

# THE PARISH OF DEANE

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**APRIL 2001**

## **SUNDAY DIARY**

### **1. FIFTH OF LENT**

8.00am Communion  
10.30pm Family Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### **8. PALM SUNDAY**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### **15. EASTER DAY**

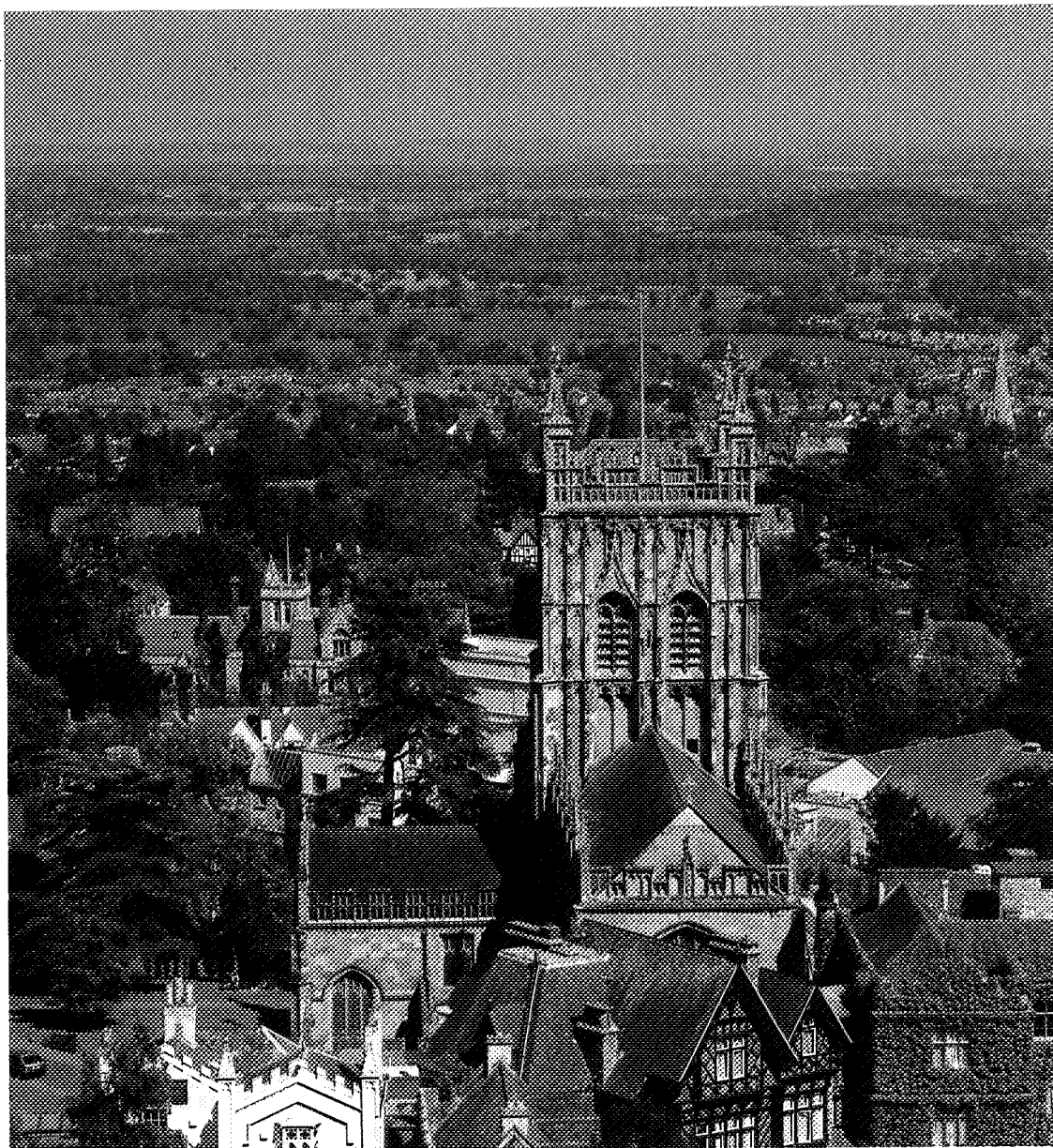
8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.30pm Evening Prayer

### **22. SECOND OF EASTER**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
and Thanksgiving  
2.30pm George Marsh Memorial  
Service  
6.30pm Evening Communion

### **29. THIRD OF EASTER**

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Praise Service  
11.45am Annual Church Meeting  
6.30pm United Service



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## **MIDWEEK DIARY**

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Lent Groups: Tuesday/Wednesday April 3/4

Church Council: Thursday April 5

School End of Term Service: Tuesday April 3 at 10.00am

Maundy Thursday Agape: April 12 at 7.15 for 7.30pm

Good Friday Communion Service: April 13 at 10.30am

WHO'S WHO	WHAT'S ON
<p><b>Rector:</b> Roger B Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p><b>Vicar:</b> Paul Ellis St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)</p> <p><b>Readers:</b> David Dewhurst 11 Braemar Gardens (651347)</p> <p>Nola Worsfold 22 Melbourne Road (659099)</p> <p><b>Wardens:</b> Philip Gore 12 Ellesmere Road (63798) Les Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351) Bryan Shephard 57 Molyneux Road (01942 817288)</p>	<p><b>Creche:</b> under 3 years Alison Partington (419498)</p> <p><b>Scramblers:</b> 3 to 5 years</p> <p><b>Climbers:</b> 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093)</p> <p><b>Explorers:</b> 7 to 11 years Pat Boulton (655068)</p> <p>All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am</p> <p><b>Pathfinders:</b> 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460)</p> <p>The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm</p> <p><b>CYFA:</b> 14 to 18 years Nicola Oakes (845772)</p> <p>Fortnightly on Sundays at 8.00pm</p>
<p><b>PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>Lay</b> Stan Wilson</p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> 11 Clough Meadow (492034)</p> <p><b>Honorary</b> Keith Acton</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)</p> <p><b>Honorary</b> Les Kilsby</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</p>	<p><b>BELL RINGERS</b></p> <p>Practice Night Wednesdays at 7.30pm Kenneth Higson &amp; Anthea Morris (63754)</p> <p><b>CHURCH CHOIR</b></p> <p>Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45am Jim Needham (01942 812692)</p>
<p><b>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS</b></p> <p><b>Buildings &amp; Fabrics:</b> Mike Kirkby</p> <p><b>Worship:</b> Bryan Shephard</p> <p><b>Social:</b> Julie Cooper</p> <p><b>Mission &amp; Pastoral:</b> Ian Gardiner</p>	<p><b>MUSIC GROUP</b></p> <p>Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30pm Ray Howarth (652602)</p> <p><b>LADIES GROUPS</b></p> <p>Meet in the Memorial Hall</p> <p><b>Ladies Guild:</b> Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Brenda Dixon (653333)</p> <p><b>Mothers Union:</b> Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p>
<p><b>OTHER OFFICIALS</b></p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p><b>Flowers:</b> Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p><b>Verger:</b> Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p><b>Archivist:</b> Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p><b>Gift Aid</b> Sid Harris</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p>	<p><b>Parents &amp; Toddlers</b> Thursdays at 1.30pm Elaine Cockerham (650347)</p> <p><b>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS</b></p> <p>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p>
<p><b>MEMORIAL HALL</b></p> <p><b>Bookings:</b> Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p><b>Caretaker:</b> Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p>	<p><b>Brownies:</b> 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles</p> <p>2. Wednesdays at 6.30pm Janet Barnsley (01772 322247)</p> <p><b>Guides:</b> Mondays at 7.15pm Carole Baxendale (419167)</p> <p><b>Cubs:</b> Thursdays at 6.45pm Wendy Gooding (653277)</p> <p><b>Beavers:</b> Monday at 5.45pm Liz Yarwood (417639)</p> <p><b>Rainbows:</b> 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.*

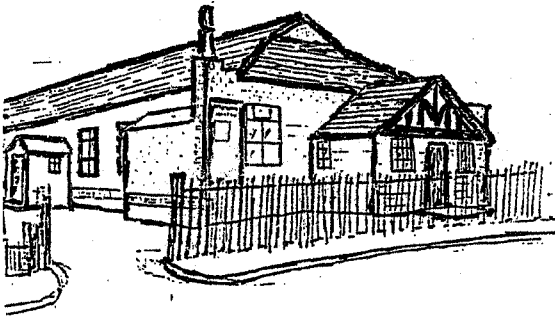
# The Rector writes

24<sup>th</sup> March, 2001.

## Christian Giving Review.

The distribution of the new set of Christian Giving Envelopes this month comes as a timely reminder to everyone of us of the need to review what we give to God's work through our Church. Because many of us, though sadly by no means all, took this seriously last year it has made a most encouraging improvement in our weekly income. Reviewing our giving should be regular rather than a 'one-off' exercise. In common with other pensioners I can look forward to an increase this coming month. In common with other taxpayers I can expect to pay less tax as a result of the recent budget. With these facts in mind I shall be reviewing what I give and I wish to encourage you to do the same. So please think and pray about what you should be giving in your weekly envelope or by your monthly standing order. And remember that if you pay income tax then by 'Gift Aiding' your donations Deane Church will be able to receive an additional 28p. for every £1 you give.

## Deane Memorial Hall.



Several people have asked me what is going to happen to this building. It was built about 70 years ago in memory of those who lost their lives in the 1914-18 War. Buildings are like human beings in that when they reach '3 score years and 10' they begin to show their age! For instance, the joists supporting the floor are badly affected with both dry and wet rot, the roof is beginning to sag and the toilets in the main area are far from pleasant. In the light of these facts the Church Council has been forced to consider which of 3 options to take – either to repair, to refurbish or to rebuild. All 3 alternatives are costly both in terms of money and the length of time the hall will be out of use.

After very careful consideration the Church Council has decided that the only sensible option is to demolish and rebuild. Before we can proceed along this path we are seeking legal advice concerning planning consent and any restrictive covenants that may be in force relating to Glebe land on which the hall stands. Moreover, we recognise that because the cost is well beyond our limited resources we could only proceed if we involve the local community (who use the hall more than the Church does) and are able to attract external funding. Therefore, in answer to the question "What is happening to the Memorial Hall?" I can simply say that the initial tentative steps are being taken on what could prove to be a long journey.

## Annual Church Meeting.

As an experiment last year we held this important business meeting following the Sunday morning service and in the context of a Bring and Share meal. Though it didn't lead to a bigger attendance it did prove to be more economical on time and consequently we are planning to repeat the experiment on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup>. I do hope that you will make the effort to be there. In addition to receiving reports on the activities of the past year we shall be electing a new Church Council for this coming year. To be able to take a full part in the proceedings it is important that your name is on the Church Electoral Roll. If your name is on the existing roll, a copy of which is in Church, then you don't need to apply again, but if it isn't on and you attend Deane Church then I wish to encourage you to complete one of the application forms before the meeting of the Church Council on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Finally I pray that you will have a joyful Easter.

Roger B. Jackson.

The Deane Church News website is: [http://website.Lineone.net/~deane parish](http://website.Lineone.net/~deane%20parish)



## IN THE NEWS

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**Thanksgiving:** On Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> we gave thanks with the following parents for the birth of their children.



Gary and Carol Gamer of 7 Rimsdale Walk, Ladybridge for their son Ryan James.

Keith and Lynette Howie of 1 Gleneagles, Knutshaw Bridge for their daughter Jessica Elizabeth.

Paul and Diane Sankey of 17 Windyhill Drive, Beaumont Rise for their daughter Rebecca.

**Baptism:** On Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> we welcomed into membership of the Church Family –

Alex John Cottenden, 18 Knightswood, Knutshaw Bridge.

Luke Simon Knowles 2 Cranberry Drive, Ladybridge Gardens.

Matthew James Moore 12 Cringle Close, Ferncrest.

Christopher Andrew Nuttall 29 Windyhill Drive, Beaumont Rise.

**Attendances Awards** were gained by –

Kimberly Burke for 125 attendances at Climbers

Jessica Cooper for 120 attendances at Explorers.

### THANK YOU!



**Ruth Smith** writes to say – “Thank you for your prayers, your visits, your cards, beautiful flowers, and many acts of kindness which you have shown to me during my recent illness. Your love and support have assisted me so much towards my recovery. God bless you”.

### Embu Update.

Through the devastation of the drought came a celebration. In December last year Embu celebrated the International Year of the Child. St. Stephen's street children project was chosen to hold the event. Hundreds of people came from miles around to support and share in this wonderful event.

Children from St. Stephen's performed plays and recited poems which they had written, other children from local schools and another street children centre sang and performed for the guests. Even though it was extremely hot and dry I am told the day was an absolute success and a great honour for all the children. There are photos at the back of Church if you would like to see the project and the children we support financially and with prayers.

Last year's severe drought brought an awareness of the need to build an underground well on the street children project. So last December the work started even without the money. It had to start, as they couldn't risk another severe drought with no water facility. Hopefully this will be completed in the next few months. As you may know building starts and stops when the money starts and stops.

It is also hoped that on top of the underground well they will be able to build a library/office. The centre has changed so much since our first visit in '92, over the past few years we have sent £4,381 to the project. This has contributed towards schooling, chickens, cooker, toilets, benches, the main building plus so many other things. I thank you all for supporting this project I never thought that one small idea would grow so much and improve the quality of life for so many children.

Of course money is still needed (several thousand to complete the above) and always will be. If you can help in any way please contact us or pick up a donation sheet from the library area at the back of Church. If you know anyone who is running a Marathon or any such activity and is able to raise money, please tell them about the street children in Embu.

I often look at the small plain wooden cross at the back of Church/. It was made for us by one of the street Children. It says 'Thank you no more are we street children'.

Sheila and Chris Dewhurst-Taylor. Tel No. 59889.

# WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

## Asia

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**INDIA** At least 600,000 homes in Gujarat were damaged or destroyed by January's earthquake; tents are now in short supply. Frequent after-shocks have made people afraid to stay indoors and remaining buildings are often unsafe dwellings. Pray for Tearfund partners EFICOR, Emmanuel Hospital Association and the Discipleship Centre, assisting many people in trauma.

**BANGLADESH** Islamic militants held violent demonstrations last month in protest against their leaders being imprisoned for threatening High Court judges who declared fundamentalist Islamic actions illegal and undemocratic. Pray for Tearfund partner HEED and other Non-Government Organisations who are particularly vulnerable to such attacks at present.

## Africa

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**BURUNDI** Continued unrest has caused many to flee into neighbouring Tanzania; if peace returns, those coming home may overwhelm Eastern Burundi. Pray for Tearfund's Disaster Response team as they hand over some work to partner African Revival Ministries and develop new work in the south of the country.

**SUDAN** Last month Sweden's Lundin Oil AB announced plans to begin drilling, and fighting immediately intensified. In addition, the village of Paboung, where Tearfund partner ACROSS had a base, was burned down by rebels. Pray for justice and peace.

**NIGER** Almost the poorest country in the world, Niger has a high infant mortality rate and a 'dependency' mentality toward foreign aid. Pray for those seeking to build confidence, and for a growing but divided church.

**GUINEA** With fighting spilling over from Sierra Leone, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) began relocating thousands of refugees last month from around Gueckedou to a safer northern location. Pray for all civilians, particularly some 170,000 refugees trapped by fierce fighting in the volatile southern Guinea border region known as Parrot's Beak.

## The Middle East/Central Asia

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**AFGHANISTAN** Over 800,000 internally displaced people are in Herat; hundreds have died in camps there due to extreme cold recently. Pray for a people devastated by drought, war, and new sanctions.

**ISRAEL** Although it was widely expected, Ariel Sharon's election victory has aroused deep apprehension in the Arab world. Pray for a new beginning to be forged between Israel and her neighbours.

## Latin America

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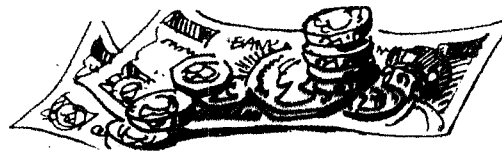
**COLOMBIA** The military aspects of Plan Colombia were heavily criticised last month as being likely to have adverse affects on the poorest communities. Pray that the crucial meeting between President Pastrana and the FARC leader Marulanda brings security and hope.

**EL SALVADOR** With nearly 200,000 homes destroyed or damaged, pray for Tearfund partner the Salvation Army, feeding 5,300 people daily and seeking long-term funding from international aid organisations for a multi-million dollar rehabilitation programme.



**The Ladies Guild** meet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45 pm when they welcome Louise Hannan who will give a "Handbag Demonstration".

# MONEY MATTERS

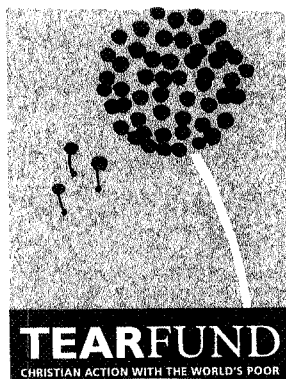


Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Feb 4th	£804.45	£ 104.74	£909.19
11th	639.60	97.51	737.11
18th	951.01	58.89	1,009.90
25th	707.32	89.70	797.02
Standing Orders	529.50		529.50
Weekdays		37.91	37.91
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	£3,631.88	£388.75	£4,020.63
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In the corresponding month last year the total amount given was £3,195. This represents an increase of 25.8% in the level of weekly giving. In addition the treasurer wishes to acknowledge 3 anonymous donations of £20; £10 and £5.

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If you sometimes wonder how the Christian Relief agencies spend the money we donate to their emergency appeals then read the following which shows how Tear Fund responded to the recent earthquakes in El Salvador and N. India. In El Salvador they have supported the relief efforts of the Salvation Army in distributing food, blankets and shelter to around 16,000 people.

In India support has been given through 3 longstanding partners. Within hours of the earthquake EFICOR (Evangelical Fellowship of India Commission on Relief) has sent their emergency team with relief supplies of medicines, blankets and plastic sheeting for temporary shelter for up to 20,000 families. Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) have sent 4 doctors and 3 nurses to a small village at the epicentre of the earthquake. The Discipleship Centre are helping about 5,000 families in Ahmedabad with food, blankets and medical assistance.



## Common Worship

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Isaiah 43 v 16-21
8th	Isaiah 50 v 4-9a
15th	Isaiah 65 v 17-25
22nd	Acts 5 v 27-32
29th	Acts 9 v 1-6

## Bible Readings

Philipians 3 v 4b-14	John 12 v 1-8
Philipians 2 v 5-11	Luke 23 v 1-49
Acts 10 v 34-43	Luke 24 v 1-12
Revelations 1 v 4-8	John 20 v 19-31
Revelations 5 v 11-14	John 21 v 1-19

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