993 continues where 1992 ended on a bad note for jobs and with forecasters promising an unemployment claimant level of over 3m for the rest of the decade. The real unemployment figure, counting those on training schemes, people seeking work and not eligible for benefit and those who have given up looking for jobs altogether, is already above 4m.

Full employment is attractive to politicians because it is a simple way of ensuring money is spread around in wages, and wages can be taxed! We have been trapped into thinking that human dignity and identity is bound up with having a job. This probably explains why 13 year olds are now worrying about job prospects and why out-of-work 45 year olds often feel on the scrap heap.

Christians will always see work as an important part of life. Through work men and women contribute to society. Working with others enriches individual life in many ways. But there is more to work than employment and, very often, a greater dignity and satisfaction to be found in work beyond employment; in work we enjoy doing, paid and unpaid for others. The future will see more work over which we have personal control and greater recognition for the voluntary work we do with others.

If the nation cannot guarantee employment for everyone who wants a job a way has to be found to enable everyone to enjoy the basics of life - warmth, food, clothing, shelter. If we scrapped all the benefits and allowances we receive it might be possible to begin to pay everyone a basic income whether employed or not.

Pauline Ridyard who reflects on the past year since her husband Harry died so suddenly.

On February 19th I complete the most difficult 12 months of my life with the help of God, my family, my Church family and many friends.

Even after a year I still can't believe that I will never see Harry again in this life, but I have been assured on many occasions that this is a very common experience. Looking forward, thinking positively, keeping busy, counting my blessings and thanking God for His constant comfort - all these have served as my lifeline. And so I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the support you have given me over the past 12 months.

I realise that I must move on. However, I can still take small glimpses into the lasting memorials which Harry left. There is the new Church roof which he initiated; there are the floor boards which he repaired, his art work in the Deane Church Song Book, the daffodils which are beginning to appear in front of the Church and last, but not least, the flowering cherry tree in front of the Memorial Hall. Then I shall look forward to hearing the additional organ pipes in connection with the trumpet stop which he promised to give just before he died. As I write these few words for the Deane Church News I can see the first glimmer of Spring - the snowdrops he planted in our front garden. God bless you all.

Ron Morris who answers the question "What is a Senior Citizen"

A SENIOR CITIZEN is one who was here before the pill, television, frozen foods, credit cards, ball point pens, disposal nappies, instant coffee, sliced bread, take-aways and supermarkets. Time sharing meant togetherness, chips we ate in penn'orths, hardware was hard-ware and software did not exist and dishwashers were children. Soaps were for washing with, grass was for mowing, pot was for stew and dumplings, aids meant beauty cream, trusses and wigs, and to be gay was the life and soul of the party. When you think how the world has changed - what a hardy bunch we are!

We wore clogs for day school, had to bath on the hearth in a galvanised tin, went to Church and Sunday School three times on a Sunday, and got married first and then lived together. How quaint!



IN THE NEWS

Thanksgiving.

On January 24th we gave thanks with Nigel and Susan Hodgson of 494 Wigan Road for the birth of their son Samuel Joseph.

Baptism

We welcome into membership of Christ's Church at Deane the following children on February 7th

Robert Edmund Ashton, 343 Darwen Road, Bromley Cross
Robert George James Howarth, 22 Greenhill Avenue, Deane.
Stephen John Roebuck, 12 Hoskers Nook, Westhoughton.

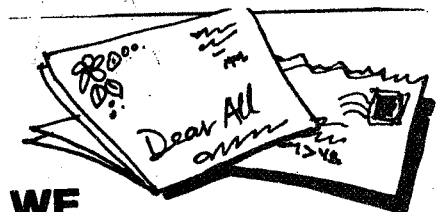


Congratulations. February 16th was a very special day for:-
Alice Hough who celebrated her 90th birthday. Alice is one of those "you can put your shirt on" to be present at the morning service each Sunday and at the mid week communion service on Wednesday when she is one of our regular lesson readers. Though Alice was on the receiving end of many greetings and presents she has very kindly donated a number of bottles of communion wine for use this month.
Norman and Marie Hayes who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.
Our 67 Brownie Pack who celebrated their 21st birthday and to Lily Jarrett who has been the Brown Owl for all 21 years!

Attendance Awards in the climbers have been gained by
Bethany Dewhurst-Taylor for 50 attendances
Angela Cheetham for 125 attendances
Andrew Oakes for 175 attendances

We offer our sympathy to Alice Vose on the death of her husband Bill. It was 10 years ago that Bill and Alice joined us from St. Philips where they had been members for many years. Though they were both keen on walking they were beginning to find the walk from the Sutton Estate to Bridgemen Street was getting longer and longer once they had reached their seventies. We will miss Bill's singing in the congregation for he was one of those who believed in pulling out the stops and not leaving it all to the Choir.

Both Alice Hough and Alice Vose wish to express their appreciation of the many messages and cards they have received from members of the congregation. Alice Hough was quite overwhelmed by the number of people who appeared to want to celebrate her birthday. Alice Vose gained support and strength from the knowledge that she was in the thoughts and prayers of so many.



**WE
APPRECIATED**



Don't forget to wear your "Compassion Rose" on March 2nd - the first anniversary of the admission of patients to the Bolton Hospice. Several members of our Church Family serve there in various coluntary capacities. Sheila Acton can provide further information for any who are interested.



PATHFINDERS is our church organisation that caters for our 11-14 year olds. As well as attending church on Sundays, they also meet every Friday evening in the Memorial Hall from 7.15p.m. to 9.00 p.m. for worship and recreation. All the members are regular and committed in their attendance, with an average of 28 attending. It is very encouraging that so many of our young people are involved with this organisation and it is important that it continues. However, in order

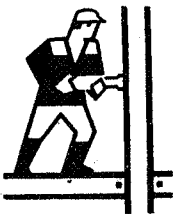
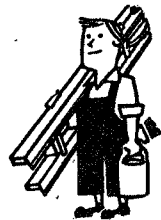
that it does continue, it is crucial that we have enough leaders and helpers.

When Mike Saunders leaves in May, there will be just three leaders who will have the demanding task of running the group. There are times when a leader may have to miss a Friday evening and, after Mike leaves that would mean two people left in charge. It quite simply isn't possible to run Pathfinders with two leaders and there is a real possibility that we may have to stop meeting.

As members of the church family, we need to be aware of the responsibilities we have for each other, including the young people. We need to remember that our young people are the church of today, not just tomorrow. It is important that we recognise that fact and meet their needs by presenting them with the Good News of Jesus Christ, through love and care, time and attention.

Therefore, if you think you may be able to assist in any way, please have a word with David Dewhurst or Chris Kilsby or, better still, call at the Memorial Hall on March 12th or 19th at 7.15 p.m. to find out more. We promise we shall not insist that you sign up there and then but please do come and see what we are all about. The young people of Deane Church really do need you. Don't let them down.

The money given to this year's Lent Appeal will be divided equally between the Church Missionary Society and to making a contribution towards the cost of completing the house where the Revd. Stephen and Stella Brook and their 3 children live in Portugal. Ever since they have been serving God there their accommodation has been of a temporary nature. When eventually the church provided them with a house it was a building on stilts for the ground floor had never been completed for lack of finance. The parishes in the U.K. with whom they are linked have been asked to help to complete the building for them. The appeal is not primarily asking people to give extra but rather to do without a meal once a week in Lent and to donate the money saved thereby. There are special boxes for this purpose.



THE WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday March 5th. There is a choice of 2 local meetings, one at 2.00 p.m. at Bank Street Chapel and the other at 7.30 p.m. Seymour Road Methodist Church. The speaker on both occasions will be Sister Marion Aspinall of St. Ann's Hospice and her subject "God's People - Instruments of Healing".

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our Church by their Regular Weekly Giving

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January 3	£703.88	£82.86	£786.74
10	535.38	66.22	601.60
17	652.79	96.04	748.83
24	743.79	98.98	842.77
31	629.88	120.68	750.56
Weekdays	-	88.53	88.53
Standing Orders	51.25	-	51.25
	<u>£3316.97</u>	<u>£553.31</u>	<u>£3870.28</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3332 - an increase of 16%

A recent inspection of the stained glass windows has revealed that 3 of the 4 lights in the War Memorial Window on the South aisle are in a serious condition. Over a period of years the lead suffers metal fatigue, the window begins to bulge and the stained glass fractures. The total cost looks like being of the order of about £800 per light. An anonymous donor has indicated his willingness to pay for the restoration of one of the lights and the Rector and Treasurer would be interested to hear from anyone else who might wish to make a donation towards this essential restoration work.

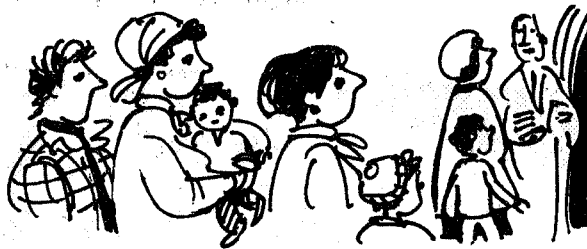
BITS & PIECES



Evening Outings to Borg Castel at Salmsbury have been so popular in previous years that the Social Committee have planned another outing on Friday April 23rd. The coach leaves the Memorial Hall at 6.45pm. Tickets priced at £9.25 per head includes the cost of the meal, wine tasting and coach. Book your place by using the list on the Church Notice Board.

The Pastoral Committee have obtained a wheel chair in very good condition through the Bolton Red Cross Society. It is primarily for use in church, but since it folds up very neatly, it can be placed in the boot of a car and may be borrowed at any time when it is available. It could prove to be very helpful for anyone who can be brought to church by car but who would find the length of the church path too great an obstacle.

SERVICES IN LENT



SUNDAYS AT 8.00AM AND WEDNESDAYS AT 10.00AM

At these communion services there will be a series of short addresses entitled **PRAYERS THAT LIVE**. We have selected some well known prayers which are included in both the B.C.P. (1662) and the ASB (1989). Our aim is to make them more meaningful to those of us who use them. These ancient prayers can "live" not only in the sense that they have stood the test of time, but in the more personal sense that they continue to touch our lives at a deep level.

February 28/March 3	The Collect for Lent
March 7/March 10	The Collect for Purity
March 14/March 17	The Prayer of Humble Access
March 21/March 24	The Morning Collect
March 28/March 31	The Evening Collect
April 4/April 7	The Benediction.

SUNDAYS AT 10.30AM. QUESTIONS THAT PUZZLE

At our main service on Sunday mornings, we shall attempt to give positive Christian answers to a series of questions that many, if not all, of us ask from time to time. The fact that we continue to ask them would suggest that we have yet to receive a satisfactory answer.

February 28	Why does belief in God seem so hard these days?
March 7	Is the devil a reality or a myth?
14	If God loves us why do some people suffer so much?
21	Do we have to belong to a Church to be a Christian?
28	Don't all religions lead to God?
April 4	Isn't it presumptuous to say 'I know my sins are forgiven'?

SUNDAYS AT 6.30PM HYMNS WE LOVE

Hymns have an important place in Christian worship, and they still have a wide appeal to those outside the Church, especially the older generation; hence the popularity of such programmes as "Songs of Praise". However, most people know very little about the story behind the hymns, their content and their message. The purpose of this series is to enable us to sing at least 5 hymns with greater understanding.

February 28	A call to arms - "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"
March 7	An autobiography - "Amazing grace"
14	Coming to Jesus - "Just as I am, without one plea"
21	Eventide - "Abide with me"
28	Glorying in the Cross - "We sing the praise of Him who died".
April 4	Preacher: Noel Proctor MBE, Chaplain of H M Prison, Strangeways.

MIDWEEK PROGRAMME IN LENT

March 2/3	Home Groups consider the Lord's Prayer, Matthew Ch.6 v 9-15
March 10	The Children's Mission Training Evening with Helen Franklin, 8.00pm
March 16/17	Home Groups consider St. Paul's Prayer for others. Ephesians Ch.1 v 3 - 23
March 24	The Children's Mission Training Evening with Helen Franklin, 8.00pm
March 30	Men's Dinner with Noel Proctor, Chaplain of Strangeways, 7.15pm for 7.30pm.
April 6	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.30pm
April 8	Maundy Thursday Agape at 7.30pm
April 9	Good Friday Communion Service at 10.30am.