

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MAY 2001

SUNDAY DIARY

6. FOURTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evening Prayer

13. FIFTH OF EASTER

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

20. SIXTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Service of
Remembrance & Thanksgiving

27. SEVENTH OF EASTER

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
6.30pm Confirmation
The Bishop of Bolton



*A traditional May Day festival at Milford in Derbyshire (Photo: John Beldom)
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Church Council: Wednesday May 9 at 7.30pm

Archdeacon's Visitation Service: Wednesday May 16 at 7.30pm
in St Catherine's, Horwich

Prayer Focus: Wednesday May 23 at 8.00pm in the Rectory

Christian Aid Week: Sunday May 13 – Saturday May 19

Ascension Day: Thursday May 24 Communion at 10.00am St Andrew's
8.00pm St Mary's

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 Kilsby 1386 Junction Road West (492351)</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>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>CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS Buildings & Fabrics: Mike Kirkby Worship: Bryan Shephard Social: Julie Cooper Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p>Flowers: Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)</p> <p>Verger: Betty Calderbank 32 Junction Road (655375)</p> <p>Archivist: Rodney Howard 42 Elswick Avenue (652417)</p> <p>Gift Aid Sid Harris Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> <p>Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</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>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 Brenda Dixon (653333)</p> <p>Mothers Union: Second Wednesdays at 2.00pm Janetta Makin (658270)</p> <p>Parents & Toddlers Thursdays at 1.30pm Elaine Cockerham (650347)</p> <p>UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</p> <p>Brownies: 1. Tuesdays at 6.30pm Clare Miles 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

Deane Church News.

28th April, 2001.

As the time for my retirement is fast approaching I am in the process of handing over some of the jobs for which I have been responsible. One of these is the editorial of this monthly publication. We should be most grateful to Elizabeth Plant for being willing to do this at least until my successor is in post. It will be a great help to Elizabeth if you could pass on to her material in good time (i.e. before the penultimate Sunday of each month) for inclusion in future issues.

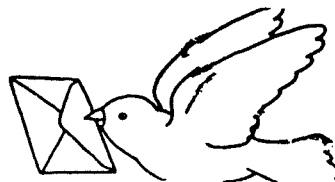
New Service Arrangements

By the time August comes no less than 7 out of the 13 congregations in our deanery will be without a Vicar due to retirement and moving to new posts. This will put enormous strains upon the 6 remaining clergy. On the plus side we are fortunate in that this area is one to which a number of clergy retire and we are very dependant upon the help that they can give. Teachers and G.P.s. are facing similar shortages in their professions and there are threats of strike action and pulling out of the N.H.S. I don't think the remaining clergy are likely to resort to such action, but I do think we must avoid making their workload unnecessarily heavy. One way of doing this is by combining our small evening congregation with that at St. Andrew's. Consequently from June onwards in the normal way there will be only one evening service at Deane, on the first Sunday of the month. On the remaining Sundays we will be encouraged to attend the evening service at St. Andrew's. There will be exceptions like Sermons Day, (June 24th), the service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving (November 18th) and the Festival of Lessons and Carols (December 23rd). It ought to be possible for those with cars to provide transport for those without. The other way is to discontinue the midweek Wednesday morning service of Holy Communion during the time we are without a Rector. For those who appreciate and value this service there is a warm invitation to join the midweek congregation at St. Andrew's on Thursday mornings at 10.00am. Again it ought not to be beyond us to make transport arrangements if there proves to be a need which can be met in this way. I'm sorry that we are having to make these plans, but it doesn't make sense to seek to provide cover from over-stretched resources. On the positive side it could be a very helpful and encouraging experience to link up with the congregations at St. Andrew's on these occasions.

Alternative Service Books (A.S.B.)

Since the beginning of the year the ASB became redundant when it was replaced by Common Worship (C.W.). As many of the books were given in memory of relatives and friends and are in good condition the Church Council wishes to make them available for people to take home. Who knows they may become valuable collectors' items in due course! So do please feel free to help yourself. Those which are not claimed by the end of the month will be disposed of for pulp.

Roger B. Jackson.



Judith Cupitt of 6 Lock Lane, Hunger Hill

I would just like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my illness over the last year. Although not necessarily completely cured, I am now deemed fit enough to return to work, but will be kept under observation for quite sometime.

Pat and Jim Boydell of 21 New York, Deane.

We wish to thank all our friends of Deane Church and especially members of the Ladies Guild for your good wishes cards and caring concern during Jim's recent illness. Knowing that others were thinking of us and praying for us was a great source of support during this difficult time. We are pleased to report that Jim is now making good progress.

Pat Sewell of 7 Manningham Road, Deane.

Thank you to everyone for the great acts of kindness shown to both Don and myself following my recent accident. I have been deeply touched by all the cards, flowers and practical help in so many ways that I can only say that it has been a very humbling experience. Don joins me in thanking you all especially for your prayers which have helped to sustain us both during this difficult time.

The Churchwardens (Philip Gore, Les Kilsby and Bryan Shephard)

As you will all probably know Roger will be conducting his final service as our Rector on the evening of June 3rd. Arrangements are in hand to hold a "party" afterwards for Roger and Mary in recognition of their devoted service over so many years. More details will be announced when these are finalised. In the meantime please try to keep this date free in your diaries and if you would like to contribute to a farewell presentation to be made at the party then please pass your contribution to one of us.

Brenda Dixon wishes to draw the attention of members of the **Ladies Guild** to their full programme of meetings and events planned for this month.

Tuesday May 1 st	Mr. Platt will present a "Poetry Evening"
Saturday May 12 th	Annual Coffee Morning.
Tuesday May 15 th	A visit from Wilshire Farm Foods.
Tuesday May 29 th	Shantell Singers – Lillian Punchaby.

IN THE NEWS



Attendance Awards at Climbers

25 attendances:	Ben Howarth, Lucy Mills, Joseph Partington.
50 attendances:	Katie Healey.
75 attendances:	Elecia Bagguley, Georgie Packwood.
175 attendances:	Andrew Simpson, Helen Smith.

For 120 Attendance Award at Explorers: Emma Martindale.

Thanksgiving: On April 22nd we gave thanks with the following parents
Mark and Karen Byrne of 9 Oldstead Grove for the birth of Jack Alexander.
Peter and Sharon Sturgess of 23 Windyhill Drive for the birth of Holly Grace
Andrew and Deborah Wardley of 10 Roland Road, for the birth of Lydia Charlotte Jane.

WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

INDIA Specialists were brought into Gujarat last month to build model houses capable of withstanding major tremors. Pray for those unprotected from the heatwave, and for continued effectiveness of aid agencies, including Tearfund partners EFICOR, Emmanuel Hospital Association and the Discipleship Centre.

INDONESIA Supporters of embattled Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid took to the streets in March, calling for the death of one of his leading critics. Pray for Christians and other minorities in the Moluccas, reliant upon strong, uncorrupted leadership in Indonesia to halt extremist Muslim violence in the islands.

Africa

BURUNDI Tearfund partner African Revival Ministries was hosting up to 2,500 internally displaced people in Bujumbura last month as security deteriorated. Pray for all in need; for swift resettlement and rebuilding of homes and for Tearfund's Disaster Response team, seeking a new Director, logistician and nutritionist.

GUINEA Many refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia remain trapped in southern Guinea's Parrot's Beak region, lacking food and shelter and constantly under rebel attack. Pray for their safety, for swift assistance to come.

ETHIOPIA Internal conflict, HIV/AIDS and climatic instability remain huge challenges despite continued peace with Eritrea. Pray for Tearfund partners Kale Heywet Church, Meserete Kristos Church and Full Gospel Believers Church, assisting in rebuilding lives.

SUDAN The campaign against oil exploration and production fuelling ongoing war is focussed this month on the BP Amoco AGM. Pray that the company will respond positively to the concerns expressed, and that shareholders might put principle before profit.

Central Asia/Europe

KAZAKHSTAN Following government attempts to introduce new laws against Christian evangelism and religious freedom, a Protestant Forum was held last month. Pray this will help officials to understand the issues at stake; that hearts and minds will be changed.

UNITED KINGDOM The lives and livelihoods of thousands of people continue to be affected by the foot and mouth crisis. Pray that those affected will know the encouragement of the Lord's presence, finding practical support throughout the community and nation.

Latin America

COLOMBIA The whole church is threatened by continued guerrilla violence. Pray for Tearfund partner AIEC and those receiving particular assistance from them at present: displaced pastors and their churches, widows of murdered leaders. Pray for churches still functioning in zones of conflict, preparing to flee at any moment.

EL SALVADOR A further £8 million aid package has been agreed by the European Commission to help earthquake survivors. Pray for around 1.5 million people whose lives have been shattered and for Tearfund partners the Salvation Army and Merliot Bible Centre, continuing to make a real impact with their relief efforts.



Common Worship

May 6 th	Acts 9.v.36-43	Revelation 7 v. 9-17
13 th	Acts 11 v. 1-18	Revelation 21v. 1-6
20 th	Acts 16 v.9-15	Revelation 21 v. 10, v. 22-22 v 5
27 th	Acts 16 v. 16-24	Revelation 22 v. 12-14,16-17,20-21.

Bible Readings

John 10 v 22-30
John 13 v. 31-35.
John 14 v. 23-29
John 17 v. 20-26

MONEY MATTERS



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

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
	£	£	£
March 4 th	749.40	100.15	849.55
11 th	666.95	197.41	864.36
18 th	739.31	110.67	849.98
25 th	700.22	140.19	840.41
Standing Orders	429.50		429.50
Weekdays		77.92	77.92
Totals	<u>3,285.38</u>	<u>626.34</u>	<u>3,911.72</u>

In the corresponding month last year the total amount given was £3,331 – an increase of 17%. The treasurer also wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of £5.

BITS & PIECES



Church Flowers – new arrangements.

We are most grateful to Josie Crompton for agreeing to take over responsibility for the monies for Church flowers. In future people are asked to place their donations in an envelope addressed to her, adding your name and indicating the date for which you have agreed to provide the flowers together with any special request.

Josie is a member of the 8.00 am congregation so if you attend this service you can give your envelope direct to her. Members of the other congregations should give their envelope to one of the churchwardens to place in the Church safe for Josie to collect. We express our appreciation to Mary Jackson and her small team of flower arrangers for the way they use their artistic skills in beautifying our beautiful Church building to the glory of God.

Church Cleaning.

We are very much in need of new volunteers to join our cleaning teams all of which have been severely depleted in recent times through injury, arthritis, retirement and ageing. At the present time there are 4 teams which take it in turns to clean the Church, one on Friday mornings and three on Friday evenings. The duty comes round once every five weeks. If we don't get more offers of help then we shall have to amalgamate the teams so that the Church is cleaned fortnightly rather than weekly. Offers of help should be made to Mary Jackson before the end of this month.

Christian Aid

Is one of the two Christian Relief Agencies that we support. Christian Aid Week, May 13-19th, is the major source of income from the door-to-door collection throughout the country. Once again we require 70 volunteers to cover the area for which we are responsible. Please place your name on the list in Church. Your gift of 2 hours of your time could make an enormous difference to some person in desperate poverty.