

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY 1996

SUNDAY DIARY

5. FOURTH AFTER EASTER

Theme:

The Way, the Truth and the Life

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.00pm Evensong

12. FIFTH AFTER EASTER

Theme:

Going to the Father

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Service

6.30pm United Evening
Service at St Andrew's

19. SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

Theme:

The Ascension of Christ

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family Communion

6.30pm Evensong

26. PENTECOST

Theme:

The Holy Spirit

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family and Parade
Service

6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

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

Prayer Focus: Wednesday May 1 at 8.00pm

Alpha Groups: Tuesday May 14, 21 & 28 at 1.30pm and 7.45pm

Parochial Church Council: Thursday May 9 at 7.45pm

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Wednesday May 15 at 7.30pm in

St Bartholomew, Westthoughton

Ascension Day Communion Service on Thursday May 16 at 10.00am

in St Andrew's and 8.00pm in St Mary's

Christian Aid Week: May 13 - 18

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)

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)

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

27th April, 1996.

Robin and Esther Hazlehurst leave us this month to take up his new appointment as Vicar of Christ's Church Harwood on June 13th. Robin will preach his final sermon at Deane at the Family Communion service on May 5th but his farewell services will be at St. Andrew's the following Sunday. After the morning service on May 12th there will be a buffet lunch at St. Andrew's at which a presentation will be made to Robin and Esther. If you wish to be associated with this will you please place your donation in a suitably marked envelope and hand it to our churchwardens. There will be no evening service at Deane on that day so that we can join with the St. Andrew's congregation for Robin's final service at 6.30 pm.

At the final session of the nine Alpha Groups which completed the course just before Easter several members spoke of the help which they personally had received since joining their group. In some cases they had gained a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith. In other cases it was a new experience of the Holy Spirit of God, whilst others greatly appreciated the opportunity of getting to know other members with whom previously they had only a passing acquaintance. Two new Alpha groups are planned to start on Tuesdays, one in the afternoon and the other in the evening commencing on May 14th. If you would like to benefit from this popular course of basic Christian teaching then you are invited to join those who have already signed on. Brochures giving details are now available in Church.

For those who have graduated through the Alpha course you are most welcome to join the summer season of home groups which begin at the end of the month.

I wish to commend to you once again Christian Aid Week, May 13-18th. This is not only a major means of raising money for the disadvantaged and suffering in other parts of the world, but it also serves as a timely reminder to all of us who live in a relatively affluent country that we have a responsibility towards our fellow human beings who are poor. Though on grounds of conscience I do not have a weekly flutter on the National Lottery I do recognise that many organisations, charities and projects are beginning to receive considerable grants from this source. But so long as there are winners there will also be losers, and many of the smaller charities report a considerable fall in their income. Certainly there has been a reduction in what is given through our Lent, Harvest and Christmas Appeals to those charities and missions which would never qualify to receive grants from the lottery, even if their conscience allowed them to. I readily admit that delivering and collecting Christian Aid envelopes isn't one of my most enjoyable and exciting pastimes, but I do it each year because whatever small amount I may collect could possibly make all the difference between life and death for some poor unknown soul. We will need at least another 70 volunteers after me. There is a list in church for you to offer your services.

Soon after I became a school governor one of my fellow governors, who was also a councillor, boasted that he was a governor of 56 schools in Bolton! This may have looked impressive on his election address, but if his track record at our school was anything to go by, then quite frankly it meant nothing. In more recent years successive Education Acts have increased the importance of the rôle of school governors and have rightly limited the number of schools that one can be attached to. A recent survey has indicated that there are likely to be 60,000 vacancies across the country. The greatest need is for parent and co-opted governors particularly in inner city and metropolitan areas such as Bolton. A considerable number of our congregation serve as governors in the schools in our town, and our own St. Mary's C.E. Primary School has a full complement of governors at present. I will be very happy to supply further information and to encourage more of us to serve in this way.

Roger B. Jackson.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



THANKSGIVING

On April 14th we gave thanks to God for the birth of these children when their parents brought them to Church.

Rebecca Jane and Robert James the daughter and son of Andrew and Tracy Davies, 45 Platt Hill Avenue.

Daniel James the son of Andrew and Lynn Threadgold, 26 Baysdale Avenue.

BAPTISM

We have welcomed into membership of the Church Family at Deane on February 25th James Michael Dewhurst, 6 Sycamore Road, Atherton.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS were distributed to these children at the Family Service on March 31st.



Climbers for 25 attendances: Ruth Kirkby.
for 50 attendances: Amy and Daniel Bickerstaffe.
for 75 attendances: Ben Vickers
for 100 attendances: Rachael Glover and Rachael Kirkby.
Explorers for 80 attendances: Neil Hewitt
for 120 attendances: Matthew Hodgkinson.



THE NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

At the recent Annual Church Meeting the following people were elected to serve on the Church Council for the year 1996/7.

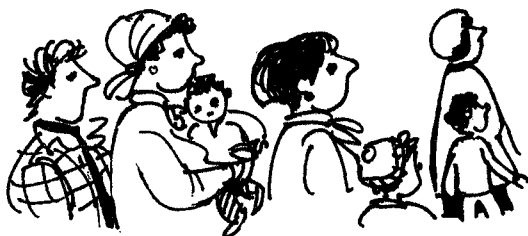
Churchwardens: Pat Boydell, Craig Mochrie, Les Kilsby.
Deanery Synod Representatives Pat Boulton, Terry Oakes, Stan Wilson.
Church Councillors: Keith Acton, Bob Benyon, Dorothy Cox, Ian Gardiner,
Mike Kirkby, Pat Sewell, Brian Shephard, Joyce Sutcliffe.
The Clergy and Philip Gore (a member of the General Synod) serve as ex-officio members.

CONGRATULATIONS to Noel and Marjorie Hendley who celebrated their Golden Wedding on April 20th.

THANK YOU!



A letter has been received from **Tom Leather, the Deane Village Postmaster,** expressing his appreciation of our concern and prayers for him and his wife following their ordeal of being held captive at their home whilst a gang of villains robbed the post office of a very considerable sum of money. Though they were not physically harmed it is to be hoped that there will be no long standing effects from this horrendous experience



SOMETHING NEW FOR PARENTS AND TODDLERS

In addition to their weekly meeting on Thursdays in school term time from 1.30-3.00 pm the group are introducing a new event into their programme.

They are planning what they are going to call TEA and CHAT with guest speakers on various practical topics concerning babies and small children. These will be informal meetings which are open to anyone. Even if you are not interested yourself you may be able to let others know about this new venture. The following programme has been arranged for the early summer.

Tuesday June 4th 10.00 - 11.30 am

Healthy Tooth Tips.

Tuesday June 25th 10.00 - 11.30 am

First Aid Tips.

Tuesday July 16th 10.00 - 11.30 am

Best Foot Forward with a local Chiropodist.

All meetings will take place in the Church Lounge of the Memorial Hall. The contact person is Julie Cooper (660946)

SOMETHING NEW ON TELEVISION

A few years ago one of our speakers on Sermon's Day was Mr. Bryce Cooke of Piccadilly Radio. Bryce is now the Area Organiser for ARK 2 which is a Christian Cable T.V. Channel due to come on air in September this year.



This channel will be British, addressing a British culture. It will most emphatically not be American, and it will seek at all costs to avoid the horror stories which we hear about American T.V. evangelism.

The philosophy behind ARK 2 is to reach some of that 70% of our fellow citizens who admit to believing in God, but who go no further. The excellence of the programming across a wide spectrum, presented and produced by committed Christians will ensure an entirely different channel from anything we have at present. ARK 2 seeks to be an answer to the constant complaint of Christians that television is largely rubbish, a purveyor of poor standards and morality. If ARK 2 is to succeed in redressing the balance it needs the support of the whole Christian family in 3 traditional areas - prayer, creativity and money.

To get ARK 2 up and running in September £8 million is required of which £6 million has already been raised in sponsorship and advertising. The remainder is a challenge to committed Christians to get the vision. It is estimated that if every member of every U.K. Church fellowship gave £10, the problem would be solved. The Bishop of Manchester is giving his support and the Rector is happy to supply any further information.

SOMETHING FOR NEWLY APPOINTED WARDENS and SIDESPERSONS.

At the Archdeacon of Bolton's annual Visitation Service to be held this year in the new St. Bartholomew's Church, Westhoughton, those who have recently been elected as Churchwardens and appointed as sidesmen will be commissioned by the Archdeacon. The date is Wednesday, May 15th at 7.30 pm.

SOMETHING TO ENJOY ON SATURDAY MAY 4th.

As a sequel to the J Team Children's Mission last month there will be a FUN DAY from 1.00 - 4.00 pm. An exciting programme has been arranged and help will be required to supervise several of the stalls and activities. Please offer your services using the notice board in Church.

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> |
| March 3 | £ 707.30 | £101.07 | £808.37 |
| 10 | 648.55 | 90.33 | 738.88 |
| 17 | 571.16 | 149.86 | 721.02 |
| 24 | 526.90 | 109.66 | 736.56 |
| 31 | 509.83 | 91.70 | 601.53 |
| Standing Orders | 133.75 | | 133.75 |
| Weekdays | | 67.47 | 67.47 |
| | <u>£3,197.49</u> | <u>£610.09</u> | <u>£3807.58</u> |

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,843.52
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We also wish to express our gratitude to the donor of an anonymous gift of £367.43 which has been received towards the cost of running the recent Children's Mission. We can only assume that this generous gift is intended to match penny for penny, pound for pound the amount raised by the organising committee at their coffee morning.

BITS & PIECES



At the Annual General Meeting of **Churches Together in Bolton** to be held in Bolton Parish Church Hall on Wednesday May 8th at 7.30 pm the Rev'd Pat Hinchliff, the minister of the Central Baptist Church will be inducted as President.

The Ladies Guild have invited Mrs. Abraham to speak on "Jewish Family Life" at their meeting on May 7th at 7.45 pm. A fortnight later Mr. Standerling will give a humorous talk entitled "A Rambling On". The annual outing is planned for Saturday May 18th.

The Mother's Union meet this month on Wednesdays May 1st, 15th and 29th at 2.00 pm.



Help is required to lead the Tuesday evening Brownie Pack (girls aged 7 - 10 years). The pack meets from 6.30 - 7.45 pm in the Scout and Guide Hut. For further information or offers of help please contact Lily Jarret. (tel. 63511)