

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 1990

SUNDAY DIARY

4 5th AFTER EPIPHANY

Theme: The Wisdom of God

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

1 9th BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Teacher

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Prayer
6.30pm Family Communion

8 8th BEFORE EASTER

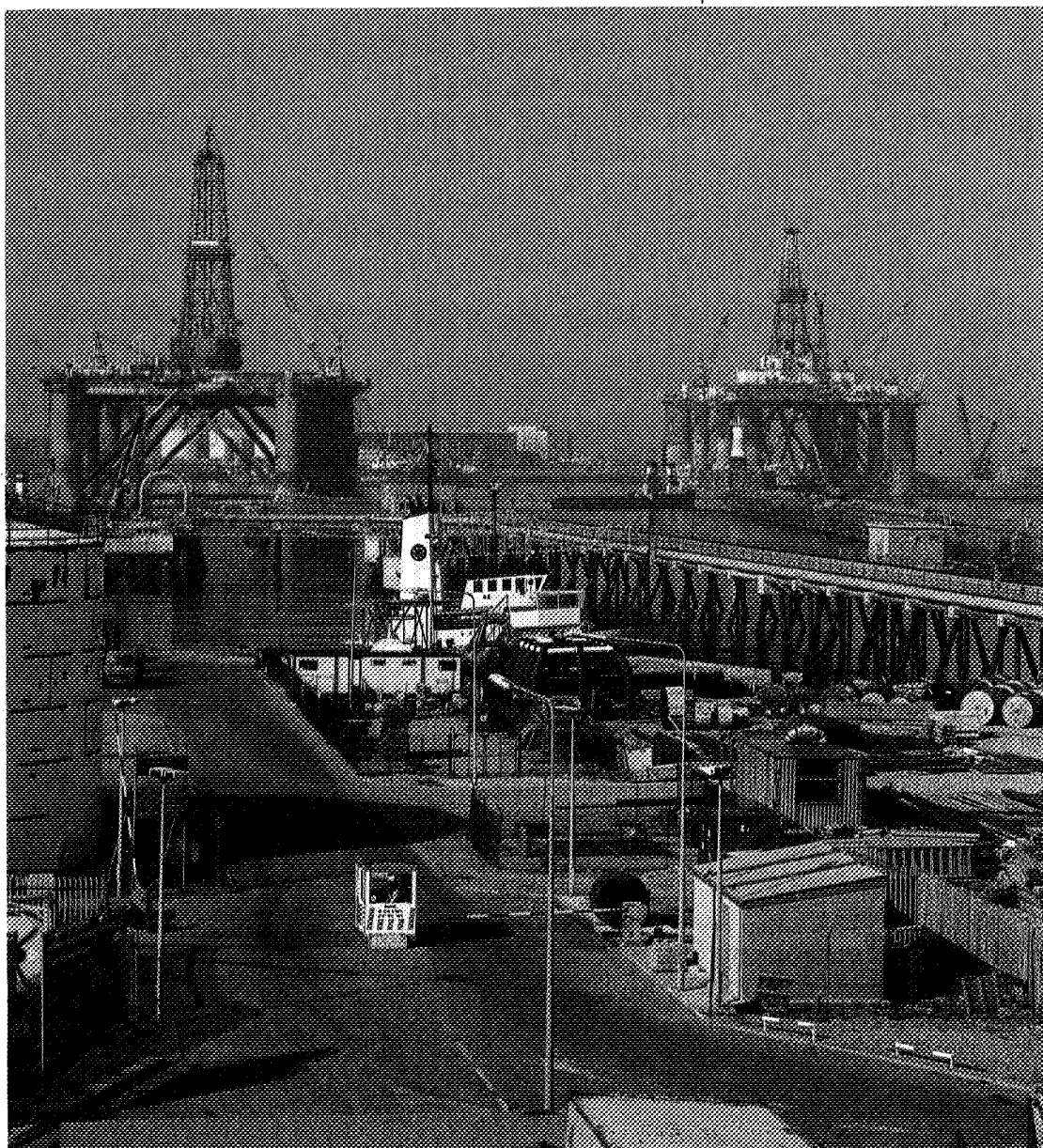
Theme: Christ the Healer

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

25 7th BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Friend
of Sinners

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



*Servicing Oil Rigs, Peterhead Bay, by Bill Meadows
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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge except on February 14th when it is at the Rectory.

Central Fellowship: Tuesday February 13th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

Home Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesdays February 6/7 and 20/21.

Ash Wednesday: February 28th Holy Communion in the Church Lounge at 10.00am and at St. Andrew's at 8.00pm.

Annual Pantomime Outing: Saturday February 17th.

Who's Who		What's On
Rector	Roger B. Jackson The Rectory 234 Wigan Road (61819)	Crèche under 3 years Scramblers 3 to 5 years Climbers 5 to 7 years <i>Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.</i> Pauline Ridyard (651157)
Vicar	A. Robin Hazlehurst St Andrew's Vicarage Crescent Avenue (651851)	Explorers 7 to 11 years <i>Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before going to the Memorial Hall</i> Eric Downs (653049)
Curate	Michael W. Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	Pathfinders 11 to 14 years <i>Worship in Church on Sundays</i> <i>Club Night in the Memorial Hall on Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.</i> David Dewhurst (651347)
Readers	Ken Allan 159 Newbrook Road (63231) Alison Saunders 281 Deane Church Lane (64313)	C.Y.F.A. 14 to 18 years <i>Meet on Sundays at 7.45 p.m.</i> Alan Cheetham (61152)
Wardens	Major Crook 6 Manningham Road (62463) Harry Ridyard 918 Wigan Road (651157) Craig Mochrie 4 Laxford Grove (652324)	LADIES' GROUPS <i>Meet in the Memorial Hall</i> Ladies' Guild Alternate Tuesdays at 7.45 p.m. Irene Ashley (64337) Mothers' Union Alternate Wednesdays at 2.15 p.m. Janetta Makin (658270)
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS <i>Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut</i> Brownies 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m. Jean Hanley (654010) 2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m. Lily Jarret (63511) Guides Mondays at 7.15 p.m. Carol Baxendale (62106) Rangers Alternate Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Judith Bromley (657430) Cubs A Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. Wendy Gooding (653277) B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m. Marjorie Oakes (64362) Pat Boydell (61450) Scouts Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Richard Newall (654663)
Lay Chairman	Stan Wilson 31 Kilworth Drive (492034)	
Hon. Secretary	Keith Acton 3 Mallowdale Close (42723)	
Hon. Treasurer	Major Crook	
Chairmen of Working Groups		
Mission & Unity	Pat Sewell	
Pastoral	Craig Mochrie	
Worship	Stan Wilson	
Buildings & Fabric	Harry Ridyard	
Social	Brenda Dixon	
Overseas Mission	Joyce Sutcliffe	
OTHER OFFICIALS		
Organist	Jim Needham 8 Ducie Avenue (362257)	
Flowers	Mary Jackson 234 Wigan Road (61819)	
MEMORIAL HALL		
Bookings	Ron Morris 13 St Mary's Avenue (62548)	
Caretakers	David and Eunice McCormick 34 Junction Road (654503)	

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

THE RECTOR WRITES...



27th January, 1990

ABOUT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

How does one become a member of our Church?

In theological terms it is when you are baptized, though of course we do need to realize that because baptism is a sacrament it has two parts, an outward sign and an inward experience. Our membership is a merely nominal thing when the outward is not accompanied by the inward. Our membership only becomes effective when the outward and visible sign of baptism is accompanied by the inward spiritual experience of the new birth.

In legal terms we are recognised as members of Deane Church when we join the Church Electoral Roll and one of the conditions for joining is that we have been baptized. The Roll is an important list because it is the register of those who are entitled to

- * vote at the annual Church meeting
- * hold office as sidesmen and/or Church councillors
- * be married in Deane Church if they do not possess the necessary residential qualifications.

In addition the size of the Roll is a factor used in determining how many representatives we may appoint to represent us at the Deanery Synod, and also for calculating our share of the Diocesan Budget to which we contribute through the "Diocesan Quota".

Clearly it is important that this Roll should be an accurate and realistic indication of the strength or weakness of our congregation. To ensure that it is brought up to date it is revised annually before Easter. And then, once every six years the existing Roll is scrapped and a completely new Roll is produced. This is our task in 1990.

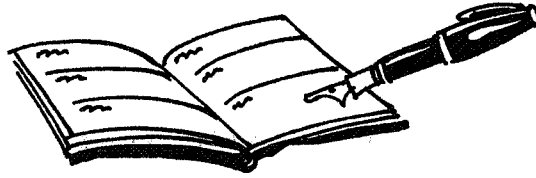
Our Church Council is most anxious that we treat this exercise in a responsible way. There is much more to being a member of the Christian Church than the signing of an application form. To this end we have produced a "Church membership pack" which will be available later in the month. In addition to the application form for membership of the new Electoral Roll the pack will also contain material to help you to work your own responsibilities of Church membership in a practical way. I hope you will find this both challenging and helpful.

.....ABOUT LENT

By a strange coincidence the last day of the month is also the first day of Lent. Though our Lent programme falls into next month our preparation for it takes place this month. About 50 of our members are already involved in the Home Groups which are now meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at fortnightly intervals. These will continue throughout Lent. However, for those who for one reason or another have not joined a Home Group there will be a series of 5 Lent Bible Study Groups at weekly intervals on Tuesday evenings and on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. They will be considering St. Mark's account of the final week in the life of our Lord. As an alternative to the Bible Study Groups there is a 5 week course also on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons and evenings entitled "Living with Loss". Using some excellently produced video material we shall be considering the important subject of bereavement. This could be especially helpful for those who are experiencing bereavement now, and also for those who desire to understand and help those who are bereaved. This course is open to members of the existing Home Groups, but only if they see it as an addition and not as an alternative to their Home Group programme. Details of the Lent programme will become available during the month.

Roger B. Jackson.

THIS YEAR'S DATES



Sunday	March 18	Final date for applying for membership of the new Church Electoral Roll.
Tuesday	April 10	Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.30 pm.
Sunday	April 29	Confirmation Service at 6.30 pm conducted by the Bishop of Manchester.
Thursday	May 3	Elections for the Borough Council.
Friday May 18 - Sunday May 20		Parish Weekend at Grange-over-Sands.
Thursday	May 24	Ascension Day. Parish Communion Service at 8.00 pm.
Sunday	June 24	Deane Sermons. Preacher Capt. Philip Johnson, the Chief Secretary of the Church Army.
Sunday	July 1	Michael Saunders' Ordination in the morning followed in the evening by his first celebration of Holy Communion.
Sunday	September 23	Commissioning service for CYPECS leaders.
Sunday	October 14	Harvest Thanksgiving.

MEETINGS FOR LADIES.



The Mothers Union have planned two meetings this month. On February 14th Mrs. Moorfield will show her collection of decorated eggs and on Ash Wednesday, February 28th the guest speaker will be Joyce Sutcliffe.

The Ladies Guild programme for February includes visits from Betty Connor, the authoress of "Pauper's Palace" on February 6th, and from Jill Joynson, Sainsburys' Home Economist on February 20th.

The Missionary Working Party meets on Mondays February 5th and 19th.

And finally Ron Morris who was beginning to lose hope of being able to catch the Editor's eye has decided to write on the subject of.....HOPE.

Jesus once told his disciples a parable the purpose of which was to show that they should pray always and never lose heart (Luke 18 v 1 - 8). Those who so pray for peace in the world must be feeling greatly heartened by some of the developments taking place in Europe and in South Africa. Who a month or two ago would have predicted the breaking up of the infamous Berlin Wall, the scenes in Prague and Leipzig, the opening of beaches in South Africa so soon after the scenes of police with whips?

These ARE reasons for hope. They are by no means the end of the road, but they are steps in the right direction that only the most stoneyhearted diehards of the left and the right regret. The failure of apartheid and the failure of that godless brand of socialism, whose rotten core has now spread its crumbling feet, has begun to offer light in a dark world.

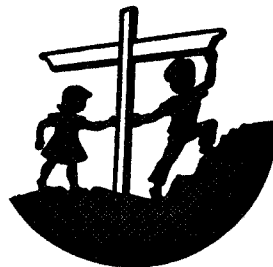
It will of course take time for reforms to be established, so continue to pray and hope.



Spotlight on

Climbers

We meet in the Church Lounge at the Memorial Hall on Sunday Mornings at 10.30 for learning activities, songs and prayers. Our ages range from 3 to 7 years and so we are what used to be called the "Infant Sunday School". Younger children, who are confident enough to be left without their parents are also welcome for Alison Saunders, whose son Christopher is 6 months old, is hoping to re-organise a creche for these younger children.



At their Christmas party last year the Climbers received token Christmas presents in order to give the money saved to help some children who are less fortunate. The money was sent to Yone Lam, the girl whom we sponsor through the Tear Fund scheme in Burma. As her family are very poor it is our hope that this would enable them to purchase a goat rather than a doll! In the previous year our Christmas donation went to the Childrens' Society. Every Sunday the little "extra" collection which most of the Climbers bring goes towards sponsoring two children from the Third World - Yone Lam in Burma and Shok Bonipalli in India.

Volunteers who would care to assist with Climbers will be most welcome as indeed will children themselves between 3 and 7.

Present leaders are: Winnie Battersby, Margaret Reed, Pauline Ridyard, Sandra Scruton, Gillian Smith and Carol Tickle.

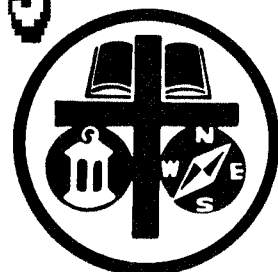
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Explorers

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which is where we graduate to on leaving Climbers. We are all the junior school and so our ages range from 7 to 11 years. On a normal Sunday our programme starts in Church at 10.30am where we join in with the older members of the Church Family for about 15 minutes, leaving during the second hymn/song for our own special activities. On the fourth Sunday of the month we remain in Church for it is the Family/Parade Service and many of our members are in the Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides.

Once a quarter whenever there is a fifth Sunday we also stay in Church so that we get used to the main Christian service of Holy Communion.



The Leaders aim is to help the Explorers to understand and come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. This we do by personal example and using the Scripture Union teaching programme at the same time trying to make their time with us happy and enjoyable as possible.

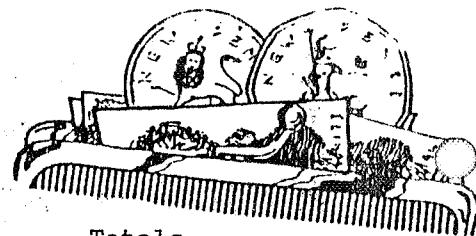
Outside the normal Sunday programme we meet in summer with other Explorer groups in North Manchester area for a Fun Day and we have also this year started to hold a Fun Day of our own. Instead of the usual Party around Christmas time we adopted several years ago a visit to the Pantomime which seems to go down very well and is something to look forward to in the New Year when all party-ing has finished.

We will be very pleased to welcome any school friends of your child even though their parents do not attend church.

Leaders: Rosemary Crook, Eric Downs, Isabel Marron, Brian Pearce and Pat Sewell.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through their regular giving.



	<u>Planned Giving</u> <u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Loose</u> <u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
December 3	£442.55	£ 71.40	£513.95
10	418.65	72.81	491.46
17	507.70	91.18	598.88
24	536.95	189.88	726.83
25	-	233.34	233.34
31	406.48	61.10	467.58
Weekdays	-	138.50	138.50
	<u>£2312.33</u>	<u>£858.21</u>	<u>£3170.54</u>

In the comparable period last year the amount given was £3071, so the above figures represent an increase of 3% in the level of giving.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL The amount given this year was the record sum of £575, exactly £200 more than last year. The figure was made up as follows:-

Donations from pensioners at the annual meeting of the Crompton Charity	£ 50.35
Donations to the Church Choir Carol Singing Party	18.50
Contents of 83 envelopes	303.65
Loose donations	202.50
	<u>£575.00</u>

The money has been distributed as follows:-

To Tear Fund for its relief work amongst refugees	£373.50
Tear Fund for its famine relief work in Ethiopia	101.25
Christian Aid for its medical work in Romania	101.25
	<u>£575.00</u>



IN SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to three members of our Church Family who have recently lost their parents:- to Maureen Edwards whose father died very suddenly at Christmas, to Margaret Howard whose mother died equally unexpectedly at the beginning of the New Year and to Elaine Rigby whose father also died suddenly. We remember them all in our prayers.

Here's NEWS

One of our former curates, Frank Sudworth, who since leaving Deane in 1981 has served in two parishes in Nottinghamshire is moving to become Vicar of Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds. Frank and Jenny's elder son, Richard, is in his final year at Leeds University, whilst their younger son, Timothy, is doing a period of voluntary service in Israel like Virginia Corbyn did several years ago.

Congratulations to Alexandra Bower on being awarded the Baden Powell Trefoil Badge - the highest award that a girl guide can now receive.