

# THE PARISH OF DEANE DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**MAY 1995**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 7. THIRD AFTER EASTER Theme: The Lakeside

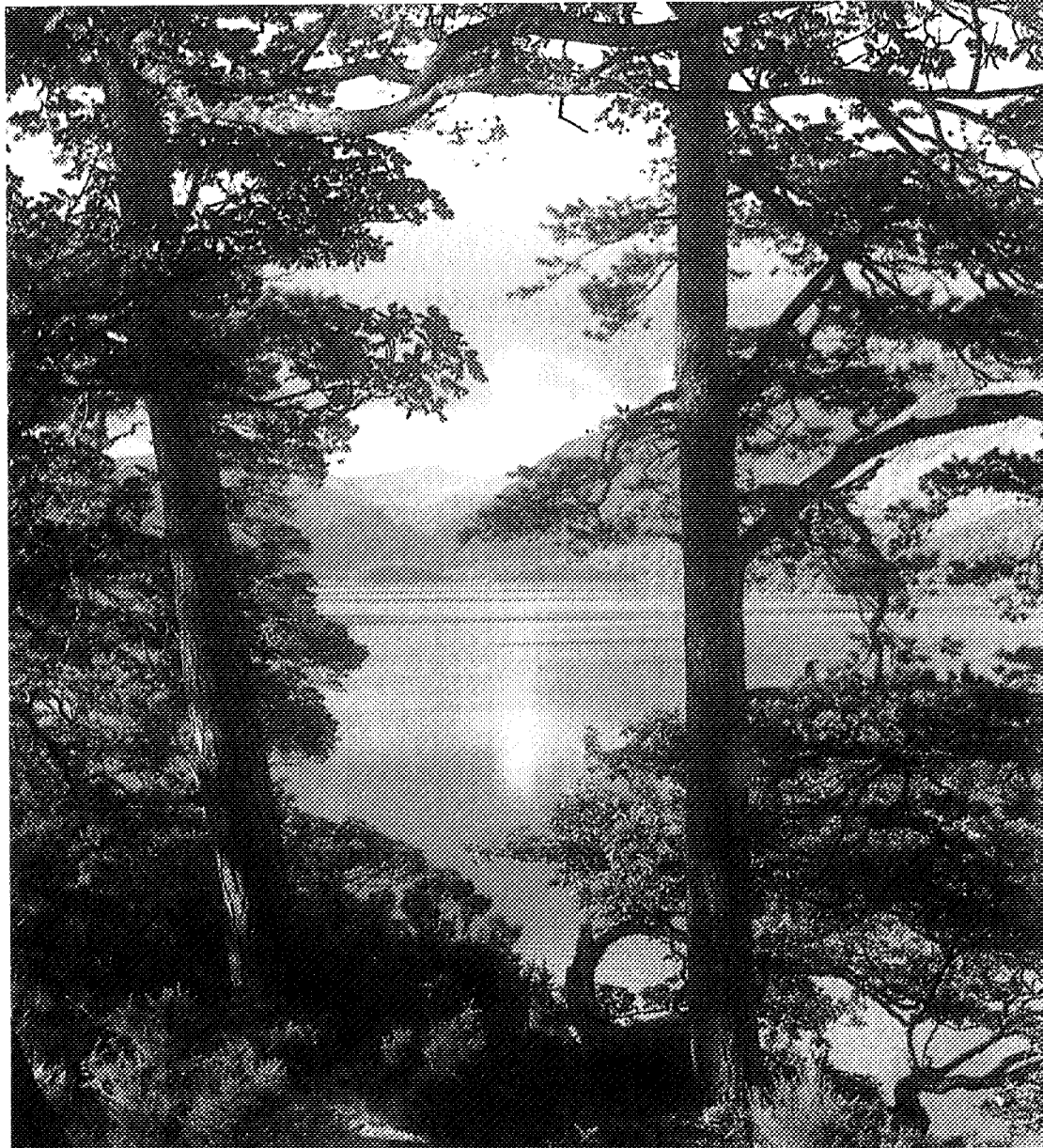
8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

### 14. FOURTH AFTER EASTER Theme: The Charge to Peter

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Service  
& Baptisms  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 21. FIFTH AFTER EASTER Theme: Going to Father

8.00am Communion  
10.00am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evening Service to  
welcome the Mayor  
& Mayoress of Bolton



Sunrise, Derwentwater, by Ronald Brownsword  
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### 28. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION Theme: The Ascension of Christ

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Theatre Outing: Wednesday May 3 at 7.30pm

Church Council: Thursday May 4 at 7.45pm at St. Andrews

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Wednesday May 10 at 7.30pm at  
St. James, Daisy Hill

Christian Aid Week: May 15 - 20

Prayer Focus: Wednesday May 17 at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge

Ascension Day Communion Service: Thursday May 25 at 8.00pm

Home Groups: Tuesday and Wednesday May 30/31

**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)

Les Kilsby  
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Lay** Stan Wilson  
**Chairman:** 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

**Honorary** Keith Acton  
**Treasurer:** 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

**Honorary** Les Kilsby  
**Secretary:** 1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

**CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS**

**Finance:** Keith Acton  
**Pastoral:** Stan Wilson  
**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.  
Jane Hampson (848433)

**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 &** Thursdays 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.  
Jean Aspinall (63948)

**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

29th April, 1995

When at our Annual Church Meeting in Holy Week we appointed **Pat Boydell** as a Churchwarden we were doing what has never been done before in the long history of Deane Church. When the Churchwardens are commissioned at the Archdeacon of Bolton's Visitation Service on May 10th, Pat will become the first woman to hold this position in Deane Church, though not in Deane Parish, because for a number of years our District Church of St. Andrew's has regularly appointed a woman as one of its wardens. We wish Pat, and **Mary Johnson** at St. Andrew's, well as they take on these added responsibilities and we look forward to the contribution they will make in our leadership team.

Though we don't have a written constitution which says that Churchwardens shall only serve for a fixed term of years, in practice this is what is now happening. The days have gone when wardens served for half a lifetime. This year it is **Terry Oakes** who stands down and whose place Pat is taking. I wish to record not only my own personal gratitude, but also the thanks of the Church Family to Terry for his years of outstanding service. Terry's professional experience and expertise in the building industry are things which he has gladly and willingly placed at the disposal of the Church in the practical advice and help which he has given. Moreover, his spiritual leadership of a Home Group, his regular presence at the monthly Prayer Focus together with the generous hospitality of their home which he and Marjorie have offered to many have been most exemplary. I thank God for them both, and I'm so glad that Terry will remain as a member of the new Church Council.

One of the first tasks of this Church Council will be to prepare a response on behalf of our Church Family to the commitments which the Bishop of Manchester has made to us in the WAY FORWARD video which over 70 of us saw at the evening service on April 23rd. In the video the Bishop was emphasizing that as we look forward there will need to be changes in the attitudes we adopt and changes in the way we do things. In the informal discussion groups that evening there were obviously those who were complacent, believing that we have already got it right. There would be others who find it extremely difficult not to be always 'harking back to the past'. However, in the reports that were fed back from the groups there was an almost unanimous recognition of the need for change, and that this is only likely to come about when it is motivated by a deeper spirituality. The previous Bishop of Bolton, at the end of his ministry, remarked that the spiritual life of our diocese was very thin and if the truth were known I suspect that precisely the same observation could be made of our own parish. Here are 3 practical examples of a lack of spirituality:-

1. When we only come to Church on Sundays on those occasions when we are on sidesman's duty or when our diary seems to be clear of what we perceive to be more important engagements.
2. When our giving to God's work is determined by what's left over at the end of the week instead of being a carefully worked out proportion of our income at the beginning of each week.
3. When what we say, sing and do in Church is kept in a watertight compartment labelled 'Sundays Only', and is not allowed to impinge upon or influence what we think say and do for the remaining 6 days of the week.

Though a renewal and growth in spirituality is required at all levels in our Church, beginning with me, the Church Council needs to be seen to be giving a firm and clear lead by way of example. Please pray for them. They are:

**The Clergy :** Charlie Moore, Robin Hazlehurst and myself.

**The Reader :** Chris Kilsby.

**The Wardens :** Pat Boydell, Les Kilsby. Craig Mochrie.

**The General Synod and Deanery Synod Reps. :** Philip Gore, Pauline Ridyard, Stan Wilson

**The Councillors :** Pat Boulton, Dorothy Cox, Brenda Dixon, Mike Kirkby, Eric Morgan, Terry Oakes, Pat Sewell, Bryan Shephard.

*Ray Jackson*

# MAY DATES.

- Thursday 4th** The recently elected Church Council meet for the first time to appoint their officers - secretary, treasurer and lay chairman. High on the agenda will be making a start to our response to the Bishop of Manchester's challenge in his Way Forward video.
- Sunday 7th** The morning service will incorporate an act of thanksgiving in connection with the 50th anniversary of the V.E. Celebrations.
- Wednesday 10th** At the Archdeacon of Bolton's Visitation Service, held this year at St. James, Daisy Hill, our Churchwardens, sidespersons and Church Council will be 'commissioned' for their year of office.
- Friday-Sunday 12th-14th** The Parish Weekend Houseparty will take place at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria after several years at Rhos-on-Sea in North Wales.
- Sunday 14th** Within the context of the morning worship there will be our quarterly baptism service. In addition to several children, one of our older teenagers, Heather Nuttall, a member of our Young Peoples Confirmation group will also be baptized.
- Monday-Saturday 15th-20th** is Christian Aid Week. Once again we require 70 collectors to cover the area for which we are responsible. Last year there was an excellent response to this appeal for help and as a result we were able to cover every part of our area and over £2,000 was collected. When we add to this that which our St. Andrew's congregation collected plus the special effort of Phil Ray with his teasing Christmas puzzles, Deane Parish raised 25% of the total given to Christian Aid in the Bolton area. There is a list in Church for volunteers to add their names. On average people are asked to cover about 50 homes.
- Wednesday 17th** Is "Mayor Making Day" in Bolton when Councillor Alan Rushton and his wife Audrey become our senior citizens.
- Sunday 21st** After the more formal Civic Service in Bolton Parish Church in the morning there will be a more informal service when Alan and Audrey come to their own parish Church in the evening. On this occasion we will be joined by the members of St. Andrew's for our joint quarterly service.
- Thursday 25th** There is a choice of Ascension Day services at St. Andrew's at 10.00am and at St. Mary's at 8.00pm.
- Tuesday/Wednesday 30th-31st** The summer series of fortnightly Home Groups reconvene. Details of the venues will be published in Church.

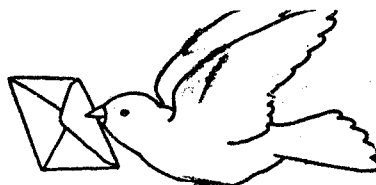
## *All about CMS*

After 200 years CMS has decided to change its name for the second time. In 1812 it became the Church Missionary Society. Now CMS has become the Church Mission Society. This change of name reminds us of a change of identity, relationships and responsibilities.

Initially CMS began as a group of English Christians sending missionaries as pioneers to countries where no church existed. To-day CMS is an international fellowship with about 1000 members living outside Britain. We come and go as partners with churches large and small in every corner of the world. We are engaged in mission together, in receiving as well as sending. This world-wide mission involves calling people of post-Christian Europe and pre-Christian Asia to worship the one true God. It also involves building up the Church in its service of the hungry, the prisoner, the sick and the lonely.

(N.B. CMS is one of the 3 main 'overseas' missions that we as a Church support through our Christian Giving Programme)





**Stephen and Stella Brook and Family in Portugal** who report encouraging developments in their work for God in the city of Setubal. For the Portuguese speaking congregation they now have an excellently produced parish magazine. This is mainly the inspiration of their new Lay Reader, Marco, who is also responsible for founding a bi-lingual 20-30's group. In addition to being a law student Marco is also doing a correspondence course in theology with the Open Theological College as well as being Church and Archdeaconry secretary! He needs wisdom to balance all these various demands upon his time. Their other Lay Reader is Carlos, a blind man who is the leader of the Blind Mission. He faces the demands of meeting many needs with very few material resources. They have a trainee Lay Reader Joao Filipe who is recovering from a serious illness.

Though their English speaking congregation have recently lost two of their most involved families on their return to the USA, numbers attending the services have held up well and the level of giving has increased. Their Church building occupies a corner site with much unused land. As the building itself lacks most of the basic facilities required by an active Church community, they are looking at the possibility of developing the site. Outline planning permission has been granted for building two apartment blocks. As the Church has little or no capital they are looking for a builder who would develop the site in such a way that the Church would retain ownership of the ground floor for a worship area, meeting rooms, kitchen and cloakroom as well as living accommodation.

**Bob and Margaret Lunt and Family** - our former link missionaries in Argentina.

From mid March until May 10th Bob is in Argentina supervising the translation of the Old Testament into the local Wichi language. He is encouraged by the progress that has been made by the two translators Isidro and Yolanda. They are becoming skilled practitioners producing good quality drafts at consistently regular intervals.

Margaret was ordained last September, and whilst Bob is in Argentina Margaret and their daughters are based at Stamford-le-Hope in Essex where Margaret is serving her first curacy. She is enjoying the pastoral work of visiting and conducting funerals and looks forward to conducting her first weddings this summer. Their daughters, Alison and Elizabeth have coped well with the transfer to new schools and both are doing well having all-round skills.

## NOT FOR THE OVER SIXTIES!

Are you a regular member of our congregation and yet still feel you are only on the fringe of things? Do you feel that you don't really know people except from a rear view when sitting in the pew behind them? Well here's a way to change all that! We have reached the stage when we need to recruit more people to join the Church cleaning rota. This gives you an excellent opportunity not only to become involved but also to get to know at least a few more people on the team to which you are allocated. For instance, you could share notes as you work about the broken nights your 2 year old is giving you or the bigger problems you are having with your teenagers.

At the moment we have 40 members of the cleaning teams, but 17 of them are over 60 and a few are 70+. Some of them are suffering from increasing incapacity from arthritis and other problems which began to appear when you start drawing your pension. Some have been doing this voluntary work for nearly 20 years and are beginning to feel that the time is coming for them to fold away their dusters and make room for those who can bend and stretch more easily.

What is involved? Approximately one hour plus travelling time to and from home once every 5 weeks on a Friday morning or evening. What do I need to bring? Just yourself. Dusters, polish, brooms and vacuum cleaners are provided - everything required for sweeping the aisles, dusting and polishing the seats (but not that of the organist who is apt to slide off a highly polished stool!). Ladies and gentlemen are invited to help. What could be more satisfying on a Sunday than to sit and think to yourself "Well I helped to put the shine on that eagle's wings!" Offers should be made as soon as possible to Mary Jackson.

# MONEY MATTERS



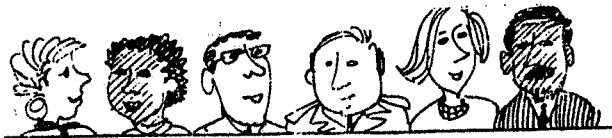
Thank you to all who through their regular giving have contributed to God's work through our Church

		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	
March	5	£ 519.15	£ 80.01	£ 599.16
	12	711.10	214.93	926.03
	19	605.84	84.73	690.57
	26	596.61	173.86	770.47
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			60.28	60.28
		<u>£2,566.45</u>	<u>£613.81</u>	<u>£3,180.26</u>

In the corresponding month last year the total given was £3,051.

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We also record with gratitude further donations of £75 received in memory of **Norman Grundy** giving a total of £333.



## IN THE NEWS

**Attendance Awards** at climbers have recently been given to:  
Jessica Cooper, Emma Martindale and Luke Slater for 25 attendances.  
Craig Parton for 50 attendances.

We are pleased to hear that Don Matthews, Jean Morgan, Ann Preston and Susan Roberts are now home and recovering well after their recent spells in hospital.



**Congratulations** to Philip Gore on his appointment as a magistrate. He is the second member of our Church Family to 'sit on the bench' - the other being Alan Cheetham.

**The Ladies Guild** have their Day's Outing to Chester on Saturday May 20th. At their regular meetings on Tuesday evenings they have invited Mrs. D. Edmondson to speak on "Quilting" on May 9th and Mrs. M. Bamber on "The Community Health Service" on May 23rd.