

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1997

SUNDAY DIARY

6. FIRST AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Upper Room

8.00am Communion
10.00am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

13. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Emmaus Road

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

20. THIRD AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Lakeside

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Praise and Prayer

27. FOURTH AFTER EASTER

Theme:
The Charge to Peter

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
2.30pm George Marsh
Memorial Service
6.30pm Family Communion



'Spring flowers' by P Bell

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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Prayer Focus: Wednesday April 9th at 8.00pm

Church Council: Wednesday April 16th at 7.30pm in Church with the
Bishop of Manchester

Home Groups: Tuesday April 29th and Wednesday April 30th

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)

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)

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' 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 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 Rector writes

24th March, 1997

In last month's issue of the Deane Church News our Church Treasurer, Keith Acton, drew our attention to the serious financial situation which faces us as a Church at the present time. This is due not to any sudden crisis like the discovery of dry rot or the roof caving in, but to the fact that for 2 or 3 years now our expenditure has been increasing at a rate greatly in excess of inflation, whereas our income has remained largely static. It seemed right that I should supplement Keith's article by preaching on the subject of Christian giving, and this I did on March 16th. Because I'm conscious that even if I only preached on this subject say every other year, I would nevertheless be opening myself up to the criticism that I'm always "harping on about money"! In the event however, I was encouraged to receive a generous amount of appreciative feedback. It would seem that the table which I produced from figures supplied by Sid Harris showing the distribution of envelope giving was an eyeopener to quite a number. One comment was "How revealing!" Another "I'm gobsmacked!"

Since many of you were away on that particular Sunday for whatever reason, I take this opportunity to reproduce these revealing statistics in the table set out below.

Giving through the Envelope Scheme

Amount given per week	No of Envelopes	Average Gift	If people were tithing their income would be:—		
			Weekly	Monthly	Annually
0-£ 1.00	78	0.80	8.00	32.00	416
£1.01-£ 2.00	56	1.60	16.00	64.00	832
£2.01-£ 3.00	28	2.70	27.00	108.00	1404
£3.01-£ 4.00	8	3.75	37.50	150.00	1950
£4.01-£ 5.00	25	5.00	50.00	200.00	2600
£5.01-£10.00	10	8.20	82.00	328.00	4264
£10.01 +	7	19.10	191.00	764.00	9932

Just as the school league tables can be very misleading without explanatory footnotes so can the above table, and so I make the following observations:

1. 90% of what is given on Sundays comes through the envelopes. We have no way of knowing the range of giving from those who do not use the envelopes apart from saying that altogether it is only 10% of the total.
2. The number of individuals or couples who use envelopes is 212. 176 envelopes are used by 200 people on a Church Electoral Roll of 261. 36 envelopes are used by individuals or couples who have still not joined the official list of Church members.
3. The first 3 columns indicate how many people give in a particular range together with the average amount given.
4. The average amount given in the 212 envelopes is £2.82 as compared with the national average in 1995 of £3.62.
5. For purposes of comparison only a moderate smoker (i.e. 5 cigarettes per day) spends £5.13 per week; a moderate drinker (e.g. 2 beers or 2 shorts per week) spends £2.50 per week; the average household spends £3.20 per week on the National Lottery.

In the course of my address I attempted to show that the New Testament encourages Christians to give:

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| Regularly | Sunday by Sunday irrespective of whether or not we attend Church weekly, fortnightly or monthly. (1 Corinthians Ch.16 v 2)
"Each of you" says St. Paul, not "some of you". |
| Proportionally | those whose incomes are larger and responsibilities less should give more than those on lower incomes and greater responsibilities. |
| Willingly | of our own free will without extreme pressure
(2 Corinthians Ch.8 v 3,17: Ch. 9 v 2,7) |
| Sacrificially | In 2 Corinthians Ch.8 St. Paul gives 2 examples of sacrificial giving to encourage his readers to give. The first is of the Christians in N. Greece (v2-4) and of Jesus (v 9) |

Though the New Testament nowhere lays down any percentage a good number of Christians following the example of the Jews in Old Testament times give 10% of their income and have found that they can live on 90%. Moreover, it is not without some significance that those Churches where a good number of their members give in this sacrificial way appear to have few of the problems we experience.

I concluded my sermon by asking people to sit down with a pencil and paper and work out what percentage of their income they are giving at present and in the light of what they may spend on luxuries such as smoking, drinking and a flutter on the National Lottery to pray that God would prompt them to review their giving so that it is regular, proportional willing and sacrificial. I encourage all readers of this letter to do the same.

Roger B. Jackson.

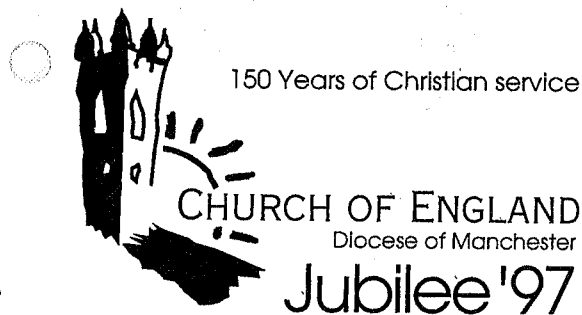


IN THE NEWS



Congratulations tocousins **Karen Greenhalgh** and **Laura Parker** who have joined the Baden Powell Trefoil Award. This is the highest award that a girl guide can achieve and Karen and Laura follow in a long line of girls who have reached this target in our Guide Company. This in itself reflects credit on their captain Carole Baxendale who has encouraged her members to work for this honour.

.....**Nathan Biney** on his appointment as a magistrate. He becomes the third member of our Church Family to be honoured in this way. It is to be hoped that none of the rest of us have cause to appear before them pleading for mercy!



A detailed programme of events which have been planned to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Manchester Diocese are contained in a leaflet which has been inserted into this publication.



Tuesday May 13th at 7.30pm.

Usually the annual Archdeacon's Visitation Service involves only the Churchwardens and Sidesmen and women who are commissioned to serve in their respective roles. This year it is to be combined with a Deanery Festival occasion in connection with the Diocesan Jubilee.

The service will be held at Holy Trinity, Horwich and all members of congregations in the Deane Deanery are being encouraged to attend.



In the mid-week **Home Group programme** we are planning to look at 6 passages from the book of Acts which will coincide with Ascensiontide, Pentecost and some of the events which happened thereafter. This New Testament book is a most exciting one which records the happenings of the early days of the Christian Church as it spread through the Mediterranean World.

The groups will meet on the following Tuesdays and Wednesdays: April 29/30; May 27/28; June 10/11; June 24/25; July 8/9; July 22/23.

The Bishop of Manchester will be paying an official day visit to the Deane end of the parish on Wednesday, April 16th. The details of his visit are not yet finalised but they will include a visit to our Church School to conduct an assembly and to meet the teachers. It will conclude with him celebrating the service of Holy Communion during which the newly elected Church councillors will be commissioned for their year of office.

MONEY MATTERS



Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our Church.

		Planned Giving	Loose	
		Envelopes	Collections	Totals
February	2	£ 816.36	£105.56	£921.92
	9	431.69	79.14	510.83
	16	583.62	201.97	785.59
	23	710.53	118.95	829.48
Standing Orders		133.75		133.75
Weekdays			39.50	39.50
		<u>£2,675.95</u>	<u>£545.12</u>	<u>£3,221.07</u>

In the corresponding month last year the amount given was £3,102.

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The Children's Society

Marjorie Stokes who is our Church representative for the Children's Society is most grateful for the £91.49 which represents the contents of the boxes which have recently been opened. Anyone wishing to have a box can contact her by ringing 843174.

BITS & PIECES

The Ladies Guild meeting fortnightly on Tuesday evenings have invited Mr. N. Hindley on April 8th to speak on "The Co-op Rationing and all that". On April 22nd Mrs. Oakland will lead a devotional evening.

The Mothers' Union meets on Wednesday afternoon on April 9th and 23rd.

We extend our **sympathy** to Emma Bateman whose husband Sidney has recently died in Hulton Hospital.

Bill Collier is now at home after major emergency surgery in Manchester Royal Infirmary. His wife May writes:

"I would like to thank the congregation and prayer groups for praying for Bill during the time he was on the danger list. I believe our prayers were answered. He is progressing very nicely though slowly. It will be some time yet before he can return to Church because it is difficult for him to sit on hard seats at present. I'm sure you will see us both together again as soon as he is able. Thankyou everybody for your kind thoughts, prayers, best wishes and support".



**WE
APPRECIATED**