

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH

1994

SUNDAY DIARY

6 THIRD IN LENT

Theme:
Suffering

8.00am Communion
10.30am Communion &
Thanksgivings
6.30pm Evensong

13 FOURTH IN LENT

Theme:
Transfiguration

8.00am Communion
10.30am Mothering Sunday
Service
6.30pm Communion

20 FIFTH IN LENT

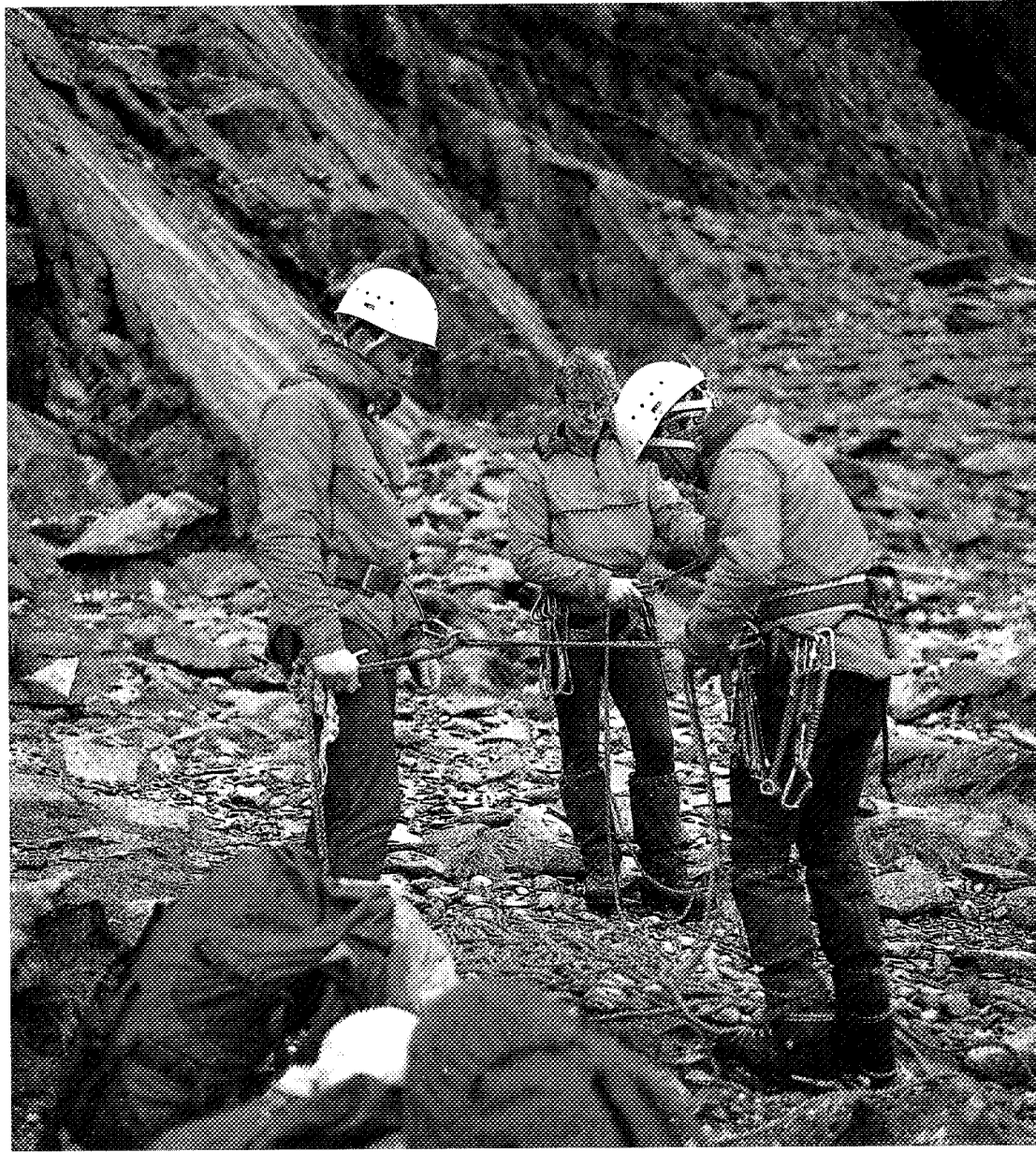
Theme:
The Victory of the Cross

8.00am Communion
10.30am Communion
6.30pm Evensong

27 PALM SUNDAY

Theme
The Way of the Cross

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family/Parade
Service
6.30pm Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge on March 2nd, 16th, 23rd and at the Rectory on March 9th and 30th.

Lent Group: Tuesday and Wednesday March 1st/2nd, 8th/9th, 15th/16th, 22nd/23rd.

Parochial Church Council: Thursday March 3rd at 7.45pm.

"Lancashire Evening" - a social on Saturday March 19th at 8.00pm.

Annual Church Meeting: Tuesday March 29th at 7.30pm.

Maundy Thursday: Agape meal at 7.30pm on March 31st.

WHO'S WHO

WHAT'S ON

Rector: Roger B Jackson
The Rectory
234 Wigan Road (61819)

Vicar: A Robin Hazlehurst
St Andrew's Vicarage
Crescent Avenue (651851)

Curate: Charles D Moore
281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

Reader: Christine Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

Wardens: Craig Mochrie
4 Laxford Grove (652324)

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 (842723)

Honorary Leslie Kilsby
Secretary: 1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Pastoral: Sheila Morgan
Worship: Philip Gore
Buildings & Fabric: Mike Kirkby
Social: Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

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

Flowers: Mary Jackson
234 Wigan Road (61819)

Vergers: 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)

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 8.00 p.m.
Charlie & Sara Moore (64313)

CHURCH CHOIR
Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45 a.m.
Jim Needham (0942 812692)

MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.
Ray Howarth (652602)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Ladies Alternate Tuesdays
Guild: at 7.45 p.m.
Pat Boydell (61450)

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

Parents & Fridays at 1.30 p.m.
Toddlers: Julie Cooper (660946)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies: 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.
Janet Madden (665896)
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.
Francis 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

26th February, 1994

I have never regarded myself as anything other than an amateur when it comes to commenting on current issues, but there are a couple of matters which have received a great deal of attention in the media during the past fortnight and upon which I feel I ought to comment briefly. The first concerns the Church of England's finances.

In purely commercial terms the C of E is a very large operation by any standard. It is financed centrally by the Church Commissioners who administer the historic assets of our Church - money, land and property which has been bequeathed by former generations. It is financed locally by that which is given or comes from fund raising efforts of to-day's congregations. Whereas most other Churches in Britain have to rely almost entirely upon local present day resources, the C of E has been able to rely to a very considerable extent upon these historic resources from the centre. Though this has been a great help enabling our C of E to continue to minister in areas of great poverty and deprivation, and in many cases to be the only Church to do so, it has also been a hindrance. It has meant that the average level of giving in Anglican congregations has been well below that of Christians of other traditions.

What has now come to light is that in the 1980's the Church Commissioners made what, with the benefit of hindsight, were several errors of judgement. For instance, they placed "too many eggs in the property basket", and they also borrowed too much money to finance their prestigious property development. The Recession has caused the "paper value" of this property, like most other properties, and the income from it to fall in a way that wasn't anticipated. As a result the amount of money available from central sources to assist the local Church, especially in the matter of paying clergy stipends, has fallen dramatically. This means that C of E congregations are going to have to come more closely in line with other denominations by having to provide a much larger percentage of their clergyman's stipend than ever before.

Personally I don't see this challenge as an unmitigated disaster. On the contrary I prefer to see it as a God-given challenge to demonstrate that our Christian commitment even reaches our pockets and purses. William Cowper, the hymnwriter wrote "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform". I believe that God can also move in financial ways His wonders to perform!

There are some Christian Churches who will only appoint a minister when at least 10 members or families will each commit themselves to giving one tenth of their income so that their minister will receive an income equal to the average of those families. I'm not advocating this policy, though it is very commendable, because there are a number of problems and anomalies with it. Nevertheless, it stands to reason that the time is approaching when Churches which find themselves unable to pay for a minister will not get one. However, when members obey the clear teaching of the Bible on the subject of money by giving thoughtfully a definite proportion of their income every week/month, then not only will they have enough to live themselves, but their Church will have no financial crisis. At Deane Church we have a long way to go before we reach this position.

Homosexuality and the earliest age at which its practice between consenting partners is not a criminal offence is the second matter. I make the following points.

1. It would be foolish to deny that a small minority is born with a homosexual orientation, and it would seem that others acquire it in adolescence. The latest research shows that we are talking about 3% of the population and not the 10% that the so called "gay" lobby are claiming.
2. There should be no feeling of guilt by a person with a homosexual orientation, nor should the rest of us point accusing fingers at them. If that is how God made them then that is how they find their identity and they should be given their proper worth, dignity and respect.
3. However, we should also recognise that God has so ordered this world that for the continuation of the human race both male and female sexuality are necessary for procreation and desirable for the upbringing of children. Consequently, society should do nothing which seeks to promote and encourage homosexual practice.
4. What is appalling about the present debate is the general assumption that sexual intercourse, be it hetero - or homo-, from the age of 16 is not merely a human right, but something in which young people should be able in good conscience to participate. It is not. Sexual intercourse is not for casual relationships and "one night stands". It belongs to a loving and stable relationship between two persons and I question whether anyone is mature enough at the age of 16 to be in this position.

Roy Jackson



IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM

We welcomed into membership of our Church Family on February 13th Marcus Ryan Bates of 9 Sandwood Avenue, Ladybridge.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS were given at the Family Service on January 23rd to:-

Climbers Matthew Schindler for 50 attendances
Sarah Gardiner and Elizabeth Simpson for 100 attendances
Explorers Sabrina Drummond and Caroline List for 40 attendances
Wendy Whittaker for 80 attendances.

THANK YOU!



Brenda Dixon's mother, Gladys Woods has now returned home to convalesce after an operation on her hip at Wrightington Hospital. She has written to say "I would like to thank you all for your prayers, flowers, cards, kind thoughts and visits to me whilst in hospital. I am pleased to say that I am improving day by day. Thankyou all once again".

BITS & PIECES

Crawshawbooth Conference Centre

Crawshawbooth is a beautiful old manor house set in 8 acres of secluded grounds and gardens and situated in the Rossendale Valley - the home of many interesting tourist attractions. Though it is primarily the Manchester Diocesan Conference and Retreat Centre it also sets aside certain periods of the year for the purpose of holidays. Here are two attractive ones which may be of interest to some of us.

An Easter Break from Thursday March 31st to Monday April 4th. The 4 nights full board with home cooked food and friendly personal service is offered at a special rate of £75 per person.

Senior Citizens Holiday Week from Saturday August 13th to Saturday August 20th at a cost of £150. Included in the price is a day outing with lunch in a hotel or restaurant. Entertainment is provided in the evenings free of charge. most of the accommodation is in single bedrooms with a few twin bedded rooms. Unfortunately there are no ground floor rooms.

Those who are interested should contact the Manager, Linda Russell, on telephone 0706 215120.



As we were "going to press" we received an S.O.S from Michael Saunders asking us to pray for the Children's mission at St. Andrew's Primary School, Eccles from March 7-11

and culminating with a Family Service on Mothering Sunday March 13th. Once again Michael will be working in tandem with Helen Franklin. Whereas our mission was called the "J Team" theirs is called the Jaffa Club. It has little to do with Jaffa cakes but hopefully a lot to do with boys and girls discovering that Jesus is a Faithful Friend Always.

Dates for your Diary

WOMEN'S WORLD



DAY OF PRAYER

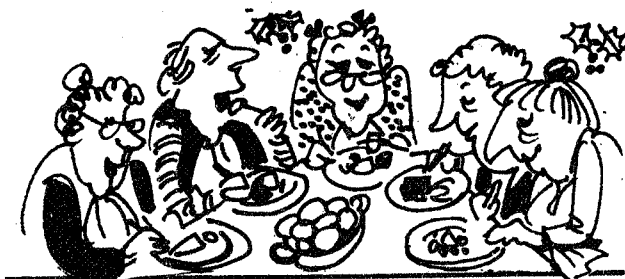
This years theme on Friday March 4th is "Go, See, Act". There are two services planned locally.

At 2.00pm in St Edmunds RC Church the Revd Betty Roe will be the speaker.

At 7.30pm in St Peters Church, Belmont, the Revd Brenda Croston will be the speaker.

There will be the usual Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10.30am when the speaker will be our Reader, Chris Kilsby who is a mother of two children. In the context of the service all ladies will receive a small bunch of daffodils, mothers as well as those who haven't had the privilege and responsibility of motherhood.

13 th MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE



A "Lancashire Evening" is the table given to the event which the Social Committee have organised for Saturday March 19th. There will be a hot pot supper and traditional entertainment. Tickets costing £3.50 for adults and £2.00 for juniors are now on sale.

Do make sure that your clock springs forward otherwise you will miss the Palm Sunday Family/Parade Service at 10.30am.



CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

ONE HOUR
ON MARCH 27th

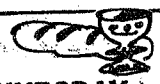
ANNUAL MEETING

This will be held on the Tuesday evening in Holy Week, March 29th at 7.30pm. In preparation for this important meeting when we review the past year and elect our new Church Council for the coming year we are asked to pray for the meeting and to make responsible use of the nomination lists which will be in church in good time.

We recall the institution of the Lord's Supper and the AGAPE meal to be held in the Church Lounge beginning at 7.30pm. The catering list will be in church.

31st

MAUNDY THURSDAY



MONEY MATTERS

Thank-you to all who through their regular giving contributed to God's work through our church.



		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January 2	£	477.69	£ 48.00	£ 525.69
9		710.35	83.22	793.57
16		590.11	95.68	685.79
23		698.93	158.07	857.00
30		503.47	70.09	573.56
Weekdays		-	63.99	63.99
Standing Orders		133.75	-	133.75
	£	<u>3114.30</u>	£ <u>519.05</u>	£ <u>3633.35</u>

In the comparable period last year the amount given was £3870.

SAMS

**South American
Missionary Society**

Olive Plant wishes to thank those who responded to her recent letter concerning the quarterly magazine produced by the South American Missionary Society (SAMS). Like many voluntary organisations and societies SAMS have been looking at ways and means of reducing expenditure and increasing income as a consequence of the recession.

Through the generous donations Olive has received she has been able to send a cheque to the value of £110 to SAMS as a contribution towards the cost of producing their magazine.

Bill and Brenda Dixon are to be warmly congratulated on raising the magnificent total of £1000 for the Roof Appeal and Fabric Fund. This they have done by holding a series of Dinner Parties over the past couple of years at which groups of people have enjoyed a splendid evening with good food and good company at Bill and Brenda's home on Wigan Road. We are grateful to all those who supported them by organising a party of friends to go out for a meal together. Has any reader of the Bolton Evening News nominated them for the "Restaurant of the Year Award"?

