

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

## DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**MARCH 1997**

### SUNDAY DIARY

**2. 3rd IN LENT**

Theme:  
Suffering

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**9. 4th IN LENT**

Theme:  
Transfiguration

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

**16. 5th IN LENT**

Theme:  
The Victory of the Cross

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evensong

**23. Palm Sunday**

Theme:  
The Way of the Cross

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion

**30. EASTER DAY**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.00pm Evensong



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### MIDWEEK DIARY

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

**Lent Groups:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays March 4/5 11/12 18/19

**Church Council:** Monday March 3rd at 7.45pm at St Andrew's

**Annual Church Meeting:** Monday March 24th at 7.30pm

**Holy Week Agape:** Maundy Thursday March 27th at 7.30pm

**Good Friday:** Holy Communion at 10.30am

**African Evening:** Saturday March 8th at 7.30pm

## WHO'S WHO

**Rector:** Roger B Jackson  
The Rectory  
234 Wigan Road (61819)

**Vicar:** Paul Ellis  
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 + Mission:** Craig Mochrie  
**Worship:** Philip Gore  
**Buildings & Fabric:** Mike Kirkby  
**Social:** Bryan Shephard

### 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)

Dorothy Cox (62889)

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 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.  
Lily Jarrett (63511)  
2 Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.  
Janet Barnsley (665896)

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

**Cubs:** Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.  
Wendy Gooding (653277)

**Beavers:** Mondays at 5.45 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

28th February, 1997.

Since the live television broadcast of our main morning service on February 16th, I have received numerous telephone calls and letters of appreciation. They have come from all parts of the country, from as far south as Swanage in Dorset, as far north as Grange-over-Sands, as far west as Cardiff and as far east as Suffolk. In the main they have come, as one might expect, from the elderly and infirm who have come to rely on ITV's Morning Worship for their spiritual diet. Many have come from men ranging from a retired Royal Navy Commander to a younger man who obviously has learning difficulties because he attends a Day Centre 5 days a week and the Salvation Army on a Sunday. The letters have come from believers, including several Roman Catholics and some from people who are obviously seeking for a faith and found Colin Morris' talk most helpful.

I share with you some of the extracts from these letters. First from a pensioner who in common with several others asked for a video of the service. He was so excited that he got up at 4.00am the following morning to write with great feeling: "How pleased I was, that quite by accident I switched on my TV. This was great. This was good. This was the real thing. Traditional worship as opposed to strumming guitars and clapping hands which I dislike! Colin Morris' talk and your own lovely traditional basic family communion service gave me new faith. I felt the Lord was in my living room. Your congregation were a joy to watch, so concentrating, so interested. Even the young children were thinking deeply, such pleasant faces, not pushed into a separate room, but there with the Church Family. Bless you all at St. Mary, Deane. You have given me new hope. All is not lost. Thank you so much."

A retired clergyman from Woodbridge in Suffolk wrote:

"Because of illness we were not able to be at our parish Church. However, we were fortunate to see the Eucharist from your parish and to hear the fine sermon by Dr. Colin Morris. The whole act of worship was most uplifting."

A gentleman from Wales wrote:

"After a series of hospital tests I was unfit to attend my own Church (R.C.) and so I joined in the service from your Church. In these days of 'gimmicky' services I must thank you for providing such a dignified and lovely 'mass'. I must comment too on the sermon on the 'Mystery of God'. It was really inspired and inspiring. Thank you and the preacher for your ministrations to me."

And finally from a former Metropolitan police officer and Navigator in the RAFVR in the 1939-45 war who still suffers from severe injuries sustained in a flying crash:

"This morning's service reassured me in the survival of the old traditions at their best. I greatly appreciated the form and wording of the old familiar sequence which I learned by heart before my confirmation in 1929."

The two broadcasts involved a great deal of extra work by way of preparation, not least by those working behind the scenes. I hope that these letters encourage us to see that it was very worthwhile. I will be especially interested to see what kind of response, if any, we receive after the second service is broadcast on March 9th. This was deliberately made as different as possible from the first service at the request of Anglian TV. It is modern and more child-orientated, but it contains traditional elements. I think it would be unfair to call it 'gimmicky' and 'clap happy'. It is most important to recognise that whilst we all have our preferences we need to appreciate that there are very many others who find different styles of worship more helpful.

Finally, I wish to draw your attention to Keith Acton's very thoughtful and well presented article overleaf. He spells out the seriousness of our financial situation and how it can be addressed. I see it as my responsibility to preach from God's Word on this subject at our services on March 16th. I sincerely hope you will not go out of your way to find an excuse for being absent that day!

Roger B. Jackson.



## **FINANCIAL MATTERS FROM OUR TREASURER KEITH ACTON**

On 30 January I presented to the PCC my projections of income and expenditure for 1997. I explained that the church accounts for 1996 showed that our ordinary expenditure exceeded income by £3521 but that this situation would be even worse in 1997 without a considerable increase in regular giving. The problem that is facing our church is simply that we are expected to pay to the Diocese of Manchester a quota figure which increased by 22% in 1996 and by a further 8% for 1997 whilst over the last two years the direct giving we have received increased by less than 2% in total. The amount we are now asked to pay in respect of our quota is approximately 90% of our direct giving compared with 52% ten years ago. In 1996 the normal costs of running the church for routine maintenance, insurance, expenses connected with the clergy, youth work, administration etc amounted to over £12000. Because of the absence of a heating bill in 1996 I expect these totals will be approximately £15500 in 1997. In 1996 our total recurring income was only £58204 so that if this does not increase then we will only have £42700 left to pay our share of the parish quota amounting to £44637, £3700 to cover expected additional churchyard costs following Bill Calderbank's retirement plus £7000 which is the calculated amount we would normally pay over to Missions and Charities. Therefore if we are to maintain our full commitment to the Diocese, our previous commitment to Missions and Charities, and to try and ensure that the churchyard does not become overrun we are going to need an extra £12500 of income in 1997. The purpose of this article is to make the church membership of Deane aware of the financial situation as clearly as possible and to make three appeals.

Firstly to those of you who pay standard rate income tax and have not already covenanted your giving please, please, see Sid Harris to arrange a covenant. A covenant on a weekly envelope containing £5 will enable the church to recover £77.66 each year without any cost to the donor.

Secondly I want to appeal to those of you reading this letter who do not give regularly, but only when you personally attend church. As you can see the costs of running the church carry on 52 weeks in the year and therefore it is important that as many people as possible utilise the envelope scheme to commit money on a regular basis to the work of the church at St Mary's.

Thirdly I would like to appeal to all the readers of this article to review, if at all possible, your level of giving. I am conscious I wrote to many of you on this matter when the envelopes were issued back in November but I hope the figures outlined above make you see why I feel a further appeal is necessary if we as a church are going to maintain the commitments to our church and its grounds, our Diocese, and our missionary giving programme, as we have done in previous years.

Please pray for guidance as to how you can help towards a resolution of these problems which I am afraid are unlikely to lessen as the years go



## IN THE NEWS

**Attendance Awards** at climbers have recently been received by the following children:-

25 attendances :      Marcus Bates.  
50 attendances :      Matthew Bates, Lucy Hampson, Adam Parton.  
100 attendances:      Jessica Cooper, Alicia Harrison  
150 attendances:      Lois Hodgkinson, Lauren Shephard.



**Congratulations** to David and Alison Healey on the birth of their daughter, Katie Alice, a sister for Lucy and Olivia. Alison assists in our Climbers department and is the daughter of Ann Jones whom we are glad to see back in circulation after a period of ill health.

**New Headteacher** for our St. Mary's CE Primary School.

The school governors are pleased to announce that they have appointed Chris Kilsby, at present the deputy head, to succeed Elizabeth Lee after Easter. It doesn't always follow that a deputy becomes the head, but in this case the governors were unanimous in their decision. Chris, who is also our licensed Reader, began her association with our Church School 26 years ago. Apart from a career break when her children Anna and Matthew were very young, she has taught in all sections of the school rising through the ranks. Elizabeth takes on a very big assignment as the head of Langley C.P. School - a very large primary school whose catchment area is the Manchester overspill Langley Estate in Middleton. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to both ladies.

### **Condolences**

We were very sorry to learn of the death of Doctor Stanley Grace who, until his retirement, was a greatly respected G.P. in Deane. Though he didn't work in a group practice he was one of those old fashioned doctors who regularly visited his patients. He realised that though he wasn't able to improve the health of many of his elderly patients, the time that he invested in visiting them showed that someone cared for them. Stanley and his wife Elizabeth were active members of the Church of the Nazarene but on retirement to the Lake District they reverted to their Anglican roots and became members of St. Thomas, Kendal.

We also record the death of Annie Boardman, a member of our Church Choir for over a quarter of a century. Annie wasn't the easiest of persons to get on with. She had had a hard life especially in her earlier days, though it must be said that this was partly of her own making. This had made her a rather hard person who was intolerant and unforgiving towards those who dared to differ from her. On the other hand she was the kind of person upon whom you could rely, for you could depend upon her always being the same. Mercifully at the end of the day it is God alone who is our judge. We can be confident that because He sees us inside and out His judgement will be just and fair. Moreover, the day of judgement need not fill us with fear and alarm if, through faith in Christ and what He has done for us on the Cross, we have become children of God for then our Judge will also be our Heavenly Father.

We express our sympathy to the Popplewell family who have recently lost their 5 month old son Neil. He was born with a serious heart condition and spent most of his brief life in and out of hospital. Several times we prayed that the surgery and medical treatment that he was receiving would lead eventually to an acceptable quality of life both for Neil and his parents, Gillian and Kevin and sister Angela. However, this was not to be, but we can rest assured that "in all things God works for good with those who love Him" (Romans Ch. 8 v 28). We need to continue to uphold this family in our prayers.

# Church Army



One of the 'home' missions as distinct from 'foreign' missions that we support through our Church Giving Programme is the Church Army to whom we allocated £185 last year. At the end of this current school year Dorothy Cox is resigning from her teaching post as head of music at the Deane School in order to train for service in the Church Army. Dorothy has very kindly written the following article to answer some of the questions she is being asked.

Since being accepted for Church Army training, I've been asked questions about what I'll be doing, how I'll be trained' etc., so I hope these few words will give some answers!

## **What is Church Army?**

Church Army's motto is 'Sharing Faith in Words and Action'. It was founded in 1882 in London by Wilson Carlile, an Anglican minister who realised that churchmembers could be more effective than clergy in reaching those beyond the normal range of the Church's influence. He founded Church Army to take the gospel to all, but particularly to those suffering the injustices of the age, and this has been the goal ever since.

## **What do Church Army officers do?**

There are about 400 officers in the UK. Approximately two-thirds work in local Churches, sharing their faith, and training and encouraging others to do the same. Many are involved in parish and diocesan based missions.

Other officers work with and care for people who have become isolated in society, such as the housebound, homeless, addicts and prisoners. Church Army currently has five focus areas: Church Planting, Area Evangelism, Young People, Old People and the Homeless.

## **What will training involve?**

I am already working on a pre-college course, which includes reading, and writing assignments. During these few months I also have to try to raise £6.000 a year for each of the three years' training. The college course starts in September at the Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism in Sheffield. As well as a thorough grounding in Bible study and theology, the course includes five practical placements which could be anywhere in the UK, each one lasting 4 to 6 weeks. These aim to build up my strengths **and** tackle my weaknesses!

After the three years' training I will be admitted to the Office of Evangelist by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Sheffield Cathedral, and the following day I will be commissioned as a Church Army Officer by the Chief Secretary, Philip Johansson who, as a teenager, was a member of our Rector's youth club when he was a curate in a dockland parish in Hull.

## **Then What?**

It should become clear during my training to which type of ministry I would be most suited. Once this has been agreed, Church Army will suggest possible posts and in consultation with them, hopefully I'll find the one that's right for me. The first contract is usually for three years, with subsequent ones usually lasting five years.

It's going to mean huge changes in my life, and I know it's going to be hard leaving Deane with all the friends I have here. But I do feel it's the right decision, and I am looking forward to the challenge.



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is to be held on Monday March 24th at 7.30 pm. After receiving reports on the activities of various sections of our Church's life we will elect the Churchwardens and Church Councillors to serve during the next year. It is the responsibility of all members of the recently revised Church Electoral Roll to be present and to exercise their vote.

**Maundy Thursday Agapé** - a Communion Service in the context of a fellowship meal to commemorate the institution of this most important service will be held in the Church Lounge at 7.30 pm. A catering list to indicate what you can contribute to the common pool of food will be in Church. Especially welcome will be any who have not been to one of those occasions which we have twice a year at Christmas and Easter.

**Good Friday.** Following the tradition of recent years the morning service will be Holy Communion when once again the accent will be on meditation of our Lord's death during periods of silence and when we receive the tokens of Christ's body and blood at the foot of the Cross.

**Easter Eve.** Help will be appreciated in decorating the Church for Easter on the Saturday morning from 9.30 am.

**Easter Day.** Services at the usual times, but do remember to put your clocks forward by one hour the night before.

## BITS & PIECES

### Women's World Day of Prayer. Friday March 7th.

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Korea. As usual there is a chance of two parallel services in Bolton:

At 2.00 pm in St. Andrew's and St. George URC St. George's Road when the speaker is the Rev'd Glenda Bush.

At 7.30 pm. in St. Paul's, Astley Bridge, when the speaker will be Mrs. Hannah Kim.

## The Samaritans

.....is another local organisation that we support through our Christian Giving Programme to the tune of £110. The Samaritans were founded in London over 40 years ago to be a listening ear to those who were feeling at life's lowest ebb, and contemplating taking their own lives.

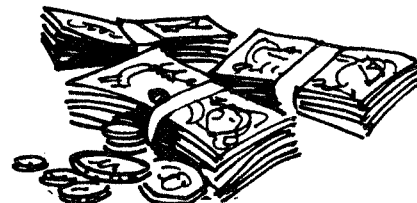
The reasons are endless; loss of loved ones, home, status, employment or a lack of meaning to life. Despite the passing years these very issues are still prevalent to-day - perhaps even more so.

The Samaritans sadly cannot boast to prevent the deaths from suicide which occur every week. However, they are there to listen and share those feelings without judging and undoubtedly some people are helped through their periods of despair.

Though many of us lead such busy lives it may be that some of us could give 3 to 4 hours per week to be a listening ear on a phone line to be there for someone for whom life seems hopeless. If you could help in this way, please contact the Bolton Samaritans at 16 Bark Street East, BL1 2BQ. Tel: 521200

The Social Committee have organised "An Evening of Traditional African Music and Dance" on Saturday March 8th from 7.30 - 11.00 pm. Nat Biney is bringing his group of instrumentalists and dancers dressed in traditional African costumes to entertain with their own style of music and dance. There will be an opportunity for audience participation but you don't have to dress up and dance if you prefer not to. Tickets costing £6 for adults and £3 for children include a buffet meal prepared by Sylvia Harrison who produced such a splendid meal for the Young at Heart in January.

# **MONEY MATTERS**



Thank you to all who 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>	
January	5 £ 671.77	£ 54.72	£726.49
12	655.62	105.51	761.13
19	561.02	93.78	654.80
26	567.85	108.08	675.93
Standing Orders	133.75		133.75
Weekdays		121.88	121.88
	<u>£2,590.01</u>	<u>£483.97</u>	<u>£3,073.78</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £2,991

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## **Bequest**

We wish to acknowledge the receipt of a bequest from the estate of the late Lilian Hayes who died in January. Until it became necessary for her to receive residential care in the Riverside Rest Home, she had been a regular member of our main Sunday morning congregation. It is always most encouraging when people remember to give to the ongoing work of God's Church here in Deane. For many years it has been our policy to invest bequests like this and to use the interest for either the maintenance of the Church fabric or to support the mission of the Church. Because of the uncertainties of life it is never too early to make a will.

# **Bolton**



# **Hospice**

We have received a letter from the Fund Raising Director to thank us for the £37.56 which was raised through the donations for Christmas Bells. This time the whole campaign raised through the bells and teddy bears a record total of £25,507.

Churches of all denominations in the borough have been invited to observe March 2nd as Hospice Sunday for it is 5 years since the hospice opened its doors to the first patients. In addition to wearing a hospice rose to celebrate this anniversary we shall be singing the hospice hymn "Put peace into each other's hands" and remembering in our prayers both the patients and the workers, a good number of whom from our congregation serve in a voluntary capacity.