

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1996

SUNDAY DIARY

3. SECOND IN LENT

Theme:
Conflict

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

10. THIRD IN LENT

Theme:
Suffering

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

17. FOURTH IN LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Mothering Sunday
Family Service
6.30pm Family Communion

24. FIFTH IN LENT

Theme:
Springboard Mission

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

31. PALM SUNDAY

Theme:
Springboard Mission

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Final Mission Service
at Bolton School



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Alpha Group: Every Tuesday at 7.45pm
Every Wednesday at 1.30pm and 7.45pm

Parochial Church Council: Monday March 11th at 7.45pm

Ladies' Evening: Thursday March 28th at 7.30pm for 8.00pm
at Smithills Coaching House

Men's Evening: Friday March 29th at 7.30pm for 8.00pm
at Deane Golf Club

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)

Pat Boydell
21 New York (61450)

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

Pastoral: Stan Wilson

Worship: Philip Gore

Buildings & Fabric: Mike Kirkby

Social: Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist: Jim Needham
130 The Pewfist
Westhoughton (01942 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)

Caretaker: David McCormick
34 Junction Road (654503)

WHAT'S ON

Creche: under 3 years
Elizabeth Gardiner (660460)

Scramblers: 3 to 5 years

Climbers: 5 to 7 years
Denise Cox (653326)

Explorers: 7 to 11 years
Jane Hampson (848433)

All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years
Chris Kilsby (492351)

The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

C.Y.F.A.: 14 to 18 years
Charlie Moore (64313)

The Memorial Hall, Sundays 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.

CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45 a.m.
Jim Needham (01942 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.
Brenda Dixon (653333)

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 Barnsley (665896)

2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Lily Jarrett (63511)

Guides: Mondays at 7.15 p.m.
Carole Baxendale (419167)

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

24th February 1996.

It was announced in Church recently that my colleague, Robin Hazlehurst, has accepted the invitation to become the next Vicar of Christ's Church, Harwood, a large and demanding parish on the other side of Bolton. Robin and Esther's final Sunday will be May 12th. After a holiday and time to move and settle into their new home, he will be instituted by the Bishop of Manchester and inducted by the Archdeacon of Bolton into his new post on Thursday, June 13th.

The normal length of stay for a Team Vicar is 5 years, but when Robin and Esther leave they will have completed a little short of 10 years. During the ministry of their predecessors, Ian and Brenda Hunter and Stephen and Stella Brook, there had been a very encouraging growth in the children's and young people's work at St. Andrews in the late 70's and early 80's. In common with the experience of most other churches this numerical growth was not maintained in the late 80's and early 90's. What we have witnessed however, is a growing sense of belonging to the Church Family at St. Andrews together with a deepening spiritual depth and commitment amongst many adult members of the congregation. Humanly speaking this has been one of the fruits of Robin and Esther's ministry amongst us. At a personal level Mary and I have valued their friendship, fellowship and encouragement in the team ministry here. When I had my heart attack nearly 5 years ago, I was able to hand over my leadership responsibilities to Robin with every confidence knowing that I need not be anxious. It is with the same confidence that I am able to rejoice in his new appointment to what will prove to be a demanding job. In the meantime I commend the Church Council to your prayers as they begin to consider the kind of person they would like the Bishop and myself to appoint as Robin's successor. The Council meets on March 11th for this specific purpose. Likewise I invite you to pray for Stephen and Stella Brook who are looking for a parish in this country now that their time of overseas service is drawing to a close.

On Sunday March 3rd in the context of the Family Communion Service we shall be welcoming into communicant membership several young people who are members of our Pathfinder group. Having received some basic teaching on the meaning and structure of the communion service they have asked to be allowed to start receiving the symbols of Christ's Body and Blood. Since there still appears to be confusion in some people's mind about this policy which we have been operating for nearly 12 years now it may be worth my while explaining the thinking behind it once again.

Traditionally it has been C of E practice to regard confirmation as a kind of passport to communion so that only those who were confirmed or who desired to be confirmed were permitted to receive communion. It must be said, however, that there is no Biblical support and little theological support for this view. Confirmation is essentially the response of a mature person who desires to confirm outwardly and publicly his/her inward and personal faith and who requests to be renewed and confirmed in his/her membership of the Christian Church to which they were introduced at baptism. Undoubtedly some of us do have a deep understanding and a sure faith at an early age and could, therefore, proceed to confirmation whilst still very young. For most of us, however, and this includes myself, such an understanding and maturity doesn't come until later, having passed through periods of doubt. For this reason we encourage people to delay confirmation until they reach that level of maturity which enables them to make the responses in the confirmation service with understanding and conviction. In the meantime, however, since we want to encourage our teenagers to participate more fully in the central act of Christian worship rather than to remain as spectators, we provide the opportunity for those who are regular members of the congregation to be prepared for receiving communion. A small group of our Pathfinders have been prepared and they will be received into communicant membership on March 3rd. I hope you will be present to welcome, to receive and to pray for them.

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES

WOMEN'S WORLD

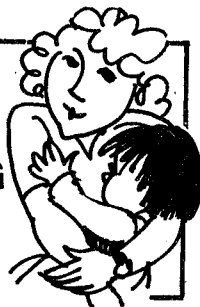


DAY OF PRAYER

.....is Friday March 1st. This year's order of service has been prepared by a group of women from Haiti and its theme is "God calls us to Respond". As usual there is a choice of service:

In the afternoon at 2.00pm at St. Paul's Church, Deansgate when the speaker is Mrs. Mary Hambly.
In the evening at 7.30 pm at the Lee Clough Mission, Astley Bridge. The speaker on this occasion is the Rev. Betty Roe.

17th MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE



The monthly Parade Service for the uniformed organisations is brought forward this month to coincide with the Family Service at 10.30 am on Mothering Sunday.



Members of Canon Michael Green's Springboard Mission Team will be joining the 9 Alpha Groups meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday March 26th/27th. They will also be giving an after dinner talk at the Ladies Evening at Smithills Coaching House on Thursday March 28th and the Men's Evening at Deane Golf Club on Friday March 29th.

There is no evening service on Palm Sunday, instead we are encouraged to join with other participatory Churches in a final rally to be held at Bolton School.

GREENBELT '96



22nd - 27th AUGUST

Every year thousands of young people spend their August Bank Holiday camping near Corby, Northants participating in a Christian Arts Festival. There's music, drama, seminars, coffee shops, book and craft stalls, late night workshops and creative worship.

It is hoped that it may be possible for a group from the Bolton Archdeaconry to attend this year. Any young person and anyone who would be interested in taking on a leadership role would be more than welcome to attend a short meeting to be held on Thursday February 29th from 7-8pm at St. Bede's Community Centre, Zetland Avenue, Morris Green.



IN THE NEWS

ATTENDANCE AWARDS were received by children on the Family Service on January, 28th.

Climbers: Claire Gardiner for 25 attendances.

Nicholas Calderbank, Mark Haldon and Luke Slater for 50 attendances

Craig Parton and Natalie Whittle for 75 attendances

Oliver Hodgkinson, Lois Hodgkinson and Lauren Shephard for 100 attendances

Explorers: Joanne Baxendale for 160 attendances.



CONGRATULATIONS to two more of our Guides who have joined the long list of girls from our company who have achieved the highly prized Baden Powell Trefoil Award. Lindsay Entwistle and Alison Baxendale will receive their badges at the Family Service on February 25th.

SYMPATHY we offer our condolences to the following members of our Church Family who have recently been bereaved:

Joan Holden whose mother, Esther Powell, died after a brief spell in the Riverside Rest Home.

Susan Roberts whose mother, Ruth Scott of Wigan Road, died after a very long period of disability following a stroke 14 years ago.

We also mourn the loss of **Molly Hudson**, a member of our early Sunday morning congregation whose death occurred very soon after an inoperable cancer was diagnosed. Though she started her working career as a secretary she took advantage of the government's post-war Emergency Teacher Training Scheme and began what turned out to be a very successful teaching career first in primary schools and subsequently in Adult Education. Her pioneer work in teaching reading and writing to adults who, for one reason or another, could do neither, was recognised when in 1975 she was awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. We offer our sympathy to her close friend Don Matthews and his daughters who have provided a family for Molly who had few close relatives.



The Children's J Team Mission April 22-28.

The organising committee is most anxious to receive the 'reply slips' indicating ways in which members of the congregation can assist during this week.

Without doubt one of the most successful aspects of the previous mission 3 years ago was the extent to which so many adults worked together as a team during the mission week, so don't miss out on what could be a most enjoyable experience.

To help defray some of the expense involved with the Children's Mission the committee have planned a Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday, March 9th in the Church Lounge from 10.00 - 12 noon.

COFFEE MORNING



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>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
January 7	£ 739.83	£87.78	£ 827.61
14	682.98	92.85	775.83
19	565.57	90.22	655.79
21	429.15	97.05	526.20
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		71.83	71.83
	<u>£2,551.28</u>	<u>£439.73</u>	<u>2991.01</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,165.

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We wish to thank the family and friends of the late **Rose Wrench** who have donated a total sum of £205 in her memory in lieu of floral tributes.

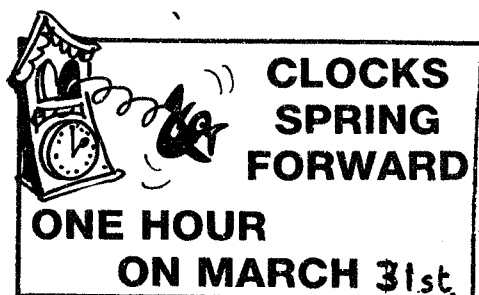


Thank you too, to those who have contributed to the cost of the new **hymn book**. The response has been most encouraging and will enable us to purchase a small number of the larger print edition for those whose eyesight is not as good as it used to be. We are also planning to get plastic protective covers to prolong the life of the books. If you prefer to have a larger print edition do not hesitate to ask the sidesmen on duty.



.....to help clean the Church Lounge of the Memorial Hall. Ideally we require two people who are prepared to give a little over an hour once every 6 weeks on a Friday morning or afternoon.

.....to strengthen one of the Church Cleaning teams which operates for about an hour on Friday evenings every 5 weeks.



.....which means that you have exactly one hour less in bed before coming to the Palm Sunday Family Service at 10.30 am. when Palm Crosses will be distributed. The Speaker on this occasion will be a member of Canon Michael Green's Springboard Mission Team.