

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 1998

SUNDAY DIARY

1. 1st OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
& Thanksgiving
6.30pm Evensong

8. 2nd OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
Youth Service in
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Family Communion

15. 3rd OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

22. 4th OF LENT

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

29. 5th OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Farewell Service to
Charlie & Sara Moore



*Daffodils surrounding the stone church at Matterdale in Cumbria (Photo: Clifford Knowles)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays March 18 & 25 only at 10.00am
in the Church Lounge

Lent Home Groups: On Tuesdays/Wednesdays March 3/4; 10/11;
17/18; 24/25; 31/April 1

Tea Dance: Saturday March 7 at 2.00pm to 4.00pm in the
Memorial Hall

Ramble: Saturday March 14, meet at the Jolly Crofters at 11.00am

Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday March 6 at 2.00pm in
St Edmund's RC Church, Bolton

WHO'S WHO

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

Vicar: Paul Ellis
St Andrew's Vicarage
Crescent Avenue (651851)

Readers: Christine Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

David Dewhurst
11 Braemar Gardens (651347)

Nola Worsfold
22 Melbourne Road (659099)

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 Road West (492351)

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130 The Pewfist
Westhoughton (01942 812692)

Flowers: Mary Jackson
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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: Julie Cooper
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

Caretaker: Ian Cooper
64 Melbourne Road (660946)

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
Pat Boulton (655068)

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

Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years
Ian Gardiner (660460)
The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

C.Y.F.A.: 14 to 18 years
Alan Cheetham (61152)
The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

BELL RINGERS

Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.
David McCormick (654503)

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.
Maureen Edwards (419374)

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 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, 1998.

Though Charlie and Sara Moore officially ceased to be members of our clergy team at the end of last year when we made a presentation to them after his final service, they have been continuing to live in the clergy house. We have seen them from time to time when their busy schedule of visits to supporting parishes, attending preparation courses and having a series of injections have allowed. His work permit has now arrived and it looks as though they will be leaving for Zimbabwe very soon after Easter. On Sunday March 29th the evening service will take the form of a commissioning for their service overseas with the mission agency Crosslinks. On this occasion we will be joined by members of St. Andrews and hopefully by representatives from several of their other supporting Churches. Crosslinks will be represented by the Rev'd David Smith who will preach on this occasion. The service does not permit us to be mere spectators watching something done to Charlie and Sara; there is an important part for all of us to play as we commit ourselves to supporting them. It will be a great encouragement to them both if many of us make the effort to be present on this occasion.

The Church Council has decided that the proceeds of this year's Lent Appeal should form part of our Church's financial support to Crosslinks for Charlie and Sara. This is an annual appeal in which I simply encourage you either to go without a meal or to have a smaller meal than usual one day a week in this period before Easter. The money saved in this way is given to the Lent Appeal. Boxes for this purpose are available in Church.

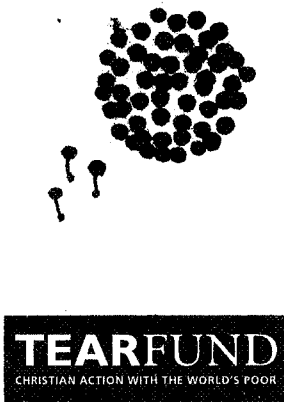
On Saturday March 21st St. Andrew's Church are planning a Community Day when they are extending an open invitation to all and sundry to "come and see".....

- ❖ their plans for purchasing and using No. 2A Salford Road as a Church and community centre entitled "Project Andrew"
- ❖ a presentation and display of all aspects of life at St. Andrew's.

The Church will be open from 9.30 am until 4.00 pm. It should be an informative occasion and it will be an encouragement to them if we avail ourselves of this opportunity to see what is happening in this part of our parish.

Finally I warmly commend the article overleaf entitled "Families Together Needs You!" Christians recognise the vital importance of the family in the life of our nation. Here is a practical opportunity for some of us to support and help some of those who are struggling to experience family life

Roger B. Jackson.



This is the new logo by Tear Fund. It features a new strapline "Christian Action with the World's Poor", and the symbol of a seed-head weighed down by its own abundance, with 3 seeds falling to the ground. This image represents growth, renewal and the multiplier effect of Tear Fund's work.

Deane Clough. Already there is a noticeable improvement in the appearance of this area adjacent to our Church and Churchyard. The Council's Footpath officer is delighted with what has already been done by the working parties organised by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust. In addition to improving the footpath it is proposed to plant new shrubs and wildflowers. You are very welcome to join the party on the following working days: Wednesdays March 4th and 11th and Sunday March 15th anytime you can spare between 10.30 am and 3.30 pm. All tools, gloves and hot drinks are provided.

The Mothers' Union are now meeting on the second Wednesday afternoons of each month. The speaker on March 11th is Elsie Pierpont.

FAMILIES TOGETHER NEEDS YOU!

Bringing up any child is time consuming and can be tiring. Most parents welcome some time to themselves to go shopping, have an evening out or even go for a short holiday. Caring for a child with a physical disability or a severe learning disability may leave parents with even less time for each other or for other children in the family. This is where Families Together helps.

Families Together is a scheme run by Bolton Social Services Department. We recruit carers who can offer a range of services to a disabled child and his or her family. We approve some families who came to us as foster carers for the scheme so that they are able to invite a child into their own home for regular short breaks. These can be anything from a few hours at a time to regular overnight stays.

Other carers come to us wanting to offer to befriend a disabled child and to go out with them regularly for short periods, say three to four hours a week. Other carers offer to sit with a disabled child in the child's own home enabling parents to go out.

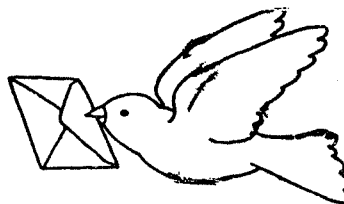
How much time is shared with the child and how you spend that time depends on what you feel you can offer and what the child and his or her family needs. We will get to know you well enough to make a "good match" between you and the child you are supporting. In whatever way you support a child, the child's parents will be getting a much needed break knowing that their child is well looked after, and the child will be making new friends, developing new social skills and new interests.

We work with a range of children up to 19 years of age. The children have either a physical disability or a severe learning disability. Some may have both. We don't expect our carers to be experts and we offer training, ongoing support and reimbursement of expenses.

We need all kinds of carers but you must have common sense, patience, imagination, lots of energy and commitment. A good sense of humour is essential!

If you would like more details, please ring Sue or Sally at Families Together, Bolton 01204 840753 office hours, 01204 882876 out of office hours.

"IT'S GREAT TO KNOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE'S LIFE!"



The last time I gave a progress report for the Deane Church News, I had just completed my first month as an Evangelist-in-Training, and I described my new life in college. The rest of that term passed very quickly, ending in early November, after which all students were sent out for a six-week placement.

I was sent to West Everton, to work in St Peter's Church and Shrewsbury House, a youth and community centre, linked to a hostel for young adults taking a year out to work in the Centre, the church, and the local community. I was involved mainly in young people's work, which entailed Junior Club from Monday to Thursday after school, and Senior Club, Monday to Friday from 7 till 10pm. I felt a real sense of achievement when I beat a seven-year-old at pool; at the second attempt! I also took part in parish work; visiting, leading study groups, helping with the music, contributing puzzles for the Everton Telegraph, (the community newspaper produced by St Peter's three times a year,) helping out at the Over 50's, and arranging and rehearsing music for the Ecumenical Carol Service.

I spent a lot of time talking to people, hearing heart-breaking stories of some of their lives, and in some cases being amazed at the depth of their faith after the things they had been through, and the complete absence of self-pity. There was a strong element of support of those in need, for example the "Spud Bank". Each Sunday morning there was a sack of potatoes at the back of church, donated by one couple, and members of the congregation were encouraged to take what they needed, and leave a donation. Money raised was used to help out parishioners who perhaps could not pay their electricity bill one quarter, and also given to local charities.

People were so kind and welcoming, accepting me immediately into the life of the Church and the Centre, and I made some good friends there in a short time. It has been an experience I will never forget, and a great confidence booster.

I am now back in Sheffield, once more immersed in reading, assignments and essays for ten weeks. However, in the middle of February we have College Mission Week-end, when all the students and teaching staff go in teams to local churches to do a week-end mission. Arrangements began last term, as it is important that the content of the week-end is tailored to the specific requirements of each church. I am going in a team of seven to St Matthew's, a city centre Anglo-Catholic church which draws its congregation from a very wide area, and the aims of the mission are to make people aware that they have a faith worth sharing, and to look at ways in which they can do this. Prayers would be greatly appreciated, as there is some apprehension within St Matthew's, even though they are sure they want the mission to happen.

Term ends officially in mid-March, and then the 1st and 2nd years are off on placement again. This time I shall be working at St Columba's Church, on the outskirts of Sheffield, so it will be good being able to stay in the flat here. Much of the work will be youth-based, including church youth groups, and school visits, and I will almost certainly have to preach sermons in church, which is a challenge to look forward to, (I think!) The placement ends on Easter Sunday.

I know that I am very fortunate in being able to do this training, and I am extremely grateful to those people who are continuing to support me financially and in prayer. Thank you for that; I appreciate your kindness tremendously.

Dorothy Cox

Church Army



1998 EMBU STREET CHILDREN UPDATE

Deaconess Jesse writes –

“Our building is nearly finished. We just have to make the final touches i.e. fixing the doors, windows and floor. It has taken a long time to get to this stage of near completion and without your help it would not have happened for many years. Your money bought 50 chickens last year and this is giving us a good supply of eggs. Your money also goes to buying feed for the animals and food for the children. Education is something we value immensely and our children are doing very well in school. We are very proud of them so we thank you very much for all your support.

We are now making plans for building a dining hall. At the moment food is always eaten outside. We don't even have tables and chairs. This is our next project and we would be grateful if you would continue to support us financially and in prayer.

God Bless You, Yours in Christ,
Deaconess Jesse”.

If you would like to join St. Mary's giving programme and help improve the standards of life in which street children live, please fill in one of the forms available in Church.

The main aims of the scheme are:

To rehabilitate the children

Take care of orphans until such time they become self-reliant

Educate those who are talented in education at all levels

To find work for the older boys so they can move onto independent living.

There are over 300 children living without a home in Embu, the project can only accommodate 37. In addition to the project (St. Stephen's) in the town centre, we provide meals for street children who don't live on the project.

The Social Committee have planned the following programme and they suggest you make a note in your diaries now.

Date	Event	Details
7th March	Tea Dance	At the Memorial Hall @ 2.00pm - 4.00pm tickets are on sale now for £1.00
14th March	A March Ramble	Meet @ 11.00am at the lay-by facing Jolly Crofters for a walk round Wallsuches and Rivington. We suggest you take a light lunch and flask if needed. Sorry no dogs.
28th March	Easter Egg Bingo	At the Memorial Hall @ 6.30pm. Entry tickets cost 50p for adults and 25p for children and will be on sale shortly. Donations are wanted for Easter eggs (any size) and suitable prizes eg. small jar of sweets, for a children's Treasure Hunt by 15th March please.
9th May	Quiz Night	At the Memorial Hall - further details to be announced.
18th - 20th September	Parish Weekend	At Grange - over - Sands. A list to put your name on will be put up at the back of church at Easter.
17th October	Hoe-Down	At the Memorial Hall - further details to be announced.
5th December	Christmas Dance	At the Memorial Hall - further details to be announced.
12th December	Christmas Celebration	At Deane Golf Club - further details to be announced.

AFRICA

SENEGAL

Tearfund workers David and Anne De Leyser have had to leave Ziguinchor, Senegal's second largest city. This is due to an increase in violence by a separatist faction, whose activities have included the laying of landmines, which has affected the De Leysers' ministry. Pray that they will know God's peace and wisdom for the way ahead. Pray also for Tearfund partner the Alliance of Evangelical Churches in Senegal as they continue to work in this difficult situation.

ALGERIA

The six-year-old war continues and the violence is claiming more lives. The total number of deaths is believed to be as high as 70,000. European Union officials have agreed to send a delegation to Algeria to establish how Europe can help end the violence. Pray that those representing the EU might have wisdom to know how best to help, and that a solution will be found.



ASIA

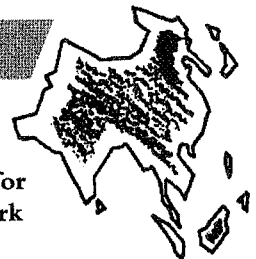
INDIA

The state of Uttar Pradesh has been very badly affected by cyclone and heavy rains, with at least 39 people killed. Frequent power cuts have hampered the work of Tearfund partner the Discipleship Centre. Pray for the Discipleship Centre as it responds to this crisis. There is an urgent need for food, oil and blankets, as well as for rebuilding houses and replanting crops.

NORTH KOREA

The United Nations has made a new appeal for £229 million worth of food aid for North Korea, making it the largest relief effort by the UN World Food Programme. Pray for the administration of this huge

project and that the food will reach those most in need. Continue to pray for Tearfund partners supporting relief work to North Korea, and for wisdom for Tearfund's Asia Team as they decide what our long-term involvement should be.



S. E. ASIAN ECONOMY

Financial instability continues to cause concern. Please pray for stability as prices continue to rise in local markets. Remember, too, Rose Collins, Tearcraft Consultant, as she works with our trading partners to overcome the difficulties this situation has caused.

EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

IRAQ

The aftermath of the 1991 Gulf War continues, with increasing threats from Saddam Hussein and counter initiatives from the United States. Please pray for a diplomatic solution rather than a military one to resolve the current dispute over UN weapons inspections.

UK AND IRELAND

Please continue to pray for good progress in the peace talks. Remember the Tearfund Team in Belfast, led by Alan McIlhenny.



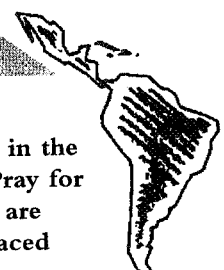
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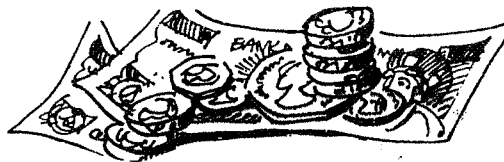
A congress in Bolivia last month marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students movement in Latin America. Many of the speakers were Tearfund partners. Give thanks for the conference, and pray that IFES' aim of equipping and challenging Christian leaders to serve the poor would be realised.

COLOMBIA

At least 24 people were killed recently in the latest wave of politically-related violence. Pray for the church and for Tearfund's partner who are working to meet the needs of people displaced and bereaved.



MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
January 4	£635.20	£ 61.08	£696.28
11	585.22	76.54	661.76
18	685.81	78.88	764.69
25	721.47	118.63	850.10
Standing Orders	155.50		155.50
Weekdays		100.68	100.68
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,074

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Baptism. The following children were welcomed into membership of the Church Family on Sunday February 1st.

Amana Frances Moore, the daughter of Charlie and Sara Moore, 281 Deane Church Lane.

Joseph Daniel Partington, the son of Philip and Alison Partington, 902 Wigan Road.

Climbers Attendance Awards were given to the following children on Sunday January 25th.

25 attendances:	Andrew Simpson, Helen Smith.
50 attendances:	Andrew Ainscough, Michael Ainscough.
75 attendances:	Lucy Hampson.
100 attendances:	Ami Bickerstaffe, Olivia Healey.
150 attendances:	Jessica Cooper.

The theme for this year's **Women's World Day of Prayer** on Friday March 6th is "Who is my neighbour". The order of service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Madagascar. The annual service in Bolton will take place at St. Edmund's R.C. Church (behind the main post office) and the speaker will be the Rev'd Cherry Vann who is the Chaplain to the Bolton Institute of Higher Education.

Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames is the title of a real life presentation being performed by a cast of 50 people at several venues in the North West. It comes to the Claremont Church on St. Georges Road from Thursday to Saturday March 19th - 21st at 7.30 pm. Entry is free.

Sarah Lodge Mother and Baby Unit for homeless and vulnerable girls is in need of the following items: cutlery, pots, pans and bedding. If you can help with any of these items please contact Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor on 598889.