

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

MARCH 2002

SUNDAY DIARY

3. LENT 3

- 8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Joyce Mitson
6.30pm Evensong
Paul Ellis

10. MOTHERING SUNDAY

- 8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
Nola Kilsby

17. LENT 5

- 8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
and Thanksgiving
Paul Ellis

24. PALM SUNDAY

- 8.00am Communion
10.30am Praise Service
The Bishop of Bolton



*St Mary's Church and St Hilda's Abbey above the old town at Whitby (Photo: John Edenbrow)
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31. EASTER DAY

- 8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
Denis Gatenby

MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Thursday at 10.00am at St Andrew's

Lent Groups: Tuesdays/Wednesdays 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and
26/27 March

Parochial Church Council: Thursday 7 March at 7.45pm at the
Memorial Hall

Good Friday: Morning Service 10.30am

| WHO'S WHO | WHAT'S ON |
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| <p>Rector:</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: Elizabeth Plant Social: Julie Cooper Mission & Pastoral: Ian Gardiner</p> <p>OTHER OFFICIALS Organist: Jim Needham 130 The Pewfist Westhoughton (01942 812692)</p> <p>Flowers: Josie Crompton (655964)</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) Deane Elizabeth Plant Church News: 25 Kintyre Drive (63730)</p> <p>MEMORIAL HALL Bookings: Julie Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946) Caretaker: Ian Cooper 16 Clunton Avenue (660946)</p> | <p>Creche: under 3 years Rachel Bickerstaffe (657161) Scramblers: 3 to 5 years Climbers: 5 to 7 years Lynda Smith (62093) Explorers: 7 to 11 years Rebecca Unsworth (656700) All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30am Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years Ian Gardiner (660460) The Memorial Hall Fridays 7.15 - 9.00pm CYFA: 14 to 18 years 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 Ladies Guild: Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45pm Pat Sewell (61278) 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> |

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Initial enquiries for Baptism and Banns of Marriage should be directed to the Revd. Paul Ellis during the period we are without a Rector.

Editor's Page

Good News! A New Rector! The Church Wardens announce:-

"It is with great pleasure we can announce that the offer of the post of Team Rector here at Deane has been accepted by the **Reverend Ian Mainey** who is currently the Vicar of St John's, Hensingham, which is on the outskirts of Whitehaven in Cumbria and one of the largest churches in the Diocese. Ian is aged 51 and has a wife, Jean, and three children. They have been at St John's since 1991. Ian and Jean have already attended a service at both St Andrew's and Deane, have looked around the Rectory and liked what they saw and experienced. As you will appreciate, having spent over 10 years at St John's, Ian and his family wanted to be sure that this was the right move for them and, after many prayers and deliberations, we are delighted that they will be coming. Ian's induction service will take place at St Mary's on **Wednesday September 18th** when we hope that as many of you as possible will be present. Please pray for Ian and his family as they prepare for their move and we give thanks to God that the vacancy here at Deane has been filled relatively quickly."



Easter 2002

Easter Sunday comes early this year on March 31st. Easter is a movable feast, not like Christmas which is always celebrated on December 25th. Easter can be any date between March 22nd and April 25th. The reasons behind this are complicated. Jesus died and rose from the dead at the time of the Jewish Passover. The Last Supper was in fact a Passover meal. The Jews of Jesus' day held the Passover at the first full moon on or after the March equinox (March 21st). The Passover could therefore fall on any day of the week. The early Christians used a similar system for deciding when Easter should be, but since Jesus rose on the first day of the week, they celebrated Easter on the Sunday nearest the Passover. However it seems that some Jewish converts to Christianity preferred to continue to use the actual Passover day, whatever day of the week it was, for their Easter celebrations.

Finally in 325 AD at the Council of Nicaea, a meeting of the churches centred on Rome, it was decided that Easter should always be on a Sunday and should be the Sunday following the first full moon after the March equinox. However the Celtic Church continued to celebrate Easter according to its own calculations. It was not until the seventh century when the Synod of Whitby, organised by the Abbess Hilda, brought representatives of the Roman and Celtic churches together that it was finally agreed the Easter would be the first Sunday after the first full moon after the March equinox. Easter has been calculated this way ever since.

There are still complications. The Orthodox Church uses the old Julian calendar in its calculations, not the Gregorian calendar which Pope Gregory X111 introduced in 1582 and which all the western churches now use. There is ongoing debate about whether the date for Easter should be fixed, but this may take many years to achieve, but it could happen this century!

The word Easter, of course, has no Biblical root. It comes from the name Eostre, the pagan goddess of the spring. Most European countries have names for Easter based on the Hebrew word Pesach which means Passover, for example in France Paques, in Italy Pasqua, in Sweden Pask, in Holland Paach and in Spain Pascua.

**DO NOT FORGET! CLOCKS GO FORWARD
ONE HOUR ON THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY
30TH/ SUNDAY 31ST MARCH! DO REMEMBER
TO ALTER YOUR CLOCK BEFORE YOU GO
TO BED! DON'T BE TOO LATE FOR THE
EASTER MORNING SERVICES!**



WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

Asia

KASHMIR Pakistan's authorities claim that action against five banned Islamic organisations has been stepped up but India claims that 'cross-border terrorism' continues unabated. As military build up continues, pray that aid agencies, including Tearfund partners the Diocese of Hyderabad in south-east Pakistan, can continue work.

NEPAL A new Terrorism Act has been promulgated and a six month state of emergency declared, giving the government powers to use the army to search out and destroy Maoist terrorists. Pray for those living in fear about current military action, and for Tearfund partners, some of whom have had to suspend projects.

Africa

SIERRA LEONE Over 45,000 fighters from various factions have now been disarmed after more than a decade of bloodshed. Pray for fair elections in May, and for those assisting the war-traumatised, including Tearfund partners the Evangelical Fellowship of Sierra Leone and Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone.

SOMALIA The southern Gedo region is particularly badly hit by long-term drought conditions. Over 400,000 are at risk from starvation. Pray for Tearfund's Disaster Response Team as it assesses how Tearfund can respond to the emergency.

ZIMBABWE More controversial legislation has been pushed through by the government as it prepares for next month's election. As critics warn of a deepening political, economic and social crisis, pray for those helping farmers to work against food shortages and those caring for people with HIV/AIDS including Tearfund partners.

NIGERIA At least 10,000 people have died in communal or religious violence in the last three years. Pray that politicians may not seek to exploit tensions between the country's Christian and Muslim communities for political power ahead of next year's elections.

Middle East/Central Asia

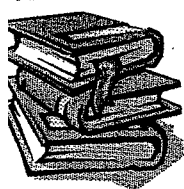
ALGERIA A gateway between Africa and Europe, Algeria has been beset by violence over the past 50 years and remains at war with itself. Pray for those who grieve: at least 100,000 have died in the last decade, many of them innocent civilians caught in the crossfire clashes between armed Islamists and security forces.

AFGHANISTAN After 23 years of war, the interim government estimates that rebuilding the country will cost \$45bn in aid over the next decade. Pray for new hope, and for Tearfund's Disaster Response Team, conducting needs assessments in the insecure Kandahar area as part of Tearfund's wider response.

Latin America

ARGENTINA Economic crisis has left many people unemployed, banks closed, savings frozen amid much uncertainty and violence. Pray that Tearfund partners working with vulnerable groups may continue work despite local financial support having dried up.

COLOMBIA The peace process between government and the FARC, the country's largest guerrilla group, seems to be back on track after collapsing in mid-January. Pray for a real commitment to peace, and full respect for the rights of the civilian population.



Common Worship

March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24
March 31
April 7

Lent 3
Mothering Sunday
Lent 5
Palm Sunday
Easter Day
Easter 2

Exodus 17 v1-7
Exodus 2 v1-10
Ezekiel 37 v1-14
Isaiah 50 v4-9a
Jeremiah 31 v1-6
Acts 2 v14a, 22-32

Bible Readings

Romans 5 v1-11
2 Corinthians 1 v3-7
Romans 8 v6-11
Philippians 2 v5-11
Acts 10 v34-43
1 Peter 1 v3-9

John 4 v5-42
Luke 2 v33-35
John 11 v1-45
Matthew 27 v11-54
John 20 v1-18
John 20 v19-31

Bits and Pieces



Good Friday

There will be a morning service at St Mary's on Good Friday, 29th March at 10.30am.

Lent Groups

Lent Groups continue to meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays March 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27. The Tuesday groups meet at 1 Winton Grove, Ladybridge and 902 Wigan Road. The Wednesday group meets at 4 Laxford Grove, Ladybridge. The Ladies Guild are following the Lent course at their own Tuesday meetings.

Communion Wine

Over the last few years more than a few members of the church family have returned from holidays abroad, generously bringing the church a present of a bottle of wine which has been used at Communion. Now that the holiday season is approaching, you may wish to remember this custom when you are abroad! The wardens will be delighted to receive any bottles any Sunday, before or after the service!

A New Electoral Roll

Every few years a parish has to make a brand new Electoral Roll. This is happening this year at Deane. In practice it means that every adult member of the church family has to re-apply by completing a new application form in order to stay on the Electoral Roll. These application forms will be available in church soon. Please complete and return your form as quickly as possible and by April 11th at the very latest. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the wardens.

Thanksgiving

On Sunday 20th January we gave thanks to God with Duane Nicholson and Sharon Barlow of 16 Melbourne Road for the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Anastasia, and with John Jackson and Michelle Brooks of Herman Farm, Wigan Road for the birth of their son, Jacob Stephen.

Readers at 8am Communion

If those reading one or more of the Bible passages at an 8am Communion service wish to have in advance the exact page numbers of their readings in the pew Bibles, these are available on a monthly sheet which can be collected from the back of church or the vestry. The former full slips for each reading are no longer being issued at 8am for the foreseeable future during the interregnum. There are still some vacancies in the readings rota at 8am. If you would be willing to be added to the lists on a regular basis (about every seven weeks) please contact David Dewhurst who draws up the rota on 651347.

Can You Help?

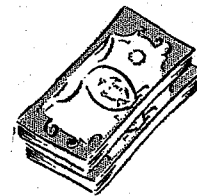
The Honorary Church Treasurer, Keith Acton, has now completed ten years in this post. This is a long period of service to the parish and Keith feels that it is time to seek a successor. We thank him for all that he has done over the last ten years. Keith would be willing to talk over with anyone what the task of Treasurer involves. He can be contacted on 842723.

"Do you want some outdoor exercise?" Mike Kirkby writes:-

"If you do, come and join the Saturday Morning Workparty arranged for Saturday 16th March. Several headstones require re-erecting after being pushed over by vandals last year and holes want filling to make the mowing of the churchyard quicker and more accessible to the mowing machines. The more people who come along the easier the job is. It does not matter how young or old you are, you are to be part of a team! Friends are welcome. The usual liquid refreshment will be provided at half time! Please meet at the Scout Hut at 9am."



Money Matters



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

| | Planned Giving Envelopes | Loose Collections | Totals |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| January 6 | £866.05 | £86.30 | £952.35 |
| January 13 | £888.52 | £132.09 | £1020.61 |
| January 20 | £926.28 | £86.60 | £1012.88 |
| January 27 | £721.30 | £155.54 | £876.84 |
| Standing Orders | £429.50 | | £429.50 |
| Midweek | | £36.95 | £36.95 |
| Totals | £3831.65 | £497.48 | £4329.13 |

The Treasurer also acknowledges with gratitude donations of £120.00 and £5.00.

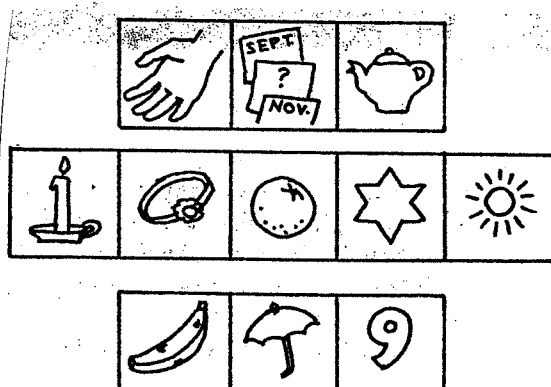
Easter anagrams

Rearrange the letters in these words to make the names of special days connected with Lent and Easter.

- 1 A SANDY PLUM
- 2 SEND A DYE WASH
- 3 DOG FOR 1 DAY
- 4 ON HIS GERMAN DUTY
- 5 DEAR YEATS
- 6 NEED A STORY, MA?
- 7 US VETS RODE HAY



What is it? You can eat it at Easter!



Answers to Easter Anagrams 1 Palm Sunday, 2 Ash Wednesday, 3 Good Friday, 4 Mothering Sunday, 5 Easter Day, 6 Easter Monday, 7 Shrove Tuesday
 Answers to What is it? Hot Cross Buns