

THE PARISH OF DEANE

DEANE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 1995

SUNDAY DIARY

5. FIFTH IN LENT

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
3.00pm Evensong

9. PALM SUNDAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion

16. EASTER DAY

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Communion
6.30pm Evensong

23. FIRST AFTER EASTER

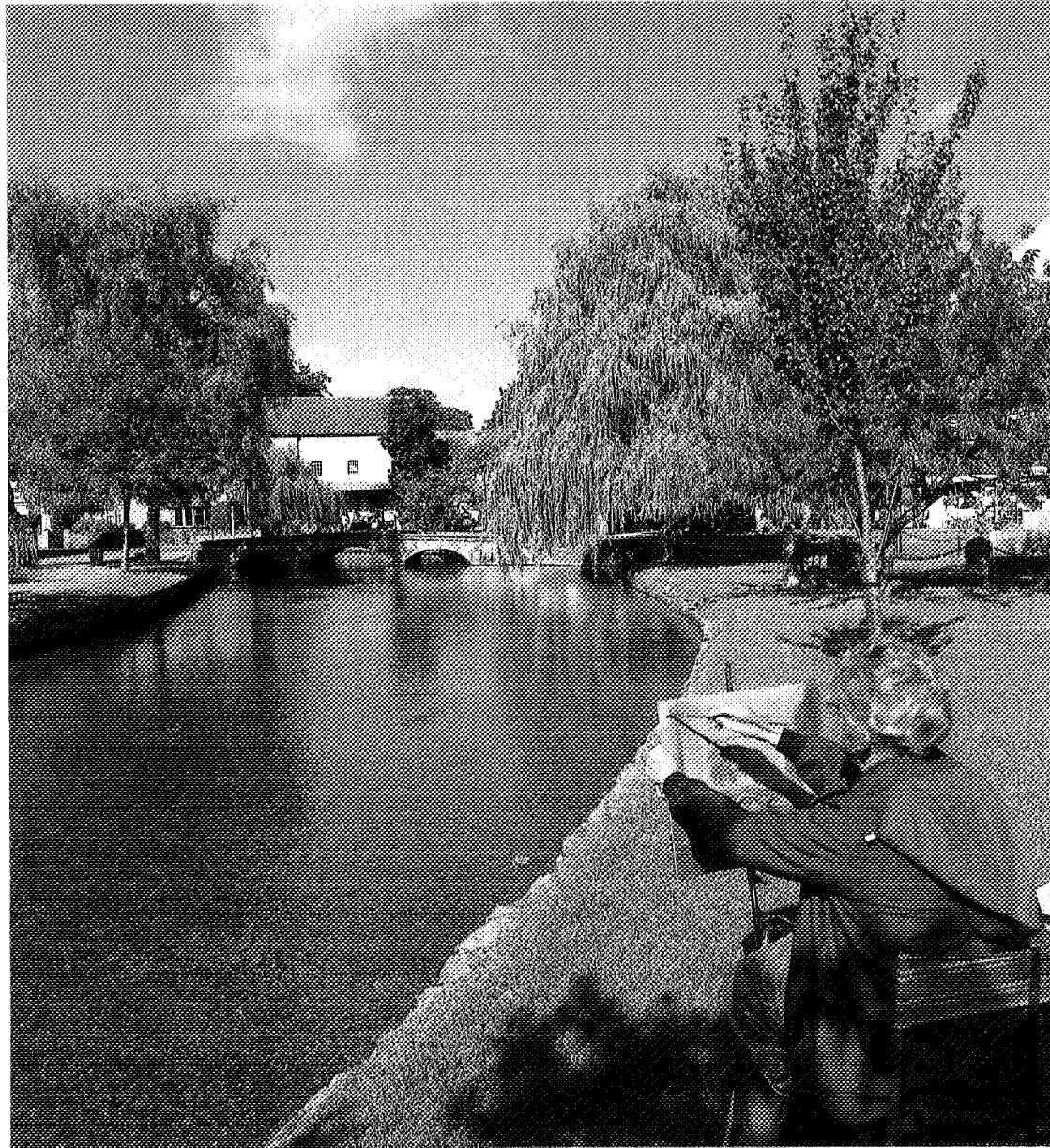
Theme: The Upper Room

8.00am Communion
10.30am Family Service
2.00pm George Marsh
Memorial Service
6.30pm Evensong with the
Way Forward video

30. SECOND AFTER EASTER

Theme: The Emmaus Road

8.00am Communion
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Family Communion



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MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge.

"All Fools Quiz Night": Saturday April 1st at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Lent Studies on the Lenten Gospels in the context of Holy Communion in the Church Lounge on Tuesday April 4th at 8.00pm and on Wednesday April 5th at 10.00am and 8.00pm.

Annual Church Meeting: Tuesday April 11th at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

Maundy Thursday Agape' Meal: April 13th at 7.30pm in the Church Lounge.

Good Friday: Morning Service at 10.30am.

Prayer Focus: Wednesday April 19th at 8.00pm in the Church Lounge.

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)

Les Kilsby
1386 Junction Rd West (492351)

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Lay Stan Wilson
Chairman: 11 Clough Meadow (492034)

Honorary Keith Acton
Treasurer: 3 Mallowdale Close (842723)

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

CHAIRMEN OF WORKING GROUPS

Finance: Keith Acton
Pastoral: Stan Wilson
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)

Verger: 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.

Jane Hampson (848433)
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 & Thursdays 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.
Jean Aspinall (63948)

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

25th March, 1995.

The success of our town's football team in reaching the Coco Cola Cup Final at Wembley on Sunday, April 2nd has presented us with a problem. In the context of the evening service on that day we had planned to receive the Bishop of Manchester's visitors, and to watch the video which they are to bring with them in connection with the Bishop's Way Forward initiative. This is a very significant occasion and it is most important that as many of us as possible are present.



The Way Forward

Looking to the Future in the Diocese of Manchester

However, rumour has it that many of our congregation are planning to be at Wembley on that day, and of those not going many more will be watching the fortunes of Bolton Wanderers on T.V.

This situation will present some Christians with a clash of loyalties; we wish to support our local team but we also recognise the importance of meeting with "the Lord's people, in the Lord's house on the Lord's day". I regret this very much for I believe that I am sufficiently realistic to recognise that many will choose to be on the terraces at Wembley rather than on the pews at Deane. In the light of this our Church Council has resolved to.....

1. Postpone the Way Forward evening until Sunday, April 23rd at 6.30 pm.
2. Bring forward the evening service on April 2nd to 3.00 pm, to enable T.V. viewers to watch the game which begins at 5.00 pm.
3. Encourage everyone of us to give a high priority to the evening service on April 23rd, especially those who don't usually attend the evening service, and those who went to Wembley or watched the game on T.V. The Bishop of Manchester has invested a great deal of thought and time, prayer and effort in this initiative. It is to be hoped that we will give it a similar priority.

At the present time the Labour party is wrestling with the problem of re-writing Clause IV of its constitution to make it more relevant for the present day. In a sense Jesus did something similar with the 4th Commandment. The religious leaders of his day placed a very narrow and negative interpretation upon how the Sabbath was to be spent. By his own example Jesus showed that a high priority should be given to worship, but it was also a day for doing good deeds such as relieving pain and distress. I have found that when I make worship my top priority there is still plenty of time for relaxation, recreation and the doing of good works.



Our daughter, Alison, is to be married in Deane Church to Philip Partington on Saturday May 6th at 2.00 pm. Mary and I wish to invite as many of the Church Family as wish to join us on this occasion, both at the service and then afterwards in the Memorial Hall for a short "Cake and Wine" reception with light refreshments. There will be an opportunity to toast the bride and groom before they go to the main reception for their families and close friends. To give us some idea how many we should cater for, it would be most helpful if you could sign the list under the general invitation on the Church notice board if you are planning to accept our invitation.

Roger B. Jackson.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER.

Palm Sunday, April 9. The Palm crosses that are distributed at all the services are made in seven mud villages in Tanzania, where the income for each mud hut is approximately £30 a year! This small sum has to purchase all household necessities such as clothes for parents and children, salt, soap, and it also has to pay for travel to the nearest hospital for medical treatment. By purchasing these African Palm Crosses we are giving employment to people whose income is so very limited.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Tuesday April 11th at 7.30 pm.

This is the occasion when the outgoing Church Council gives a report of its "stewardship" over the past year. A copy of the audited accounts is published on the notice board in Church. A most important item of business is to elect the churchwardens and Church Council for the coming year. Do please make use of the nomination lists in Church for this not only saves time on the evening, but it also represents a much more responsible approach to the appointment of leaders.

Maundy Thursday Agapé Meal April 13th at 7.30 pm.

When Jesus instituted the Communion service it was in the context of a "fellowship meal" at the Jewish Passover on what we call Maundy Thursday. Following our tradition we too will commemorate this occasion during an evening meal together. We each bring a quantity of food to share with others, and so that we don't all bring sausage rolls there is a catering list in Church for you to indicate what you will bring.

Good Friday. April 14th at 10.30 am Our CYFA group and their leaders will be responsible for both a dramatic sketch and the talk on this occasion.

Easter Eve April 15th. Help with decorating the Church for the Easter services will be appreciated from 9.30 onwards.

Easter Day April 16th. Details of the services are on the front cover of this publication.

Easter Monday April 17th. In connection with the twinning arrangement between our borough and Le Mans in France we have been asked to be the hosts for a musical concert which begins at 7.30 pm. The organist is Elisabeth Wilson, the assistant organist at Le Mans Cathedral accompanied by Michael Tizon, oboe. Admission at the door is £1.00.

BITS & PIECES

On Tuesday April 25th The Ladies Guild have invited a former captain of the Queen Mary, Mr. A. N. Thompson of Over Hulton, to speak on "Life on the Queen Mary".



Those who took part in the programme recorded at Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium last September may be interested to know that a video is now available. It contains 35 minutes of previously unseen material, as well as the highlights from the broadcast itself. The video can be obtained from the Wesley Owen Christian Bookshop on Deansgate opposite the main post office.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM....

Chris Kilsby, the CYPECS Co-ordinator.

Once again I am appealing for help in our children's organisations. Firstly, in Climbers, which is the section of our Sunday School that looks after the 5 to 7 year olds, there will be the need for a new leader and a teacher. Pauline Ridyard, who has been leader for many years, will be taking well-deserved retirement in the summer and Gail Cheetham will also be leaving, having been with Climbers for three years. Then in Pathfinders, which caters for our 11 to 14 year olds, David Dewhurst and I intend to finish as leaders when we break up for the summer holidays. David has been with Pathfinders for twelve years and I shall have been there for almost seven years. We both feel that there is the need for a change of leadership; it's time the Pathfinders have a new approach and some fresh enthusiasm. David has had the ultimate responsibility rôle and it's far more important to find a replacement for him than it is for me but, obviously, we would like to see new leaders replacing both of us.

I'm sure that Pauline, Gail and David would agree with me when I say that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve God in this area of His work at Deane but taking on these rôles should never be an indefinite commitment. What we need is a more regular turnover of leaders, bringing new ideas and insights, and in a Church the size of ours this should not be the uphill struggle it always seems to be. So, can you help? Please don't see this as yet another appeal which can be ignored because there will always be someone else to do it. There has to come a time when that someone else is you. If you feel that you can help in any way, or that you would like to know more about what's involved, don't hesitate to contact me; I shall be delighted to hear from you!

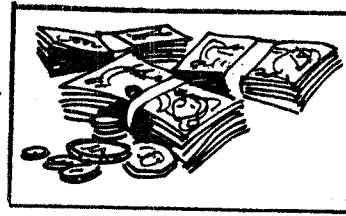
Eric Downs, a J-Team leader.

On average about 30 children attend the J-Team on Friday afternoons after school. In addition to those who organise the sessions, several church organisations and individuals generously provide the squash and biscuits which the children enjoy. We are grateful too for those who, on a rota basis, escort the children from St. Mary's School to the Memorial Hall. Anyone who can afford a half hour from 3.30 pm - 4 p.m. on the occasional Friday afternoon is invited to have a word with me.

The Social Committee requests that those who have booked to go on the Parish Weekend in Grange, in May attend a brief meeting in the Church Lounge on Thursday April 27th at 8.00 pm. for the purpose of collecting final subscriptions and receiving details of the programme. Places can now be booked for the Theatre Outing, on Wednesday evening May 3rd to see "Happy as a Sandbag" at the Little Theatre. This is a musical review covering the 1939-45 war on the home front to celebrate the 50th anniversary of V.E. Day. Tickets cost £4.

Marjorie Stokes, who attended this year's Women's World Day of Prayer at the new Salvation Army Citadel. This year's service entitled "The Earth is a House for all People" had been planned by the women of Ghana. It was an inspiring, well attended occasion, and the drama of "The Prodigal Son" was a welcome variation. A missionary to Ghana spoke about life there, and how worshippers would often walk several miles on a Sunday to go to Church. As an act of fellowship and sharing we each ate a grape and shook hands with our neighbours.

MONEY MATTERS



We wish to thank those who contribute to the work of God through His Church in Deane.

		Planned Giving	Loose	Totals
		Envelopes	Collections	
February	5	£640.60	£ 96.51	£ 737.11
	12	570.81	172.56	743.37
	19	501.82	109.34	611.16
	26	638.18	171.07	809.25
Standing Orders		133.75	-	133.75
Weekdays		-	66.96	66.96
		<u>£2,485.16</u>	<u>£616.44</u>	<u>£3,101.60</u>

In the corresponding month last year the total given was £3,026.

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Marjorie Stokes wishes to thank those who have contributed towards the total of £106.66 through their collecting boxes for the work of the **Children's society**. She reminds us that we can support this vital work not only by our giving but also by our praying. The society produces a "Cycle of Prayer" and Marjorie will be happy to supply a copy to any who ask for one.

Mary Grundy wishes to express her appreciation to all those who sent her cards, flowers and donations in lieu of flowers in her recent bereavement at the loss of her husband Norman after a long illness. We acknowledge the receipt of £258.

IN THE NEWS



Thanksgiving

On February 26th we gave thanks with these parents for the birth of their children:
 Janine Bagguley of 24 Sutton Road for Elecia May
 Michaela Eccles of 63 Junction Road for Benjamin
 Jayne Allen of 2 Paris Street for Leigh James
 Martin and Helen Swift of 194 Armadale Road for Kyle Alexander.

Baptism. On March 12th we welcomed these children into membership of the Church Family:
 James David Hughes 7 Baysdale Avenue, Ferncrest.
 Sarah Smiley 24 Melbourne Road, Deane
 Helen Elizabeth Smith 34 Lakelands Drive, Ladybridge.

Attendance Awards have been gained

at Climbers by Thomas Hampson and Ben Vickers for 25 attendances
 Rachael Glover and Stuart Haldon for 50 attendances
 at Explorers by Michael Hodgkinson and Thomas Young for 80 attendances
 Emma Bateson for 120 attendances.