

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1994

SUNDAY DAIRY

3. EASTER DAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family
Communion
6.30pm Evensong

10. FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Bread of Life

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
with Baptism
6.30pm Family
Communion

17. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Good Shepherd

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family
Communion
6.30pm Evensong

24. THIRD AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Resurrection
and the Life

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



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge
Prayer Focus Wednesday April 6th at 8.00pm
Home Groups Tuesday April 19th and Wednesday April 20th
Parochial Church Council Monday April 11th at 7.45pm
Good Friday April 1st at 10.30am
Theatre Outing Thursday April 28th

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: 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)

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

Parents & Toddlers: Fridays at 1.30 p.m.
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 March, 1994

As we come to the end of our Lent Home Group programme the session which I personally found most helpful and challenging was when we tried to answer the question "How do we cope when we have to face a crisis?" The particular crisis may be a personal problem like the death of a parent or partner, or some shattering revelation about a friend or relative, or the loss of our job. For others, it can be the sudden impact of a major upheaval on our lives such as the flooding or complete destruction of our home in a storm. How will we respond to such events when they hit us, as surely they will in some form or other sooner or later. They can, and they do, completely overwhelm us when they force us back on our reserves of faith and character, and we discover we have so little to fall back on. Christian faith may begin relatively suddenly when we put our trust in living Christ, whose resurrection we are about to celebrate once again. Christian Character, however, is not built overnight. It is the result of living out our faith in our public as well as our private lives. This will involve the discipline of regular worship, the hearing and reading of God's word, constantly thinking about what God's purposes are for us here and now and cultivating the habit of living in the presence of the risen Christ. So when a crisis does come, and we call upon these spiritual resources, we will be able to cope with the strength and courage that God supplies.

Our national church, the Church of England, is facing a number of crises at the present time. We do have problems over finance, and there are some deep divisions over the ordination of women to the priesthood. I would want to discourage you from being disturbed by the silly talk in the media that our Church of England is in terminal decline, or by that small minority of misguided people who are leaving us because they think we are no longer a true Church. Instead I would want to encourage you to place your confidence in God. I wouldn't want you to be complacent. Whether we like it or not the Church of England is becoming a different Church. It is changing all the time, but the God in whom we trust changes not. He is constant, "the same yesterday, today and forever".

After Easter I plan to convene two groups in which I hope a number of you will be interested. The first is for adults and I call it the "Believing and Belonging Group". It is designed primarily for those who in recent times have attached themselves to one of our congregations, but who feel a little out of place when it comes to Holy Communion. This group aims to help such people feel more at home by assisting them to see what Christians believe and what it means to belong to our Church. It can serve, therefore, as a preparation for Confirmation, though no one is committing themselves to this by coming to the group. In the past others have found it helpful as a refresher course in Christian basics. Sixth formers are also welcome, and if there are sufficient numbers we would have a separate group for them. The initial meeting will be held at the Rectory on Tuesday April 12th at 7.45 pm though a Tuesday will not necessarily be the night when the group decides to meet.

The second group is for younger teenagers who wish to take part in the experiment of being admitted to Communion before Confirmation. It is one of the conditions that only those who are regular worshippers will be admitted to the short course of preparation. The initial meeting for those who are interested will also be held on Tuesday April 12th at the earlier time of 6.45 pm at the Rectory.

Finally, I commend to you our main service of Holy Communion on Easter Day when the leaders and members of our CYFA group will be performing a drama sketch which demonstrates the different ways in which we can react to the Easter story.

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES

The Ladybridge Patient's Group have planned what is now becoming an annual event on a Sunday afternoon in Deane Church. This year it takes the form of "Songs from the Shows, Jazz and Opera" with Kevin Morgan, the organist at Bolton Parish Church and Alan Roscoe. The date - Sunday April 10th at 2.30pm. Tickets costing £4 (concessions £3) are obtainable from the Surgery in Ladybridge (Tel. 653267) or Mr. & Mrs. Williams (Tel. 492037)

The Social Committee have organised another Theatre Outing to the Bolton Little Theatre on Thursday April 28th. The play is Noel Coward's "Private Lives". Tickets cost £4 and can be ordered by placing your name on the list in Church. Anyone who wishes may join the party.



A Floral Art Demonstration by Bert Ellis and Graham Iddon entitled "Friendship from Flowers" will be held in Smithills Lower School on Wednesday April 13th at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £3 (which include tea and scones) can be obtained from Sheila Acton. Proceeds go to the Bolton Hospice. Incidentally the Hospice have acknowledged the receipt of £56.66 from donations in connection with their recent Hospice Rose Day.

Pauline Ridyard and her family wish to indicate how much pleasure the new trumpet stop on the organ dedicated on February 13th in memory of Harry has given them. They are sure that Harry would have been delighted with the addition to the range of what is a fine instrument, and they are particularly grateful that it has been possible for his wishes to have been carried out.

Pauline is sure that Harry would have been very proud to hear his son, Timothy, playing the organ on the occasion of the dedication and for this suggestion they are especially grateful to Jim Needham. Though the delay in completion was prolonged the family consider that the wait has been worthwhile.



**WE
APPRECIATED**

Ivy Baum is now home from hospital and back in circulation. She has written to say how much she appreciated your kind thoughts, Get Well cards and prayers.

At the Family/Parade Service on Sunday April 24th we will be joined by the Cubs and Scouts of the district for their annual St. George's Day Parade Service at 10.30am. It looks like being a "very full house" on this occasion so please don't feel put out if you are not able to sit in your usual seat. Instead rejoice that it is probably being occupied by someone who does not attend any Church service in the normal way.



The next series of Home Groups begin on Tuesday and Wednesday April 19/20 and will continue thereafter until the start of Bolton Holidays. Please make a note of the dates now. April 19/20; May 3/4; May 31/June 1; June 14/15. We will not meet in Christian Aid Week. Further details will be announced in Church.



IN THE NEWS

THANKSGIVING On Sunday March 6th the following parents brought their children to church to thank God for their birth:

Shaun and Alison Roberts of 14 Clunton Avenue for Jonathan
James and Stephanie Washbrook of 352 Willows Lane for Melissa)



ATTENDANCE AWARDS have been given to :

Climbers : Emma List and Daniel Yakiah for 25 attendances
Angela Cheetham for 175 attendances

Explorers: Nicola Adams, Emma Carson and Matthew Hodgkinson for 40 attendances

91 NOT OUT When Alice Hough celebrated her 91st birthday on February 16th the verse of Scripture on her calendar for that day read "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37 v 25)

We thank God that Alice is still young at heart, and plays a more active role in the life of our Church Family than some who are only half her age!

We express our **SYMPATHY** to those who have recently lost friends and relatives, and especially to Vera Dean whose husband, Norman, died suddenly in hospital, and to Ada Lomax whose husband Stan died after a prolonged illness in the Grange Lea Nursing Home where he had been nursed ever since it opened nearly 2 years ago.

THANK YOU! Our honorary assistant organised, Ruth Smith who has been very ill and housebound for several months, has written saying:
"Thank you to all my many friends at Deane Church for your prayers, visits, telephone calls, flowers and cards and other acts of kindness which I have received from you during my illness. I have no whatsoever that they have contributed towards my recovery and as hopefully the weather improves, I hope to be seeing you back in Church again."



The Leaders of our Ladies organisations remind members that after the Lent programme their meetings revert to the normal fortnightly pattern.



The **Mothers' Union** will meet on Wednesday afternoons April 13th and 27th and

The **Ladies Guild** have invited Mrs Hamilton on Tuesday evening April 12th to show that "Tripe is an excellent dish" Mrs Hawthorne will lead a devotional evening on April 26th.

MONEY MATTERS



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

	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
February 6	£679.35	£96.47	£775.82
13	571.67	130.04	701.71
20	512.95	88.27	601.22
27	622.00	134.13	756.13
Weekdays	-	57.81	57.81
Standing Orders	133.75	-	133.75
	<u>£2519.72</u>	<u>£506.72</u>	<u>£3026.44</u>

In the comparable period last year the amount giving was £3131.

LENT APPEAL Will the 71 people who voluntarily took Lent Boxes kindly return them during this month so that their contents can be sent to the Church Missionary Society and another societies operating in the U.K.

SPECTACLES APPEAL 120 pairs of spectacles of all shapes and sizes have been donated and are being sent to Africa to be worn by those with failing eyesight but too poor to purchase glasses. The mind boggles when one thinks of a queue of partially sighted Africans deciding whether or not to wear a pair like those worn by the snooker player, Dennis Taylor, or to go for a Sherlock Holmes monocle! Thank you to all who have contributed.

.... and finally **A WORD OF ADVICE** from Ron Morris to all who are planning to attend this year's Annual Church Meeting (on Tuesday March 29th). He calls them **"TEN GOOD MOVES"** with his tongue in his cheek!

1. Sit at the back, everybody in front can hear you.
 2. Refuse to be elected to any post, claim other commitments.
 3. Never nominate, you can't criticise later.
 4. Criticise the treasurer about his layout of accounts.
 5. Complain about the Hymns on Sundays.
 6. Hark back to the old days, whatever happened then.
 7. Vote for people not on the voting slips.
 8. Get elected a sidesperson and go sick the next few weeks.
 9. Complain bitterly about the meeting going on too long.
 10. Afterwards complain that you didn't get your say.
- OR JUST STAY IN YOUR BED