

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY 1998

SUNDAY DIARY

3. FOURTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

10. FIFTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
and Thanksgiving
6.30pm Family Communion

17. SIXTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

24. SEVENTH OF EASTER

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



*Excellent road sense near Porlock on the coastal fringe of Exmoor (Photo: Eric Lockwood)
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31. PENTECOST

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: On Wednesdays May 6th, 13th at 10.00am in
the Church Lounge
Prayer Focus: Wednesday May 6th at 8.00pm in the Church
Lounge

Church Council: Monday May 11th at 7.45pm

Ascension Day May 21st Communion at St Andrew's at 10.00am
and at St Mary's at 7.30pm

March for Jesus: Saturday May 30th at 12.00 noon

Christian Aid Week: May 10th - 16th

Quiz Night: Saturday May 9th at 8.00pm

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' 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

25th April, 1998:

As a Church, as distinct from individual members, we support two Christian relief agencies – Tear Fund and Christian Aid. Though Tear Fund only operates through local Christian Churches and organisations who have a good knowledge of the specific needs in a particular area within the Third World, those who receive help are by no means only Christian believers. What we send to Tear Fund each year is the result of our annual appeals to the congregation at Christmas and Harvest and through the Child Sponsorship programme supported by the children in the Climber and Explorer sections of our Sunday school. Last year this amounted to over £1,300.

Christian Aid was set up by the Churches in the U.K. and Ireland and is officially sponsored by 40 denominations. Christian Aid tends to have a broader remit. Though it is a Christian agency it is not exclusive in the sense that it is prepared to work with all who are committed to standing alongside the poor whatever their faith. Its appeal is wider too, for it makes no bones about going to the general public in order to make us all aware of the responsibility that we have, as a relatively affluent country, towards our fellow human beings who are so much poorer than ourselves. Its major source of income is through the house-to-house collections during Christian Aid Week which this year is from May 10-16th. About 300,000 volunteers get involved in raising about £10 million, of which our volunteers collected just over £2,000 last year from that part of our parish for which we were responsible. As usual we require about 70 volunteers, so don't please leave it to others.

Both these Christian relief agencies are concerned with more than mere 'sticking plaster' solutions to emergency situations. They are both campaigning for a change in the rules which keep poor nations poor, like unfair trading terms and unpayable debt. They both support grassroots programmes which assist the poorest people to improve their lives, long term.

Tear Fund and Christian Aid are backing the Jubilee 2000 coalition campaign to cancel unpayable international debt. In Old Testament days every 50th year was a jubilee year when all debts were cancelled and 'written off'. The situation to-day is that billions of people in the world's poorest countries are enslaved by debts run up by their governments on their behalf. These debts were often incurred as easy credit terms were offered by the richer countries, and they will never be able to repay in full. What these poorer countries are repaying to their rich lenders is far more than the rich countries are giving to them in government grants and through the relief agencies. As a result children are left malnourished and families live in desperate poverty. Jubilee 2000 believes the time has come to do something about it. It believes there is no better way to celebrate the forthcoming millennium than to lift the burden of unpayable debt from the poorest countries. Jubilee 2000 is gathering momentum and our own Chancellor of the Exchequer has given some encouraging signs that he is at least sympathetic.

The leaders of the major industrial nations are meeting at the G 8 Summit Conference in Birmingham from May 15th-17th. Jubilee 2000 plans to surround the conference hall with a human chain representing the chains of debt that enslave so many of our fellow human beings. The event is an opportunity to impress upon the leaders the strength of public opinion on this issue and to draw world-wide attention to the campaign. Both Christian Aid and Tear Fund believe that these concerns are not just about money. They are matters that should engage us in prayer, and to this end I commend them, Christian Aid Week and Jubilee 2000 to your prayers.

Roger B. Jackson.

BITS & PIECES

The Social Committee write.....

Thank you to all who donated Easter Eggs at our recent Easter Egg Bingo night. 140 people attended and it proved to be hugely successful event with many people saying to us how much they enjoyed it.

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the **Quiz Night to be held on 9th May @ 8.00pm** in the Memorial Hall - they cost £1.50 including supper. It doesn't matter if like us your brain cells aren't what they used to be - come along for a "fun" night.

Talking of "fun", we once again require lots of volunteers for the **Fun Day on Saturday, 27th June 1.00pm - 4.00pm** which is being held as part of the Sermons/Celebration Weekend. A list will be available at the back of Church at the beginning of May for you to add your name. It would helpful if you could do this by 24th May to help with the administration. Two of the most popular stalls at the Fun Day are the Children's Tombola and Treasure Hunt and so if you could donate anything suitable then please see any committee member.

Lastly, we are also organising a **Tea Dance on Friday, 26th June @ 5.30pm** which will start off the Sermons/Celebration Weekend. For this we need donations of cakes and a small number of helpers to make the sandwiches and set out tables. If you can help, again a list will be available at the back of Church.

Tickets for the Tea Dance will be on sale 10th May from any member of the Committee.

The Ladies Guild have invited Mr. Alan Healey to speak on the subject of 'Policing' on Tuesday evening May 5th. A fortnight later on May 19th Mrs. Hartley will give a 'Chocolate Demonstration'. This year's all day outing is on Cup Final Day, May 16th. After a visit to the Macclesfield Silk Museum and Working Mill for the cultural part of the day there will be a chance to do a bit of shopping at the Cheshire Oaks complex.

The Mothers' Union are now meeting on a monthly basis - on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month at 2.00 pm. This month's meeting is on May 13th.

The March for Jesus committee invite us to join with members of other Churches in the town to stand in unity and witness to the Christian Faith as part of a global movement for Jesus. Their vision is that there will be 3 marches over the next 3 years culminating in the biggest and greatest celebration yet in the year 2000. This year's march is timed for 12 noon on Saturday May 30th

AFRICA

SUDAN

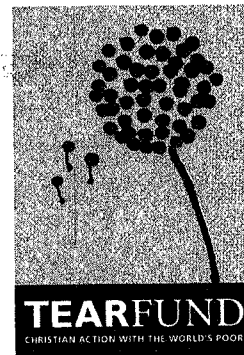
Pray for an end to the on-going civil war. Peace talks are due to resume this month. Pray, too, for Tearfund partner ACROSS working with churches in southern Sudan.

SIERRA LEONE

The unrest continues and many people have been displaced. Pray that the violence would cease and for Tearfund's Disaster Response Team and West and Central Africa Team as they assess Tearfund's response.

BURUNDI

Thousands have been displaced and are unable to farm fertile land because of the five-year civil conflict. Pray for those who have been forced to flee their homes and that in light of the chronic malnutrition in this country, food aid would reach those in need.



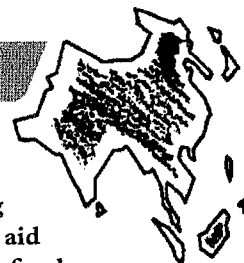
ASIA

INDONESIA

Following President Suharto's election, there has been unrest due to the fragile economic situation. Many churches and homes of Christians have been destroyed or vandalised. Pray for those seeking to bring economic reform and for safety of Christians in the area.

NORTH KOREA

Food shortages continue, with factories closed and the food rationing system breaking down. Pray that food aid would reach those in need and for Tearfund partners in the region.



CENTRAL ASIA/EASTERN EUROPE

AFGHANISTAN

Pray for peace in Afghanistan, especially in Mazar-i-Sharif where there is fighting amongst the Northern Alliance factions. Pray, too, for Tearfund's partners and aid agencies who have evacuated as a result. Continue to pray that the Tearfund Disaster Response Team's women's office in Kabul, closed due to restrictions imposed by the Taleban, would be reopened so as to

enable meeting in groups for teaching.

BALKANS

Pray that God's peace would come to this land following the recent unrest in Kosovo.



LATIN AMERICA

MEXICO

Pray for the Huicholes community in Mexico City and for Tearfund partner Armonía after a fire recently destroyed or damaged 70 homes. Pray, too, for the leaders of Armonía, Saul and Pilar Cruz, as they seek to respond to this crisis.

PERU

El Niño has caused severe problems in Peru. Pray that the rain, mud-slides and flooding affecting the

coastal and mountain areas would cease and pray for those affected. Pray, too, for Tearfund partners seeking to bring help in this situation.

HONDURAS

Reports tell of an outbreak of cholera in the eastern area of the Mosquitia, near the border with Nicaragua. Pray that the disease will not spread and that the existing health facilities will be able to combat it.



MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
March 1	£762.30	£69.59	£831.89
8	615.05	76.43	691.48
15	619.86	79.93	699.79
22	686.11	165.61	851.72
29	616.68	177.96	794.64
Standing Orders	155.50		155.50
Weekdays		36.55	36.55
	----- £3,455.50 =====	----- £606.07 =====	----- £4,061.57 =====

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £4,287

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Bolton Hospice have written to express their gratitude for the £37.70 which they have received from us from donations for Hospice Roses worn on their recent anniversary. The total amount raised this year was £3,651.97.

The Church Lounge

Very reluctantly the Church Council has decided that it will have to employ someone to clean this part of the Memorial Hall which is used almost exclusively by Church organisations. This step has been taken because there has been no response to several appeals for volunteers to join the cleaning rota, which comes round once in six weeks. The situation might have been eased if organisations cleaned up after using the lounge, but sadly people have been content to leave it in a state they would never tolerate in their own homes.

The Churchyard

For many years Bill Calderbank has maintained our very extensive churchyard almost single handed. The time has now come for him to reduce his workload. We are, therefore, looking urgently for men who will be responsible for mowing sections of the churchyard on a regular basis through the summer months. Ideally we are looking for someone who has possibly taken early retirement and is in good health and would like to supplement his income for there is money available. At the same time we would be happy to receive offers of help on a voluntary basis. If you know of someone who might be interested please contact the Rector for this grass is growing fast!