

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 2000

SUNDAY DIARY

2. FOURTH OF LENT

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

9. FIFTH OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Youth Service in
The Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evensong

16. PALM SUNDAY

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

23. EASTER DAY

6.30am Dawn Service on
Rivington Pike
8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
2.30pm George Marsh
Memorial Service
6.30pm Evensong

30. SECOND OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
11.45am Annual Church Meeting
6.30pm United Service at
St Bedes



*The organist at Riseholme Church, Lincolnshire (Photo: Clifford Knowles)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Lent Groups: Tuesdays/ Wednesdays April 4/5; 11/12

Church Council: Wednesday April 12

Maunday Thursday Agape : April 20 at 7.15pm for 7.30pm

Easter Egg Bingo: Saturday April 1 at 6.30pm

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p>Rector: Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Vicar: Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p>Readers: David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)</p> <p>Wardens: Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</p> <p>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Lay Stan Wilson Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p>Honorary Keith Acton Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p>Honorary Les Kilsby Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p>Creche: under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)</p> <p>Scramblers: 3 to 5 years</p> <p>Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)</p> <p>Explorers: 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)</p> <p>All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am</p> <p>Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p>CYFA: 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes & Eric Downs (653049)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p>BELL RINGERS Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p>CHURCH CHOIR Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p> <p>MUSIC GROUP Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Edna Barlow (01942 817434)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm</p>
<p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby</p> <p>Worship: Nola Worsfold</p> <p>Social: Philip Gore</p> <p>Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS</p> <p>Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p>Flowers: Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Vergers: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p>Gift Aid: Sid Harris</p> <p>Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Julie Cooper (660946)</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles (63355) 2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)</p> <p>Guides: Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p>Cubs: Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p> <p>Beavers: Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (417639)</p> <p>Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30pm Margaret Latchford (657101)</p>

The Parish Office at the Rectory, 234 Wigan Road (61819) is open on Saturdays from 10.00 to 11.00am to deal with initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage.

The Rector writes

25th March, 2000.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (A.P.C.M.)

When our Church Council was planning this year's A.P.C.M. they simply could not find a convenient evening in the period allocated between the final meeting of the outgoing council and the deadline date of April 30th. In the end it was decided to hold the meeting on Sunday April 30th immediately after the morning service. This is very much in line with what is becoming a common practice in many cathedrals and churches. After all what is wrong with doing the Lord's business on the Lord's Day? In the context of the meeting there will be an interval for us to partake of a Bring and Share meal. Since this would appear to be an economic use of time it is our hope that more of us will make the effort to attend what is the most important business meeting of our Church in the year. As usual at this meeting there will be a review of the past year followed by the elections of Churchwardens and a new Church Council together with the appointment of sidesmen and women. It will make for a more responsible election if we make good use of the nomination lists during the period leading up to the meeting rather than suggesting people on 'the spur of the moment' at the meeting.

Important Tax Changes

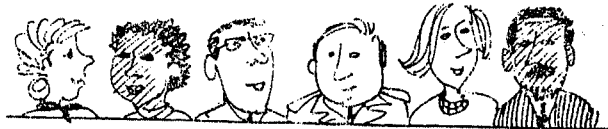
For some time now the Chancellor, Gordon Brown, has indicated that it is his intention to encourage more people to give to charity, and to make the first decade of the new millennium a decade of giving. After an in-depth consultation process he has announced the following radical changes to the tax system which take effect from April 6th.

Firstly, giving by Deed of Covenant is to cease so that no longer will you have to promise to give a set sum for a period of at least 4 years. This has always been a deterrent for those who feared an uncertain future, though I think it must be said that our Church has never held people to their promise if they have fallen on hard times. This form of giving is to be replaced by Gift Aid, for which there is no longer any upper or lower limit. It means therefore, that for any gift, however small or large, a charity can claim 30p. in the £1 from the Inland Revenue when the donor is a tax payer. All the donor has to do is to sign a form to say that he/she is a taxpayer, and that the Church or Charity may claim back from the Revenue some of the tax he/she has already paid. These forms are now available from Sid Harris. Because any system like this is open to abuse the Inland Revenue make spot checks on our records. We have to be able to prove to their satisfaction that the donations have in fact been made. This is why it is essential that you place your donation in a Christian Giving Envelope or make a regular contribution by Banker's Standing Order. I hope that everyone of us who pays tax will see how more effective our giving can be by doing something as easy as signing such a form!

Secondly, if you are employed and your employer operates a payroll giving scheme such as Give As You Earn then the Government is offering for the next 3 years to make an additional 10% bonus on all charitable donations made in this way. Thus a donation of £1 becomes £1.40.

I warmly welcome these changes because I believe they should make it easier and simpler to give to charities and more effective too.

Roger B. Jackson.



IN THE NEWS

Thanksgiving - On Sunday February 27th we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their child.

Daniel and Joanne Brown
Mike and Jackie Foster
Philip and Alison Partington

of 12 Rimsdale Walk for their daughter Olivia Mary.
of 14 Cambourne Drive for their son Callum Michael.
of 902 Wigan Road for their daughter Emma Mary.

Attendance Awards - The following children have been awarded Bibles for having attended Explorers on 120 occasions:
Mark Holden, Lauren Shephard, Richard Simpson, Ben Vickers.

BITS & PIECES



On Saturday 15th April the Bolton Choral Union accompanied by the Camerata Concert Orchestra will be performing **Bach's St. John's Passion** in the Victoria Hall. This is the story of the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion and could provide an excellent introduction to Holy Week. Tickets ranging in price from £7.50 to £3. can be ordered through Church.

On Wednesday 26th April the Bolton and Great Harwood Male Voice Choirs accompanied by the Bolton Hoover Band will present a **Gala Concert** at the Victoria Hall in aid of the Bolton Hospice and the Christie Hospital. Tickets costing £5 can be obtained from the Hospice Shop, Booth's Music Shop or the Ridgeway Café at the Victoria Hall.

Hopes and Dreams is a new musical for the new Millennium to be performed at the Victoria Hall on Saturday May 13th at 7.30 pm. The lyrics and music are by Paul Field and Graham Kendrick. All seats are £5. And are available from the Christian Bookshop opposite the main Post Office on Deansgate.



The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday afternoon April 12th when their visiting speaker is Mr. Platt.

March for Jesus; Diary Dates

Join in the Prayer celebrations to prepare for the March for Jesus

- Saturday 1st April at 7-30pm, venue St Peter's Halliwell, there will a breaking of bread in this service.
- Friday 19th May at 7-30pm, venue Bolton Parish Church, this will be the final celebration before the march.
- The March! Saturday 10th June starting at 12.00 Midday.
- **What is MFJ!**

A MFJ calls Christians onto the streets for a mass praise and prayer – proclaiming the lordship of Jesus Christ before heaven and earth and praising him in joyful celebration.

Marching is a prophetic act that symbolises the whole body of Christ moving forward to bring the gospel to all people. It lays a foundation for effective evangelism, brings boldness to God's people, and helps build relationships among Christians and churches.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

INDONESIA Pray for the Molucca Islands. Fighting erupted on the island of Ambon a year ago and Muslims and Christians are now massacring one another. Extreme Islamic voices are calling for a jihad whilst moderates of both faiths try to broker peace between the warring communities.

BANGLADESH Violent cyclones are expected to hit Bangladesh in the new cyclone season. Bangladesh has the most advanced cyclone tracking system in the world but this does not prevent damage. Despite considerable investment in disaster preparedness, there are not enough shelters for everyone.

Europe/Middle East

MIDDLE EAST Continue to pray for the peace process. Israel's chief negotiator in the Palestinian peace talks has said that a framework deal could be achieved soon. A similar deal was to have been signed already, but talks failed over the issues of land that are at the heart of discussions. A framework deal could lead to permanent

peace by September.

CHECHNYA Desperation and uncertainty remain for the civilians of Grozny. Pray that a new future will emerge for them and for those that have fled to neighbouring countries.

Africa

SUDAN Pray for Most Rev Joseph Marona, the newly-elected Archbishop in the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and all Tearfund partners as the national crisis deepens and suffering continues.

SOUTHERN AFRICA Continue to pray for the victims of the flooding in Southern Africa and for the Association of Evangelicals in Mozambique whose relief

programme Tearfund is supporting.

ZIMBABWE Give thanks that the referendum passed safely and that the new constitution proposed by Mugabe was rejected. As campaigning starts for the general election, pray that this will happen peacefully and that the country will enjoy good governance.

Latin America

COLOMBIA Violence against the church has become so bad that a dialogue process with the main guerrilla groups has been started, through which church leaders are asking guerrilla groups to stop persecuting pastors and to allow churches and church schools to be reopened. Give thanks to God for this increase in

communication. Pray that this process will help to bring a lasting peace. Pray for the people of Colombia and for wisdom for all concerned.

BRAZIL Pray for those who have lost so much after the flash flooding in São Paulo.

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CHRISTIAN ACTION WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Feb 6th	£660.99	£ 84.97	£745.96
13th	663.66	102.12	765.78
20th	649.90	103.89	753.79
27th	470.76	194.86	665.62
Standing Orders	210.50		210.50
Weekdays		53.74	53.74
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	£2,655.81	£539.58	£3,195.39
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In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £3,203.

The treasurer also acknowledges a donation of £100 in memory of Mary E. Barlow.

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FLOODS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Tear Fund made an initial grant of £25,000 to the Association of Evangelicals in Mozambique (A.E.M.) and have promised to support the rehabilitation work as the floods recede. Our donations amounted to £481 and cheques for this amount have been sent to Tear Fund.

Four times a year Tear Fund produce a free issue of Tear Times. This is a most informative magazine which brings:-

- news from around the globe
- features on world issues, lifestyle and campaigning
- outstanding writing and photography
- ideas for ways you can make a difference.

There is a leaflet in Church entitled "What in the world is going on?" and it contains a card for you to use if you wish to receive this quarterly publication.

"A Gift beyond our time" is a most helpful guide and thoughts on making a Will. Where a person dies intestate it can create enormous problems and family squabbles. This leaflet answers such questions as:

- Why make a Will?
- When to make a Will?
- Is it expensive?
- Why leave money to the Church?
- What is a legacy?

Copies of this leaflet are available in Church. Please take one.



The next Men's Working Party in the Churchyard is on Saturday morning April 1st from 9.30 am – 12 noon. There was a very good turn out last month and hopefully on this occasion we should be able to complete the task started then of erecting those gravestones which have been vandalised during the autumn.