

# DEANE CHURCH NEWS

**FEBRUARY 1997**

## SUNDAY DIARY

### 2. 2nd BEFORE LENT

Theme:  
Christ the Healer

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Communion  
6.00pm Evensong

### 9. 1st BEFORE LENT

Theme:  
Christ the Friend  
of Sinners

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Morning Prayer  
6.30pm Family Communion

### 16. 1st IN LENT

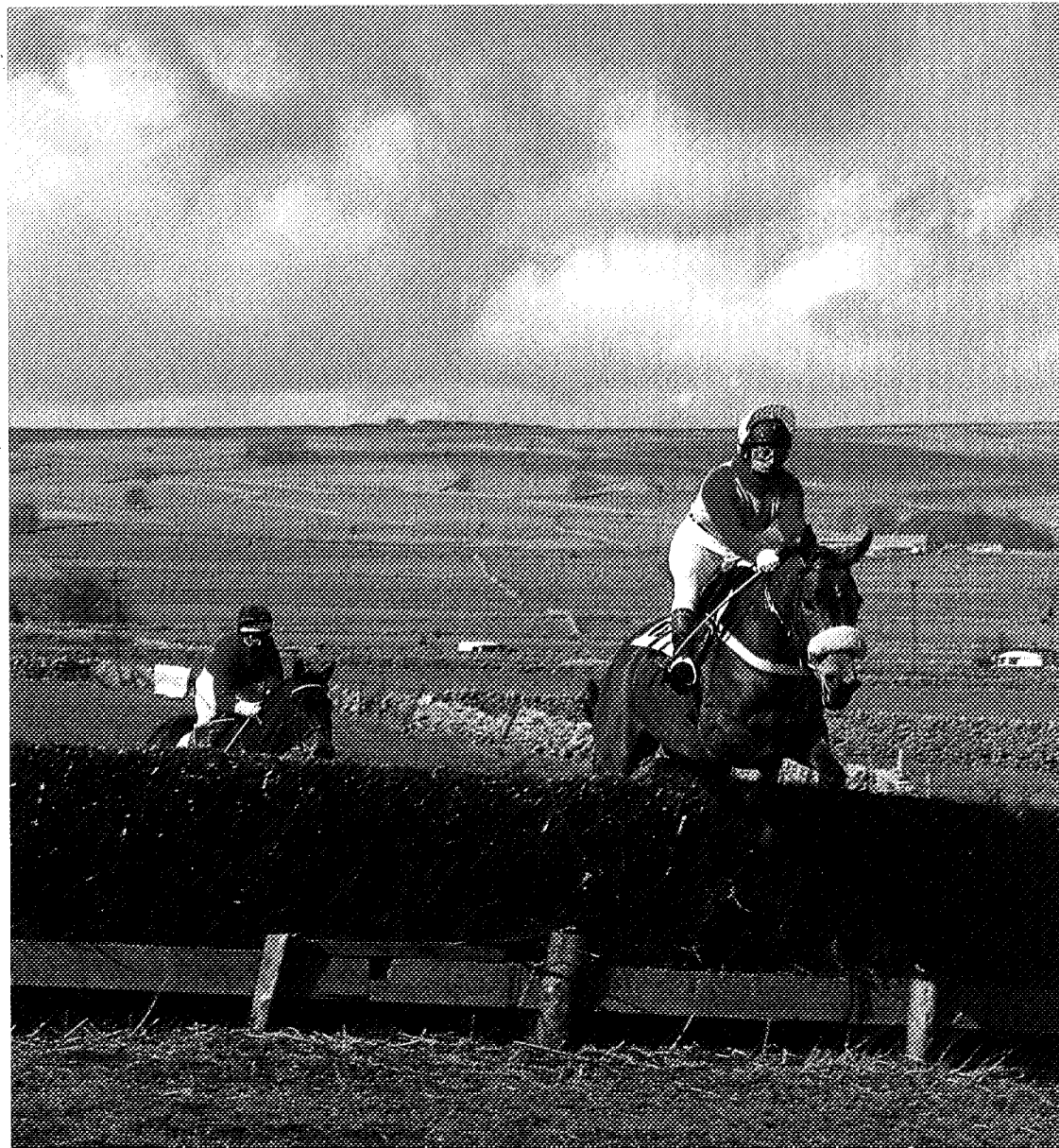
Theme:  
Temptation

8.00am Communion  
9.45am Broadcast Service  
of Holy Communion  
2.15pm Recording of 2nd  
Broadcast Service

### 23. 2nd IN LENT

Theme:  
Conflict

8.00am Communion  
10.30am Family Service  
6.30pm Family Communion



*'Point-to-point race meeting' by C. Knowles*  
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## MIDWEEK DIARY

Communion: Every Wednesday at 10.00am in the Church Lounge

Home Groups: Tuesday and Wednesday February 4th and 5th

Lent Groups: Tuesdays and Wednesdays February 18/19, 25/26

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

## WHO'S WHO

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

**Vicar:** Paul Ellis  
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)

Pat Boydell  
21 New York (61450)

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

**Pastoral + Mission:** Craig Mochrie  
**Worship:** Philip Gore  
**Buildings & Fabric:** Mike Kirkby  
**Social:** Bryan Shephard

### OTHER OFFICIALS

**Organist:** Jim Needham  
130 The Pewfist  
Westhoughton (01942 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)

**Caretaker:** David McCormick  
34 Junction Road (654503)

## WHAT'S ON

**Creche:** under 3 years  
Elizabeth Gardiner (660460)

**Scramblers:** 3 to 5 years

**Climbers:** 5 to 7 years  
Denise Cox (653326)

**Explorers:** 7 to 11 years  
Jane Hampson (848433)  
All meet in the Memorial Hall on Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

**Pathfinders:** 11 to 14 years  
Chris Kilsby (492351)  
The Memorial Hall, Fridays 7.15 - 9.00 p.m.

**C.Y.F.A.:** 14 to 18 years  
Charlie Moore (64313)  
Dorothy Cox (62889)  
The Memorial Hall, Sundays 8.00 - 9.30 p.m.

### CHURCH CHOIR

Rehearsals on Sundays at 11.45 a.m.  
Jim Needham (01942 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.  
Brenda Dixon (653333)

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

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

### UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Meet in the Scout/Guide Hut

**Brownies:** 1 Tuesdays at 6.30 p.m.  
Lily Jarrett (63511)  
2 Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.  
Janet Barnsley (665896)

**Guides:** Mondays at 7.15 p.m.  
Carole Baxendale (419167)

**Cubs:** Thursdays at 6.45 p.m.  
Wendy Gooding (653277)

**Beavers:** Mondays at 5.45 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 January, 1997.

## Television Broadcasts

It came as a complete surprise to me to be contacted by Anglia Television for permission to broadcast two of their Lent services from Deane Church. I hadn't realized that this company is solely responsible for producing the whole series of Sunday morning services for all the ITV network. Each year these services are televised from all corners of the U.K. and then transmitted to an audience of up to a million people in all parts of the country. Because we have been invited to stand in at short notice for another Church I consulted our organist and churchwardens who were unanimous in agreeing that we should proceed even though the time was short.

The first service will be broadcast live on Sunday February 16th at 10.45 am and it will last 55 minutes and 40 seconds precisely! The congregation is required to be in place by 9.45 am at the latest. The producer wants the broadcast to be very similar to our normal Family Communion though, of course, we will be conscious of the presence of lights, microphones, cameras and television crew members. However, they are most anxious to intrude as little as possible so that we are able to worship and invite the viewers also to worship with us.

The second service will be recorded the same afternoon from 2.00 to 4.30 pm to be broadcast on Sunday March 9th. As this will be Mothering Sunday this service will be a Family Service with a distinctly Mothering Sunday flavour about it. For this second service the producer has asked me to extend an invitation to the other Christian Churches in this area to join with us and this I am very happy to do.

The preacher on both occasions will be the Rev'd Dr. Colin Morris, a Boltonian who was President of the Methodist Conference several years ago. He is a regular broadcaster and will be preaching a series of seven sermons with the title "Back to Basics". I have invited a number of our Church family to take a leading role in the two broadcasts as readers, singers in the choir and music group, musicians and leaders of the intercessions. For these people this will involve a considerable amount of rehearsal time. I commend them and indeed the two services to your prayers.

As a consequence of these arrangements the Sunday School Departments will not meet separately on that Sunday morning. Instead I wish to encourage parents to come with their children and sit together as families either in the morning or more especially in the afternoon. There will be no evening service at Deane that day.

## Lent Reading

For the last few weeks in my Quiet Time I have been reading David Winter's day-by-day reflections on the words of Handel's Messiah. David Winter was a schoolteacher who eventually became Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, after which he was ordained. He is an extremely good communicator who has that ability to take familiar words and phrases which we use but do not really understand, and make them so much clearer and meaningful. I have found these reflections most helpful as I found his "What's in a Word" very enlightening in the 40 days of Lent last year. I can warmly commend one or other of those books to you for your own use this Lent. They are obtainable from the Wesley Owen bookshop on Deansgate or can be ordered through our Church bookstall at £5.99 each. I am planning to read his "40 Days with the Messiah" again but this time accompanied by a cassette of selections from the Messiah sung by members of the world famous choir of St. Margaret's Westminster. I am looking forward to this because the music can greatly enhance our understanding of the words. The book and cassette are available separately or together in a pack.

Roger B. Jackson.

# MONEY MATTERS



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

		<u>Planned Giving</u>	<u>Loose</u>	
		<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Totals</u>
December	1	£ 653.09	£ 77.19	£730.28
	8	626.41	92.87	719.28
	15	511.59	87.14	598.73
	22	557.30	159.87	717.17
	24/25		340.51	340.51
	29	630.59	60.93	691.52
Standing Orders		243.75		243.75
Weekdays			60.55	60.55
		<u>£3,222.73</u>	<u>£879.06</u>	<u>£4,101.79</u>

In the corresponding period last year the amount given was £4,005

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As a result of the **Christmas Appeal** a sum of £530 will be sent to Tear Fund for the work which it is doing throughout the world helping children who are in need. The amount donated came from the following sources.

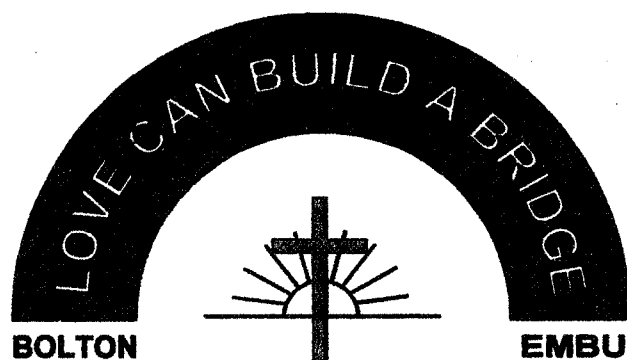


Late donations brought forward from the Harvest Appeal	7.00
Contents of 87 envelopes	466.10
Loose donations	30.90
Carol Singing Parties to Old Peoples Homes	30.00
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	534.00
Less promotional materials	4.00
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	<u>£530.00</u>

In addition a further £58.70 was donated by those who took up the suggestion of sending one Christmas Card to the members of the Church Family and donated the money saved on postage and purchasing numerous cards for all and sundry. The Church Council will decide whether this money is to be added to the Christmas Appeal or donated to another charity.

## LAUGHLINES

A Salvation Army lass accosted an elderly money lender in Bond Street during Self Denial Week and said "Will you give a pound to the Lord?" "How old are you?" said he. And she replied, "Nineteen". "Well said the moneylender, "I am seventy-five so I shall be seeing him before you do, and I'll give it to him."



Sheila Dewhurst-Taylor writes:

Thankyou once again to those of you who regularly support the street children of Embu with your prayers and donations. It is my prayer that this year we will receive enough money to complete the building we started, and that you will keep the children in your hearts and keep on with your generous giving so that we can take on another project which will make a difference in the lives of these children. I have recently received the following prayer requests from Deaconess Jesse who assists our good friend Johnson Maringa.

1. Continue to pray that the Lord will meet our needs and even shower us with his blessings.
2. We need food, and food here is very expensive because of last season's drought.
3. We need to ask God to give us good health; illness is a big problem.
4. All the children are doing well in school, so all the children will be able to move up a class, which requires everything new, books, uniforms and exam fees.

The building that Sheila left is still incomplete; pray that God may give us funds to complete it.

Jesse also says a big thank you to the people who sent money for chickens. At the moment the money has been put to one side because there has been an outbreak of chicken disease. When it is over we will buy chickens. Thank you also for the £30 sent to help with the Christmas celebrations. Jesse, staff and children send their Greetings and Blessing for the New Year.

**More Snapshots from thankyou letters received from some of the agencies we support through our Christian Giving Programme.**

**STUDYLINK**

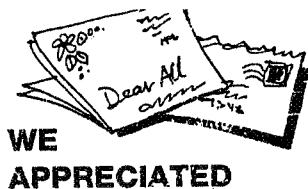


"It was a great encouragement to receive your generous donation of £340. Support of this kind is deeply appreciated particularly when you have such increased demands on your Diocesan Quota. Be assured that this investment in people like Jacob Ayeebo whom you so kindly welcomed before Christmas is valued enormously by the churches which they serve in a key role on their return home".



"A very sincere thankyou for your very kind donation of £185 as part of your annual allocation of gifts. As you are aware, we are accepted by the government, respected by them, but not sponsored by them so our service relies upon support of friends like yourselves".

# BITS & PIECES



I just had to put pen to paper to express my appreciation to the Social Committee for the excellent buffet lunch, cooked and presented so wonderfully on Saturday January 11th. It was a delight to then be able to sit back and enjoy the afternoon's entertainment.

I enjoyed the children singing and displaying their musical talents, the duet of Bill and Mina singing their way through the shows and Bob with his nonstop humour as he kept the proceedings going. The committee must have put a lot of time, thought and effort into the occasion. Nothing was too much trouble. I'm sure I'm speaking for everyone when I say "A good time was had by all".

Joyce Walsh.

## THANK YOU!



We wish to thank everyone for your cards, good wishes presents and visits during and following Terry's recent major operation. We are especially grateful for your prayers which were a great source of strength, comfort and support. We thank God for each and everyone of you.

Terry and Marjorie Oakes.



**Midweek Lent Groups.** will be meeting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the middle five weeks of Lent. "Saints at Prayer" is the title of the course we shall be using. Each week we shall examine a phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

February 18/19	The Father in Heaven
February 25/26	The Kingdom perspective
March 4/5	Presenting our needs
March 11/12	Repentance and forgiveness
March 18/19	Temptation and battle

If you are not already a member of an existing home group and you wish to take part in this course during Lent, then please 'sign on' using the list in Church.

## **Electoral Roll Revision.**

The Church Council is required to update our official list of Church members every year. The revision period this year begins on Sunday February 16th and lasts until the Council meets on Monday March 3rd. If you applied for membership of the new roll last year then your name will be on the lists displayed on the Church notice board and there is no need to apply again. However, there are many regular attenders who either didn't apply last year or who have joined us more recently, and we especially wish to encourage such people to apply this year. It is most important that the revised roll is a true reflection of our membership. Application forms are available in Church.