

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 2001

SUNDAY DIARY

4. FIRST OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

11. SECOND OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Baptism
Youth Service in
Scout & Guide Hut
6.30pm Evening Communion

18. THIRD OF LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

25. FOURTH IN LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

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



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Lent Groups: Every Tuesday at 8.00pm and every Wednesday at
10.50am and 6.00pm

Easter Egg Bingo: Saturday March 10th 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) Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</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 (845772)</p> <p>Fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm</p>
<p>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</p> <p>Lay Stan Wilson</p> <p>Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p>Honorary Keith Acton</p> <p>Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p>Honorary Les Kilsby</p> <p>Secretary: 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p>BELL RINGERS</p> <p>Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson & Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p>CHURCH CHOIR</p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p> <p>MUSIC GROUP</p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p>LADIES GROUPS</p> <p>Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p>Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Brenda Dixon (653333)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p>
<p>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</p> <p>Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby</p> <p>Worship: Bryan Shephard</p> <p>Social: Julie Cooper</p> <p>Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Elaine Cockerham (650347)</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>Verge: 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>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</p> <p>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles</p> <p>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>MEMORIAL HALL</p> <p>Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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

23rd February, 2001.

I sometimes wonder how many of us actually read and use the "World Watch Prayer Link" page which I always include in this monthly publication. I started to use it several years ago because I wanted us to widen our horizons so that our interests were not confined to our own church and neighbourhood. We live in a hurting world that needs God's healing touch and therefore needs our prayers. Of course, we are made aware of the suffering that people experience every time we pick up a daily paper or switch on the T.V., but this page aims to tell us what is actually being done in these situations in the name of Christ. Our prayers do make a difference. Take debt for example. Last year, on the day after we were asked to pray for a breakthrough, Japan announced a new debt relief programme. Then there was a further encouragement in December when at the closing rally of Jubilee 2000 our Chancellor, Gordon Brown, announced that from that moment the U.K. would cease to benefit from debt service payments from all 41 countries who are in debt to us. This was almost exactly what the Jubilee 2000 Campaign had been asking for.

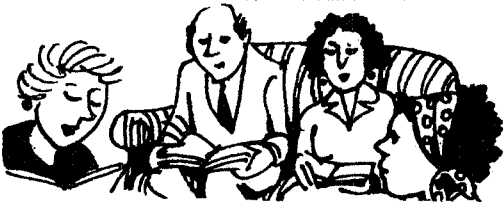
Overleaf Ian Gardiner has written about another matter of national concern for which he invites us to pray and act. I commend his letter to you.

Lent 2001.

There are 3 things to which I wish to draw your attention.

On Sunday mornings at the 8.00 am Communion Service I am proposing to give a series of short addresses based on Psalm 22. This psalm was obviously in the mind of Jesus as He was dying on the cross. It offers a powerful demonstration of how the Old Testament was fulfilled in the New. I studied it recently with the help of Bishop James Jones of Liverpool and I want to share with you some of the insights I have gained. Each week I shall be taking a few verses at a time to help us understand a little more fully the death and resurrection of our Lord.

In the **midweek Lent Groups** meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and on Wednesday mornings we shall be making use of a 5 week study course entitled "Faith in the Fire". Each session will be introduced with a tape recorded message from a well known speaker. This will be followed by a discussion.



March 6/7 Faith facing Facts – The Archbishop of York (Anglican)
March 13/14 Faith facing Doubt – Rabbi Lionel Blue (Jew)
March 20/21 Faith facing Disaster – Steve Chalk – (Baptist)
March 27/28 Faith fuelling Action – Leslie Griffiths – (Methodist)
April 3 4 Faith fuelling Prayer – Anne Widdecombe – (Roman Catholic).

The proceeds of this year's **Lent Appeal** will be shared once again between giving financial support to Crosslinks for Charlie and Sara Moore in Zimbabwe and Christian Aid. In previous years people have found Christian Aid's "Count your blessings" leaflet most imaginative, challenging and helpful. This year's leaflet has been designed by a group of children and young people from a Church in our diocese. It is suitable not only for children and teenagers but for adults too. Copies are available in Church.



Finally we offer our congratulations and our best wishes to our churchwarden Les Kilsby and our reader Nola Worsfold on the occasion of their wedding which takes place in Deane Church on Saturday March 31st.

Roger B. Jackson.

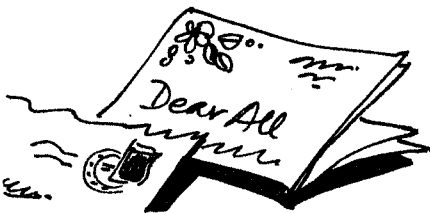
BITS & PIECES

Attendance Awards were gained by the following children at the Family/Parade service on January 28th.

Climbers: 25 attendances – Laura Jackson.
50 attendances – Sara Smiley, Zac Yarwood.
150 attendances – Bethany Packwood.
Explorers: 120 attendances – Melissa Bates.

The 23rd Bolton Festival
of Male Voice Praise
Saturday 7th April 2001

Speaker: Roger Carswell
Special Guests: "Crystal Clear"
and a combined choir of over
100 voices



A letter from Ian Gardiner.

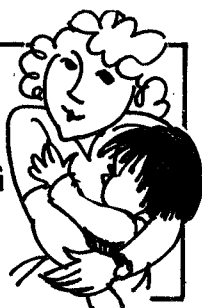
I recently heard this joke that I would like to share with you. It's about a man who died, and on reaching the pearly gates of heaven, asked St. Peter who all the different crowds were. He replied "The crowd nearest to you are all Jews, those on the right are Mormons and those on the left are Muslims." "But who are those behind that high wall?" asked the man. "Oh they are those Christians who like to think they are the only ones up here".

I share this with you having just read the newsletter of the United Christian Broadcasters (U.C.B.) who produce the daily Bible reading notes which some of us use. For several years they have been seeking to obtain from our government a licence to broadcast a Christian programme. Each time they have been turned down on the grounds that because we live in a multi-cultural, multi-faith society they will only permit a broadcasting station to operate in the U.K. which gives coverage to several faiths.

I accept that we live in a multi-cultural society, and I firmly believe that Christians should love and respect their neighbours whatever their beliefs or non-belief. However, I am equally aware that Christ taught us that there is only one way to heaven, and that is through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Please take time to read the U.C.B. newsletter which I have placed on the Church notice board. Please pray too for the U.C.B. the Evangelical Alliance and others who work hard to ensure that the Christian message is heard and defended at the national level.

25th
MOTHERING
SUNDAY
SERVICE



CLOCKS
SPRING
FORWARD

ONE HOUR
ON MARCH 25th

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Africa

SUDAN The government has been accused of intensifying its bomb attacks on civilians, despite pledging otherwise. Last month, nine bombs were dropped on Paluer, two hitting and burning down the Health Unit of Tearfund partner ACROSS. Pray for movement towards peace, that effective relief and development can continue.

ANGOLA Continuing war, brutality and suffering has at least welded churches together; pray for Tearfund partner, the Union of Evangelical Churches in Angola, working with COIEPA, an inter-denominational coalition that speaks for people at grass-roots level, a voice virtually ignored in previous peace discussions.

D.R. CONGO As President Kabila's murder has thrown the country into further potential chaos, the referral hospital in Nyankunde was directly attacked recently. Tearfund partners help run medical training, community health and conflict resolution programmes there. Pray for all those involved; for local tribal and international war in the country to cease.

MOZAMBIQUE Floods have left nearly 600 people homeless and destroyed 1,375 hectares of crops in the central province of Zambezia. With many still attempting to recover from the floods of last year, please pray for respite and speedy help to come.

Europe/Central Asia

KOSOVO Hans Haekkerup, new administrator for the United Nations, has pledged to steer the violence-ridden Province towards its first parliamentary elections. Pray for Andre Olivier, Tearfund's new Regional Advisor for the Balkans, working with partners to build trust and bring God's hope to a devastated and divided region.

AFGHANISTAN Taliban religious edicts and western sanctions are making the political climate in the country increasingly anti-western. Expatriate staff have been warned to be particularly sensitive to negative signals even at local level. Pray for Tearfund's support personnel, working in an increasingly vulnerable situation.

Latin America

PERU Robberies are rife in the capital, Lima. Pray for Tearfund partner, Peace and Hope, attacked and robbed once more while relocating to a new office, leaving them feeling vulnerable and in need of protective prayer for the future. Their attackers may have been the same as those two months ago.

EL SALVADOR At least 90,000 homes were destroyed or damaged by last month's massive earthquake. Pray for all affected, that rehabilitation may be speedy and effective. Pray for Tearfund partner, the Salvation Army, assisting with the immediate and long-term needs of around 16,000 survivors.

Common Worship



Bible Readings

March 4th Deuteronomy Ch.26 v 1-11
11th Genesis Ch.5 v 1-12,17,18
18th Isaiah Ch.55 v 1-9
25th Joshua Ch.5 v 9-12

April 1st Isaiah Ch.43 v 16-21

Romans Ch.10 v 8b-13
Philippians Ch.3 v 17-Ch.4 v 1
1 Corinthians Ch.10 v 1-13
2 Corinthians Ch.5 v 16-21

Philippians Ch.3 v 4b-14

Luke Ch.4 v 1-13
Luke Ch.13 v 31-35
Luke Ch.13 v 1-9
Luke Ch.15 v 1-3,
V 11b-32.
John Ch.12 v 1-8

Note: All 3 lessons will be read at the early morning communion service and normally only two at the other services.

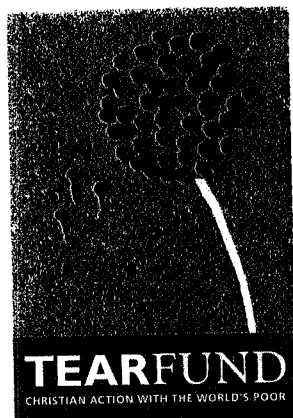
MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Jan 7th	£754.20	£77.48	£831.68
14th	626.75	67.96	694.71
21st	652.55	94.14	746.69
28th	824.90	174.24	999.14
Standing Orders	429.50		429.50
Weekdays		56.47	56.47
	<hr/> £3,287.90 <hr/>	<hr/> £470.29 <hr/>	<hr/> £3,758.19 <hr/>

In the corresponding period last year the total amount given was £3,148. This represents an increase of 19% in the level of the weekly giving. In addition the treasurer wishes to acknowledge anonymous donations of £3,000, £120 and £20.



Earthquake Appeal

Cheques totalling £267.90 have been sent to Tear Fund for the relief work which they are financing in India and El Salvador. This figure consists of £259.50 + £8.40 tax to be recovered from the Inland Revenue in respect of 3 donations of £10 which were "Gift Aided".

Bolton Hospice

A letter of thanks has been received acknowledging the receipt of £22 in donations in respect of their Christmas bows.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY.

Easter Egg Bingo – Saturday March 10th at 6.30 pm. Tickets are still available from members of the Social Committee. Donations of Easter Eggs or other suitable items for a children's treasure hunt that evening would be appreciated; they can be placed in the special box provided in Church.

Bolton Little Theatre's "A Different Way Home" on Thursday April 5th. There is a booking list in Church. For parties of 10 or more tickets are £5. Transport arrangements can be made if necessary.

Church Walk – Saturday April 28th.

If you wish to join this group please place your name on the appropriate list.