

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**APRIL 1998**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 5. PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 12. EASTER DAY

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm United Service of  
Easter Praise at  
St Andrew's

### 19. SECOND OF EASTER

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

### 26. THIRD OF EASTER

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



*A superb Palm Sunday example of traditional Derbyshire well dressing (Photo: Eric Lockwood).  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Agape, April 9th April at 7.30pm  
Good Friday Communion, April 10th at 10.30am

Prayer Focus: Wednesday, April 22nd at 8.00pm

Church Council: Wednesday, April 15th at 7.45pm

Annual Church Meeting: Thursday, April 30th 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)

**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)

### CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

**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:** 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'** 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

28<sup>th</sup> March, 1998

The situation to which Charlie and Sara Moore go on April 22<sup>nd</sup> is a horrendous one. Zimbabwe is struggling to cope with the effects of Aids, which in recent years has spread like a forest fire through that country. It is estimated that within the next 10 years the life expectancy for both men and women will have fallen to 30. Together with the horror of so many deaths, there are serious economic and social implications such as the dramatic rise in the number of orphans, a huge pressure on the health service and a depletion of a skilled and trained workforce. At present there is little evidence that people are prepared to change their life styles. This is the situation to which the Church in Zimbabwe is seeking to minister and Charlie and Sara will be in the front line.

## The Virtue of Chastity,

In our own country the situation is not nearly so bad, but the general public's perception is that Aids is largely a matter that only concerns homosexuals and drug addicts. We are wrong to think like this, for the largest increase of reported cases is among women and children. The Health Service is continuing its policy of urging "Safer Sex" through the use of condoms, and it has consulted with the education service to see that the same message is taught in our state schools.

What kind of message does this convey to our young people? Surely advice about the right use of condoms is an indirect encouragement to use them. Is this really the message that we want to be given to them? I never hear it said by those in authority that the spread of HIV (and so the spread of Aids) would stop overnight if people practised chastity. If sexual intercourse were confined to a permanent partner, and if both partners had practised chastity before they lived together, how could either of them become infected? I use the language of "partners" and "living together" so as to include the ever increasing number of people, young and not so young, who do not register their relationship, but who are living in a "common-law marriage".

Though I do not regard Aids as the vengeance of an angry God, I do think that when we flout the natural laws of God, we lay ourselves open to hurt.

Unfortunately the very word "chastity" is frequently associated with a negative and hostile attitude to sexual pleasure. What I would like to suggest is that the spread of this terrible scourge of Aids provides the Christian Church, both here as well as in Zimbabwe, with the opportunity to present a positive view of sex. In contrast to the secular view which sees sexual intercourse just as a source of passing fun and pleasure, the Christian view is to regard the pleasure of sexual intercourse as body language to demonstrate our love and permanent commitment to each other.

## The Annual Church Meeting

This year the most important business meeting in the Church calendar is being held as late as it can be held, on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This has been to enable our Church treasurer Keith Acton and the independent Auditor, Ian Hampson, to have the maximum length of time to bring together all our various church accounts to satisfy the requirements of recent legislation for charities. This has been a mammoth task and we are most grateful to them for the many hours they have put into this on our behalf. In preparation for this meeting the Church Council is required to revise its Electoral Roll which is the official list of Church Members and which forms the electorate. If your name is not already on the roll and you are a regular attender then we invite you to apply for membership of the roll before April 15<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting we elect a new Church Council and I hope that more people will involve themselves in this election of our Church leaders. The nomination lists will appear in Church immediately after April 15<sup>th</sup>.

In the meantime Mary joins me in wishing you a very happy Easter.

Roger B. Jackson.

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday** April 5<sup>th</sup>. At all our services on this day we will follow our normal practice of distributing Palm Crosses. These come from E. Africa, made by people whose only other income is from the sale of cashew nuts, for which they earn approximately £40 per year. This money has to buy all household necessities – clothes for the parents and their children, salt, soap and any money required to pay for travel to the nearest hospital for medical treatment.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 9<sup>th</sup> we shall commemorate the institution of Holy Communion at our usual Agape in the evening at 7.15 for 7.30 PM. For those who haven't been to one of these before it is simply a very informal communion service which, like the very first one, is set in the context of an evening meal. All are welcome to come. We each bring a quantity of food to be shared and you are asked to indicate what you will be bringing to ensure that we don't all bring the same thing.

On **Good Friday**, April 10<sup>th</sup> we remember Christ's death as we meditate upon the Passiontide readings and receive communion at the foot of a large wooden cross.

On **Easter Eve**, April 11<sup>th</sup> help will be required to assist in the decorating of our Church for the Easter services the following day.

On **Easter Day**, April 12<sup>th</sup> in addition to the Communion Services in the morning there will be a united evening service held at St. Andrew's. The uniting congregations will be these of Lostock, Over Hulton and ourselves. The preacher on this occasion will be the new Area Dean and Vicar of Lostock, Philip Brew. Those who have spare seats in their cars are asked to go to St. Andrew's via Junction Road in order to pick up any without transport.

## BITS & PIECES



Our own Deane Memorial Hall is to be the venue for the **Bolton Floral Art Groups** annual **Flower Show** on Thursday and Friday April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is normally staged at the Town Hall. In addition to the floral arrangements there will be refreshments, a plant stall and a sales table. Admission is 50p and after expenses have been met a donation will be made to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Further details are in Church.

After a lapse of several years there will be another Bolton **March for Jesus** on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Victoria Square. This year's march will be in step with millions of Christians around the world proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord.

A **Deanery Conference** for all parishes in the Deane Deanery is to be held at the Lostock Parish Centre on Saturday morning April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 am – 12.30 PM. The subject "What is the Deanery?" The speakers include Canon Andrew Ballard and the Bishop of Bolton.



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The **Mothers' Union** meet on Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.15 PM.

## AFRICA

### KENYA

Tribal clashes in the Rift Valley have forced many to flee their homes. Pray for those who have been displaced due to the violence and for Tearfund's partners as they seek to help.

### SIERRA LEONE

Serious fighting has led to people fleeing from Freetown into the rest of the country and into Guinea. Rebel soldiers have been conducting house searches, including the Tearfund office. Pray for Tearfund's regional teams and Disaster Response Team as they consider their response to the situation in Sierra Leone and Guinea.

### RWANDA

There have recently been signs of genocide breaking out once again. Pray for an end to the violence and for a controlled response by the army. Pray, too, for justice in the country and for genuine peace and reconciliation.

Pray for Pastor Elie of Tearfund partner Nkuru Nziza. He is due to go on trial on March 16th, accused of involvement in the genocide in Rwanda. Witnesses confirm that he was one of the Hutu who risked his life sheltering Tutsi. Pray that God's justice would be done and that Pastor Elie would know God's strength.



## ASIA

### INDONESIA

In the light of the Asian currency crisis and doubt as to Indonesia's commitment to currency reform, civil unrest and pressure for President Suharto to quit has grown. Suharto has, however, announced that he is prepared to stand for re-election. Pray that the unrest would not escalate.



## EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST

### IRAQ

The tensions caused by the dispute over weapon inspections remain high. Pray that a diplomatic solution could be found to resolve the crisis.

### NORTHERN IRELAND

The Irish Republican Army has rejected the new Anglo-Irish document and Sinn Fein has dismissed it as too pro-unionist. Meanwhile the sectarian killings continue. Continue to pray for good progress in the peace talks and remember Tearfund's UK Action partners working for reconciliation in Northern Ireland.

### AFGHANISTAN

The recent earthquake in a remote northern region may have killed as many as 4,000 people. A Tearfund partner in Tajikistan has indicated willingness to investigate an appropriate short and/or medium term response, including getting relief supplies over the border. Pray for all involved in responding to this disaster.



## LATIN AMERICA

### MEXICO

The killing of 45 Indians in December 1997 has provoked tensions in the southern region of Chiapas. Pray that these tensions would be resolved and that peace talks would be resumed, after being hindered by the recent killing of two critics of the state government.



# MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
February 1	£681.76	£ 79.10	£760.86
8	566.97	74.73	641.40
15	633.66	92.41	726.07
22	699.56	114.91	814.47
Standing Orders	155.50	-	155.50
Weekdays		122.61	122.61
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	£2,737.45	£483.46	£3,220.19
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In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £3,221

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**Harold Lever** wishes to thank those who sponsored him in his recent Abseiling effort to raise money for the Royal National Institute for the Blind. He was sponsored to the tune of £410, two thirds of which came from the Church Family. When "Gift Aided" the total amount came to £512.50.

**Bolton Hospice** raised a grand total of £13,200 from their Christmas Bells Campaign of which £21.81 was donated by members of Deane Church. In thanking us for our contributions they also sent their apologies that on this occasion the bells were of a poor quality beyond their control. They hope this will not deter us from supporting this year's campaign.



## IN THE NEWS

**Thanksgiving** On March 1<sup>st</sup> we gave thanks with their parents for the birth of :  
Megan Jayne Horrocks, 23 Addington Road.  
Elizabeth Ann McCaughtrie, 6 Blackshaw Road.  
Lucy Waddington, 27 Cornwall Avenue, Over Hulton.



**Attendance Awards** were given to the following children at the Family Service on Mothering Sunday.

**Climbers** for 25 attendances: Elecia Bagguley  
75 attendances: Carl Slater, Rebecca Smith, Thomas Yarwood.  
125 attendances: Claire Gardiner, Luke Slater.

**Explorers** for 120 attendances: Elizabeth Cox, Sarah Gardiner, Adam Smith.