

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**APRIL 1996**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 7. EASTER DAY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 14. FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme:  
The Bread of Life

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

### 21. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme:  
The Good Shepherd

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

### 28. THIRD AFTER EASTER

Theme:  
The Resurrection and  
The Life

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
Helen Franklin  
6.30pm Family Communion



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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Holy Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Final Alpha Group: Tuesday April 2 at 7.45pm

Wednesday April 3 at 1.00pm and 7.45pm

Good Friday: Holy Communion at 10.30am

Prayer Focus: Wednesday April 10 at 8.00pm

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Tuesday April 16 at 7.30pm

Children's Mission: Monday April 22 - Friday April 26 with a  
Preparation Meeting for all Helpers on Wednesday April 17 at 7.30pm

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

**Parents & Toddlers:** Thursdays 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 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

30th March, 1996.

This year Holy Week falls within the first week of April, and its going to be a little different this time. To begin with it marks the completion of our Church Alpha course. Since January 90 of us have been meeting weekly. In common with literally thousands of others across the country we have been following a course of basic Christian teaching pioneered by Holy Trinity Church, Brompton in London's West End. Though it has to be said that not everyone has found it equally helpful, the majority appear to have found it very helpful indeed. The final sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2/3 will begin with a buffet meal provided by the course members, and to which they wish to extend an open invitation to everyone, and especially to those who haven't been on an Alpha course yet. After the meal we have invited a few course members to share with us how they have been helped in different ways. Our hope is that this in turn will encourage others to join the next Alpha course starting after Easter, but you can be assured that no pressure will be exerted upon you!

Because of these meals we will not be having our usual Maundy Thursday Agapé meal to commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper. However, the service on Good Friday morning will be Holy Communion. This is entirely appropriate because when Christ instituted this service it was to provide His followers with a visual aid to focus our attention upon, and to deepen our understanding and appreciation not so much of His birth, life and teaching, but of His sacrificial death on the Cross for us.

In contrast to the quiet solemn service on Good Friday, we have the joyful celebrations on Easter Day. I pray that these different moods will be reflected in our worship on these two important days. I believe it will be by those of us who have appreciated what Christ did for us on the cross, and who know that Christ is risen and alive in our own experience now. If our worship in Church is flat, dull and uninspiring it is well worth while asking ourselves whether there is something lacking about the faith we profess. The fault doesn't always lie with the clergy, the organist and choir!

Because of the Alpha meals this year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting cannot be held in Holy Week; instead it will be on Tuesday April 16th. In addition to receiving reports of the happenings over the past year, we shall be electing our Church wardens and a new Church council. The election this year is perhaps more important than usual because there is a distinct possibility that during the next 12 months they will be concerned with the process of appointing a new Rector of Deane. It is a sad reflection of our church that in the past very few people have shown much interest in the annual elections. A new Electoral Roll has just been created, and everyone on this roll has the privilege of nominating a fellow member or of being nominated to serve on the Council. I do pray that you will give this matter your serious thought and make it a subject for prayer. It is sometimes said that a Church gets the kind of Rector it deserves. I think the same can be said about the Church Council too. If a congregation is largely apathetic about whom it chooses as its leaders it has only got itself to blame if they land up with a "dud" rector and a lifeless council.

I wish to commend to you the Diocesan magazine called CRUX. This is an extremely good monthly publication which contains both items of news and interesting articles on what is happening beyond the boundaries of our parish. Sadly the number of people reading this magazine in recent months has fallen off. I don't wish to reduce the number that we order, but at the same time I don't like to see money and materials being wasted. Though it costs 12p we don't make a charge. Instead we prefer that people make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of producing this newsletter and Crux, for in this way we have found that over the years all expenses have been covered.

Some people have been enquiring as to what has happened to the old hymn books and songbooks which have been replaced by our new hymn book. At the present time they have simply been taken out of circulation. If people would like a copy of the Ancient and Modern Hymn Book or the Deane Church Song Book they are most welcome to help themselves from the boxes near the north door in Church. However, I must point out that because of copyright restrictions the Song Book should not be used in a public gathering. However, you may find, as I do, that the words of our hymns and songs are very useful in our times of private prayer. We are planning to offer some of the 100 Hymns for To-day to another church which can make good use of them.

Roger B. Jackson.

# Update

THE STREET  
CHILDREN OF  
EMBU KENYA

On the first of April we will have been supporting the Street Children of Embu with prayers and finance for one full year. We only asked people to commit themselves for one year because you never know how your circumstances may change.

Some people feel the Street Children are now part of their lives at Deane and are now a permanent part of their giving. Apart from the good people of Embu we are the only other people who support these children. The money we send has done so much good and I believe may have even saved lives. The number of children who use the project is growing. The 2 workshops are well on the way to being completed which in itself is excellent. The workshops would have been build even if we hadn't sent money, but without our money they would be at least 2 years away from completion. About 40 children go to the church offices for lunch every Tuesday and Friday. The children are doing well at school and more children are coming to the Lord and being saved.

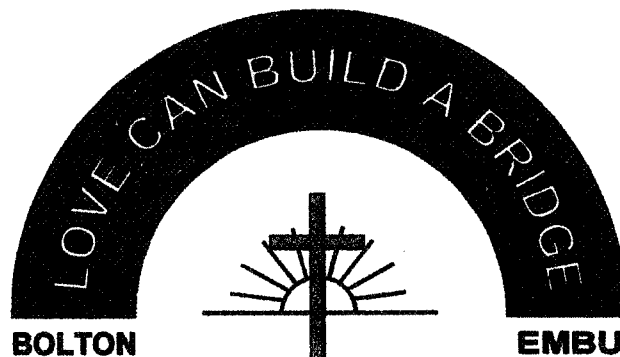
The Rev. Johnson Maringa and his team send heartfelt thanks for all your support. He says words just don't seem enough to say how they feel. If you would like to continue giving or start to give please ask us for a giving form. One-off donations are most welcome or money can be given weekly, monthly or yearly. We have our own Street Children account at the Royal Bank of Scotland. Details are contained on a form which you can find on the magazine table in Church.

On the 23rd of June (Deane Sermons Day) Sheila and Matthew will be returning to Embu not as a holiday but to have time with the children and see for ourselves how your money is being used. We greatly need your prayers.

Please pray for Johnson as he has been quite poorly for the past few weeks with his kidneys. The doctors don't seem to know what is wrong but he is having some expensive X-rays done in a Nairobi hospital.

Once again many thanks,  
Yours in Christ,

Sheila and Chris Dewhurst-Taylor.



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Hard on the heels of the appointment of Robin Hazlehurst to the Parish of Christ's Church Harwood came the announcement of his predecessor's appointment to a parish in the country after 9 years in Portugal. **Stephen Brook** is to become the Priest-in-charge of St. Saviour's Church, Bacup in the Rossendale Valley sometime in the mid summer, July or August. It will be a cultural shock for the family, especially their 3 children and we need to continue to pray for them.

### THANKSGIVING

On March 10th we gave thanks for the birth of these children when their parents brought them to Church.

Mary-Jo, the daughter of Amanda Fletcher, 35 Tarleton Place.  
Lewis Edward, the son of Darren and Julie Whittaker, 43 Winterfield Drive.



**ATTENDANCE AWARDS** were distributed to these children at the Family Service on February 25th

Climbers for 25 attendances: Olivia Healey, Lucy Healey, Ross Shephard  
50 attendances: Thomas Hampson, Emma Martindale Jessica Waite  
75 attendances: Johanna Scammell  
100 attendances: Richard Simpson

Explorers for 40 attendances: Josiah Greenall  
120 attendances Caroline List.

### ADMISSION to HOLY COMMUNION

The following young people in our Pathfinder group were admitted to communicant membership of our Church in the Family Communion Service on March 3rd.

Amy Atkinson, Yvonne Biney, Matthew Cox, Mark Oakes, Stacey Smith, Elizabeth Valentine, Wendy Whittaker.



**Alice Hough** asks "Did you know?"

You cannot say the Lord's Prayer and even once say "I"  
You cannot say the Lord's Prayer and even once say "my"  
Nor can you say the Lord's Prayer and not pray for another...  
For when you ask for daily bread you can't miss out your brother.  
Others are included in each and every plea  
From the beginning to the end of it, it doesn't once say "me".

# MONEY MATTERS



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

	<u>Planed Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	
February 4th	£852.69	£ 81.73	£934.42
11th	540.21	107.79	648.00
18th	640.50	103.98	744.48
25th	578.86	131.00	709.96
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		106.86	106.86
	<u>£2746.01</u>	<u>£531.36</u>	<u>£3277.37</u>

In the corresponding month last year the amount given was £3102.

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The committee planning the Children's Mission at the end of this month wish to thank everyone who supported their recent Coffee Morning by their attendance. The most encouraging sum of £367.43 was raised towards the considerable cost involved in running a Children's Mission.

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Marjorie Stokes, our local secretary for the Children's Society expresses her thanks to those who have recently returned their collecting boxes. When opened they yielded a total of £101.49 which has been sent to the society.

## BITS & PIECES



The Social Committee is planning another of their popular Safari Suppers on Saturday, June 22nd. They require volunteers to act as host/hostess for 8 people for a simple main course. No previous experience required! Offers of help please to Carolyn Wilson (Tel. 492034).

Our two Ladies Groups continue their fortnightly programme after Easter;

The Ladies Guild meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.45 pm.

On April 9th Mrs. Greenhalgh will be the guest speaker, illustrating her talk with slides.

On April 23rd "Aromatherapy" is the topic to be introduced by Mr. Kirwin.

The Mother's Union meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2.00 pm. on April 17th.