

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 1994

SUNDAY DIARY

6 EIGHTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Healer

8.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

6.30pm Evensong

13 SEVENTH BEFORE EASTER

Theme: Christ the Friend
of Sinners

8.00am Communion

10.30am Morning Prayer

6.30pm Communion

20 FIRST IN LENT

Theme: Temptation

8.00am Communion

10.30am Communion

6.30pm Evensong

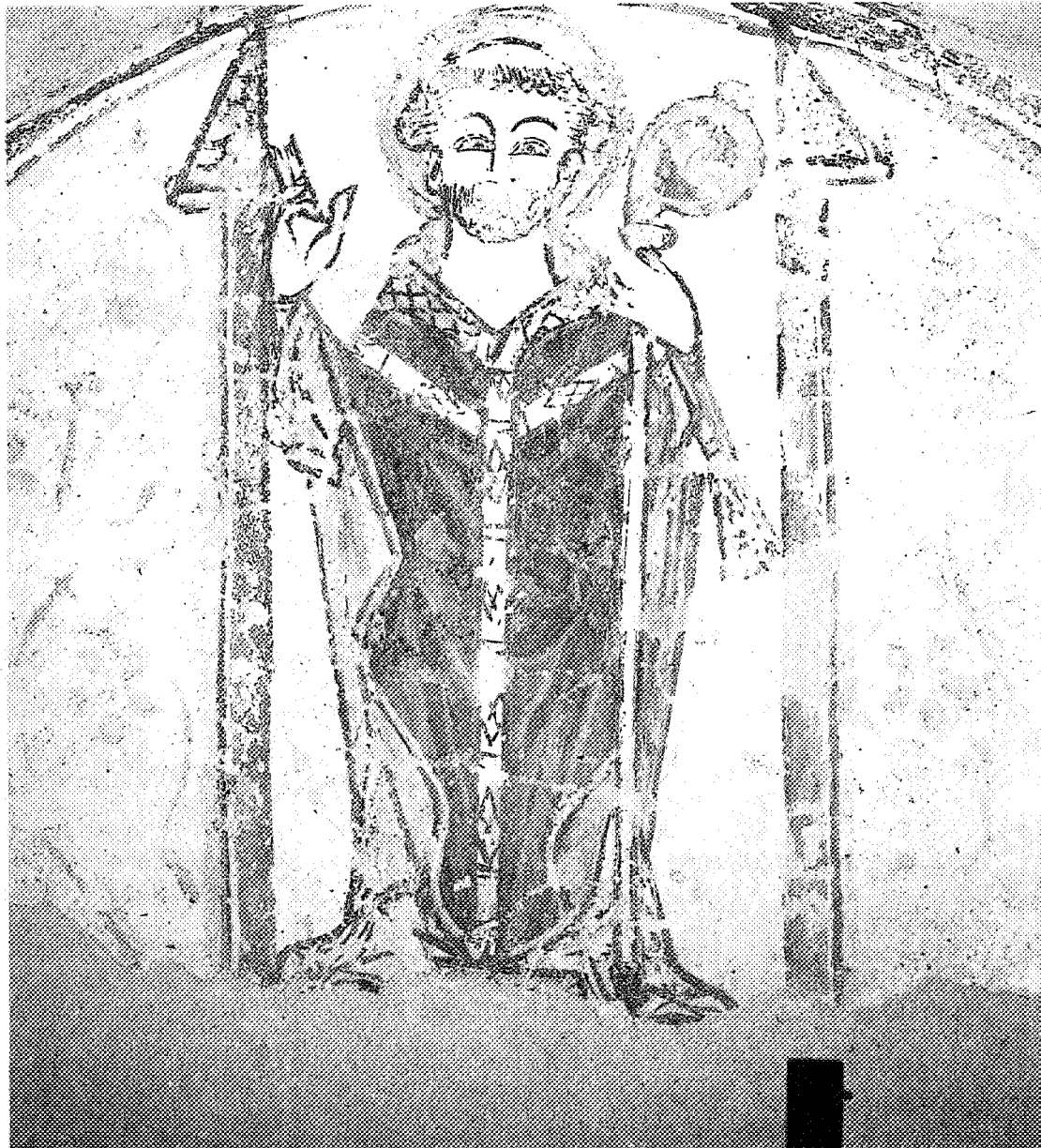
27 SECOND IN LENT

Theme: Conflict

8.00am Communion

10.30am Family/Parade
Service

6.30pm Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Wednesdays at 10.00am in the Church Lounge on
February 2nd, 9th, 23th.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday, February 2nd at 8.00pm in the
Church Lounge.

Home Group: Tuesdays and Wednesdays February 8th/9th, 22nd/23rd.

Theatre Outing: Friday, February 11th.

Ash Wednesday Communion: February 16th 10.00am at the Rectory
and 8.00pm at St Andrew's.

WHO'S WHO

WHAT'S ON

Rector: Roger B Jackson
The Rectory
234 Wigan Road (61819)

Vicar: A Robin Hazlehurst
St Andrew's Vicarage
Crescent Avenue (651851)

Curate: Charles D Moore
281 Deane Church Lane (64313)

Reader: Christine Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

Wardens: Craig Mochrie
4 Laxford Grove (652324)

Terry Oakes
14 Salford Road (64362)

Stan Wilson
11 Clough Meadow (492034)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Craig Mochrie
Chairman: 4 Laxford Grove (652324)

Honorary Keith Acton
Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

Honorary Leslie Kilsby
Secretary: 1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Pastoral: Sheila Morgan
Worship: Philip Gore
Buildings & Fabric: Mike Kirkby
Social: Brenda Dixon

OTHER OFFICIALS

Organist: Jim Needham
130 The Pewfist
Westhoughton (0942 812692)

Flowers: Mary Jackson
234 Wigan Road (61819)

Vergers: Betty Calderbank
32 Junction Road (655375)

Archivist: Rodney Howard
42 Elswick Avenue (652417)

Covenant Sid Harris
Secretary: 11 Manningham Road (656355)

MEMORIAL HALL

Bookings: Keith Holden
3 Beaumont Drive (653075)

Caretakers: David and Eunice McCormick
34 Junction Road (654503)

Creche: under 3 years
Scramblers: 3 to 5 years
Climbers: 5 to 7 years
Meet in the Memorial Hall Lounge on
Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
Pauline Ridyard (651157)

Explorers: 7 to 11 years
Meet in Church at 10.30 a.m. before
going to the Memorial Hall.
Eric Downs (653049)

Pathfinders: 11 to 14 years
Worship in Church on Sundays
Club Night in the Memorial Hall on
Fridays from 7.15 to 9.00 p.m.
David Dewhurst (651347)

C.Y.F.A.: 14 to 18 years
Meet on Sundays at 8.00 p.m.
Charlie & Sara Moore (64313)

CHURCH CHOIR
Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45 a.m.
Jim Needham (0942 812692)

MUSIC GROUP

Rehearsals on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.
Ray Howarth (652602)

LADIES GROUPS

Meet in the Memorial Hall

Ladies Alternate Tuesdays
Guild: at 7.45 p.m.
Pat Boydell (61450)

Mothers' Alternate Wednesdays
Union: at 2.00 p.m.
Janetta Makin (658270)

Parents & Fridays at 1.30 p.m.
Toddlers: Julie Cooper (660946)

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

Brownies: 1 Mondays at 5.45 p.m.
Janet Madden (665896)
2 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.
Lily Jarrett (63511)

Guides: Mondays at 7.15 p.m.
Carole Baxendale (62106)

Rangers: Alternate Wednesdays
at 7.30 p.m.
Judith Ashcroft (657430)

Cubs: A Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.
Wendy Gooding (653277)
B Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.
Francis Barlow

Beavers: Thursdays at 5.30 p.m.
Susan Ash (62657)

Rainbows: Fridays at 6.30 p.m.
Margaret Latchford (657101)

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

29th January, 1994.

It was about 15 years ago that I had occasion to go to the large Calderstones Hospital near Blackburn to take a widow to see her very severely mentally handicapped son. Whilst the surroundings, on what was a lovely summer's day, were most attractive, the actual blocks in which the patients were housed were rather grim. Many of the patients had spent most of their lives in that institution. In more recent years there has been a policy of seeking to run down these institutions in favour of caring for the mentally handicapped in the community. The policy hasn't been 100% successful, and the press are never slow to highlight some of the horror stories. However, there have been some success stories too, and one of these is Gerald Bancroft who, until his very sudden death earlier this month, was a member of our small evening congregation.

Gerald had been 'incarcerated' in Calderstones for about 30 years. He was then patiently and gently 'nursed' into the wider community both by the professional care workers and the members of Church communities at Deane URC and St. Luke's Halliwell where he attended on Sunday mornings, and by Tom and Marjorie Stokes and our evening congregation. Gerald may have suffered with a handicap in his mind, but there was no such handicap in his heart. He was a most loving and affectionate person and I'm sure that the ladies will miss the goodnight kiss that he so liberally gave them at the end of the evening service! It was a most fitting tribute both to Gerald and to those who have helped him in recent years that St. Luke's Church was full for his funeral.

MIDWEEK LENT GROUPS



This year we shall be making use of material that has been specially commissioned by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland and is being used extensively throughout the country. Its title is "HAVE ANOTHER LOOK" It is designed to help groups which include:

- * people enquiring about Christian faith, who wish to have another look at what it means.
- * people who have moved away from Christian faith or from belonging to a Church and who are interested in thinking again.
- * people who are already Church members, and who are willing to share their faith with those enquiring, and in the process have a fresh look at it themselves.

The themes to be covered are:

- * What are we looking for?
- * What will make us truly happy?
- * How do we cope with suffering?
- * Is there any mystery in life?
- * Where do we want to go now?

In each group session there will be 4 stages:

- * A starting point to get us talking
- * Looking more deeply as the discussion moves to a deeper level
- * Looking at a Bible passage to explore its relevance
- * Prayer and reflection.

I would like to think that this programme is comprehensive enough to help most of us who attend Deane Church and who have open minds, and therefore I wish to encourage you to commit yourself to joining a midweek group on the middle 5 Tuesdays or Wednesdays in Lent. Lists are in Church for you to sign up. Don't leave it to others. This is for you unless you are one of those who think you have got it all 'buttoned up'.

Roger B. Jackson.



New English Orchestra

This orchestra of Christian instrumentalists is presenting a 'Vigil for Great Britain' at a number of cathedrals including our own Manchester Cathedral on Saturday February 5th at 7.30 pm. The programme consists of a service of music interspersed with prayers for our nation featuring Allegri's Miserere.



This is a tremendous setting of Psalm 51 David's song of repentance and calling out to God. Other musical items likely to be included in the programme are great Christian classics like the Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana, the Faure Sanctus and the sacred music of Bach and Handel. The evening is so designed that even non-Christians should feel able to stand with us as they did after the Warrington bombings and to stand against the destructive forces at work in our land. Tickets are not required. There is no admission charge but an offering will be taken.

Angel Voices

is the title of the new Gospel Musical by the talented Roger Jones. It will be presented at the Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street on Sunday, February 13th at 2.30 pm by the Greater Manchester United Christian Singers with the dramatic content by the drama group Mustard Seed. When the choir presented this modern new work recently at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and the Manchester Free Trade Hall as part of a national tour it received excellent reviews. Once again tickets are not required and though admission is free a retiring collection will be taken to defray costs.



Have you got any old pairs of glasses that you no longer need? They might enable an African pastor to read the Scriptures! Spectacles in Africa are too expensive for the average person to afford, but your old glasses could make all the difference to someone with poor sight. A scheme has been set up to send them to a pastor working in Western Kenya who distributes old glasses to people in need. A box will be provided in Church in which you can place your unwanted spectacles.

Electoral Roll Revision. The Church Electoral Roll is the official list of members of Deane Church. If you are a regular attender over the age of 16 years then your name should be on the list, but it won't be if you haven't completed an application form in previous years. These are available in Church and should be completed during the revision period from February 16th - March 3rd.



IN THE NEWS

BAPTISM

We welcomed into membership of Christ's Church at Deane on December 26th Stephanie Lea Barlow of 15 Sunadale Close.

THANKSGIVING

On January 23rd we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children.

Cedrick and Susan Burke, 3 Beaumont Chase for Nicola
Mark Gregory and Alison Cook, 112 Hulton Lane for Dominic
Vincent and Jane Kelly, 28 Baysdale Avenue for James



CONDOLENCE

We wish to express our sympathy to those members of our Church Family who have recently been bereaved:

Charlie and Sara Moor on the very sudden death of Sara's father in Cambridge and to Bryan and Elaine Shepherd on the death of Elaine's father.

In last year's Christian Giving programme we allocated a gift of £100 to Jane Willford in recognition of the fact that in her "overseas year" of her modern languages degree at Bristol University she has deliberately sought to combine language studies with useful Christian work. This gift was further supplemented by an anonymous donation of £150. The gift of £250 is given to assist with the costly airfare to Argentina next month in connection with her spanish studies. At present she is in the final stages of her french studies and it is from France that she has written this 'thankyou letter'.

THANK YOU!



"I am writing to say how much I appreciate the support you have shown me in offering the 'love gift' to help pay for my flight to Argentina. It is really good to know that I have the support, both financial and prayer, of the Body of Christ at Deane. I shall be spending 5 months working with Jeremy and Jan Howat, missionaries with S.A.M.S., at their church in Roserio. They want me to try to help encourage the youth and the music there, and I'm trusting in God that the gifts and experience he has given me, along with my mustard seed of faith will be enough to produce some fruit. Its really a bit scary when I think of the reality of my going there, but I have to keep reminding myself that "God works for the good of those who those who love him", even, and especially, when we suffer.

Since October I have been working in a L'Arche community. This is an International Christian Charity which welcomes mentally handicapped people 'les personnes'. We live and work together in a community. Each individual is accepted as they are, with their strengths and weaknesses. I live in a foyer for 10 people - 6 'personnes' and 4 assistants. Much emphasis is placed on being attentive towards those around us, and it is often the 'personnes' who demonstrate the deepest and purest sort of love. I feel very privileged to share in how they live here.

Once again loads of thanks. Its really good to feel that I have the church behind me. I feel that this 'love gift' has been given in the spirit that led the Apostles in Acts ch 4 v.32 to share their possessions. I look forward to sharing with you some of the things God has given and will give me. I hope to see you in late February as I move from France to Argentina. Love and prayers. Jane Willford.

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to all who through their regular giving contribute to God's work through our Church.



	<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose Collection</u>	<u>Totals</u>
December 5	£ 609.31	£ 98.86	£ 708.17
12	657.15	86.95	744.10
19	800.16	119.98	920.14
24/25	-	367.66	367.66
26	455.29	46.51	501.80
Weekday	-	162.95	162.95
Standing Orders	161.25	-	161.25
	<u>£ 2683.16</u>	<u>£ 882.91</u>	<u>£ 3566.07</u>

In the comparable period of the previous year the amount given was £3260.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The amount donated came from the following sources:

Brought forward from the Harvest Appeal	.73
Pensioners at the meeting of the Crompton Charity	57.60
Carol singing parties in Old Peoples' Homes	40.00
Sunday loose donations	24.05
Contents of 95 envelopes	<u>517.62</u>
	640.00
Less cost of promotional materials	<u>6.00</u>
	£ <u>634.00</u>



A cheque for £634.00 is being sent to Tear Fund for the support they give to projects in Bangladesh and elsewhere which creates jobs making use of natural skills in areas of unemployment. The products of these schemes are often sold in Tearcraft and Traidcraft shops in this country. Thankyou to all who contributed in any way to this total.

The Ladies Guild have invited Miss M Davidson to talk about her "Cruise from Los Angeles to Sydney" on Tuesday February 1st. "Painted Eggs" is the title of Mrs Heslop's talk on February 15th. Members are then encouraged to join one of the Midweek Lent Groups which begin on February 22nd.

The Mothers' Union meet on Wednesday February 2nd in the Church Lounge and on Ash Wednesday, February 16th at the Rectory. Thereafter members are encouraged to join in one of the Midweek Lent groups.