

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1993

SUNDAY DIARY

4 PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family
Communion
& Procession
6.30pm Evensong
Preacher:
Noel Proctor

11. EASTER DAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family
Communion
6.30pm Evensong

18. FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Upper Room
8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Family
Communion

25. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Emmaus Road
8.00am Communion
10.30am Childrens' Mission
Family Service -
Preacher: Helen
Franklin
2.30pm George Marsh
Memorial Service
6.30pm Family
Communion



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MID WEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays at 10.00am in Church Lounge, except on April 7th when it is at the Rectory

Annual Church Meeting: Tuesday April 6th at 7.30pm

Maundy Thursday April 8th, Agape at 7.30pm

Good Friday April 9th, Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday April 14th at 8.00pm

Church Council: Thursday April 15th at 7.45pm

Childrens' Mission: Monday April 26th - Friday April 30th at 6.30pm in St Mary's C.E. Primary School.

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 Rector writes

27th March.1993

Series

In the recent sermon, entitled "Questions that Puzzle" Michael Saunders "drew the short straw" and had to tackle the question "If God loves us why do some people suffer so much?" Whilst admitting that there is no easy and simple solution to this puzzle he said that he found it helpful to realize that our God does understand our suffering because He has experienced it too. He sent His Son to earth to experience first-hand what life was all about for us humans. He then quoted from a piece called "The Long Silence" which I personally found most helpful, and I pass it on to you for what it may be worth.

At the end of time, billions of people were scattered on a great plain before God's throne. Most shrank back from the brilliant light before them. But some groups near the front talked heatedly - not with cringing shame, but with belligerence. "Can God judge us?"

"How can He know about suffering?" snapped a pert young brunette. She ripped open a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror...beating...torture...death"

In another group a Negro boy lowered his collar. "What about this?" he demanded, showing an ugly rope burn. "Lynched for no crime but being black"

In another crowd, a pregnant school girl with sullen eyes. "Why should I suffer?" she murmured. "It wasn't my fault."

Far out across the plain were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering He permitted in His world. How lucky God was to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light, where there was no weeping or fear, no hunger or hatred. What did God know of all that men had been forced to endure in this world? For God leads a pretty sheltered life, they said.

So each of these groups sent forth their leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. A Jew, a Negro, a person from Hiroshima, a horribly deformed arthritic, a thalidomide child. In the centre of the plain they consulted with each other.

At last they were ready to present their case. It was rather clever. Before God could be qualified to be their judge, He must endure what they had endured. Their verdict was that God should be sentenced to live on earth - as a man! Let him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of His birth be doubted. Give Him a work so difficult that even His family will think Him out of His mind when He tries to do it. Let Him be betrayed by His closest friends. Let Him face false charges, be tried by a prejudiced jury and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let Him be tortured. At last let Him see what it means to be terribly alone. Then let Him die. Let Him die so that there can be no doubt He died. Let there be a whole host of witnesses to verify it.

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the throng of people assembled. When the last had finished pronouncing sentence there was a long silence. No one uttered another word. No one moved. For suddenly all knew that God had already served His sentence.

Many people find great comfort and help from this knowledge - God has felt our pain and he understands. He has been where we are: the boss has been on the shop floor, the captain has worked in the engine room, the chief of police has walked the beat. God has been down at the sharp end, right where we are.

Roger B. Jackson

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM.....

Phil Ray on "Just Desserts"

It is becoming more and more evident that unfair trading practices are a major factor in causing poverty in Third World countries.

The Bolton Christian Aid Committee are therefore highlighting three common commodities; coffee, cocoa and bananas, in this year's Open Meeting.

Christian Aid



These items are big business on the international trade market and many communities, and even countries, depend on them for their existence. Yet many producers are living below subsistence level in conditions of great poverty. Is there anything we can do about this?

Please try to make an effort to come to our meeting. We are sure you will find it very informative and even a little entertaining.

Thursday 29th April at 7.30 pm
Bolton Parish Church Hall
(off Silverwell Street)

Ron Morris who asks "Guilty or Not Guilty?"

Jesus didn't die by accident on that first Good Friday. It wasn't done as a dramatic exit to an unusual life. It wasn't so that we could have a holiday, or could eat chocolate eggs. It was the only way that we could be forgiven and made right with a holy God. "There was no other good enough to pay the price of sin, HE ONLY could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in". Christ died for all but it only works for those who accept it. Punishment for sin has already happened and if you take your stand at the Cross you are safe for evermore inside God's kingdom.

Don't rest until you can say "The Son of God loved ME and gave His life for ME".

The Leaders of the Ladies organisations who wish to remind members that after the Lent programme normal service resumes this month.



The Mothers Union meet on Wednesday April 14th. The Ladies Guild have invited Mr. Holden to speak on "Legal Affairs" on Tuesday April 13th and Dr. Tom Schofield of the Church of the Nazarene on April 27th

Ken Higson who is organising this year's **Hanging Baskets** and cauldrons either new, or complete with flowers, or your own filled with flowers which he supplies. Further details are contained on the order forms which are now available in Church.



LET'S CELEBRATE EASTER!



4th

PALM SUNDAY



On this occasion children in the Climbers and Explorers are asked to assemble at the Memorial Hall at 10.15am to process to church with a donkey supplied by the Farm at The Deane School. At an early point in the service they will leave church and return to the Hall accompanied once again by the donkey. Palm crosses will be distributed at the service.

ANNUAL MEETING

is to be held in Holy Week on Tuesday April 6th at 7.30pm. It is the duty of all members of the recently revised Electoral Roll to be present to receive reports of the activities over the past 12 months and to elect the Church wardens and Church Councillors for the coming year.

8th

MAUNDY THURSDAY



There will be usual AGAPE, a Communion Service in the context of a Fellowship Meal beginning at 7.30pm. to help with the catering arrangements please use the list which is now available in Church.

9th

GOOD FRIDAY



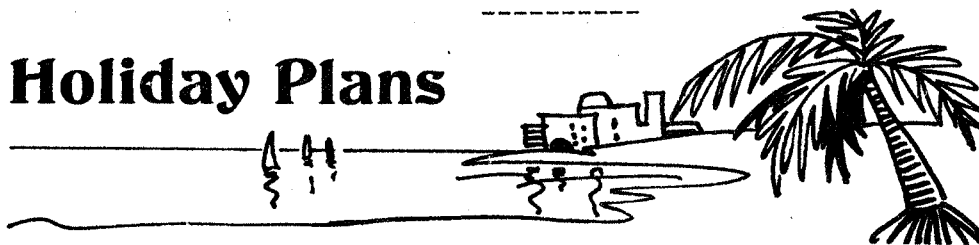
Last year many people expressed their appreciation of the Communion Service that we introduced. In the Ministry of the Word several people read through the whole Passion narrative from one of the Gospels and by making use of periods of silence we allowed God to speak to us in this way. In the Ministry of the Sacrament we came to the foot of a large wooden cross and received the symbols of Christ's body and blood which was broken and shed for us on the first Good Friday.

11th

EASTER DAY

Though services will be set at the usual times the main morning service will be Family Communion. At both the 10.30am and 6.30pm. services the Choir will sing a anthem for Easter.

Holiday Plans



Instead of going to the Mediterranean, have you thought of going to Germany during the Bolton Holiday week in September? The members of the Free Church in Paderborn have invited members of the Churches Together in Bolton (to which we are affiliated) to be their guests from September 3rd - 11th. The cost of this visit is £220 + £14 insurance, and booking should be made with Betty Walker on Bolton 22569 by Easter.

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 Offerings</u>	<u>Totals</u>
February 7	£846.75	£141.74	£ 988.49
14	463.92	78.38	542.30
21	524.01	109.15	633.16
28	607.14	134.26	741.40
Weekdays	-	173.95	173.95
Standing Orders	51.25	-	51.25
	<u>£2493.07</u>	<u>£637.48</u>	<u>£3130.55</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3114.



IN THE NEWS

Attendance Awards were given to the following Climbers at the February Family Service.

25 attendances : Stephanie Horridge, Natalie Whittle.
 50 attendances : Sarah Humphreys
 75 attendances : Sarah Gardiner

... and to the following Explorers

40 attendances : Rebecca Hesketh
 80 attendances : Craig Hesketh



Congratulations to Margaret Cupitt who is the latest in a long line of members of our Guide Company to gain the coveted Baden Powell Award. It is a great credit to our Guide Captain Carole Baxendale that so many of the girls who have passed through her hands have achieved this highest honour that a Girl Guide can achieve.

We are delighted to hear that John and Virginia Corbyn now have a son, James Alban, to accompany their 2 year old daughter, Elizabeth.