



August & September 2025

St Oswald's Parish Church, Dean

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Services and activities

St Oswald's Church is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and welcomes all who wish to visit. **Our Sunday morning services are at 10.00 a.m.** – on the 1st Sunday of each month we have a traditional Book of Common Prayer said Holy Communion, the 2nd a Common Worship Morning Prayer with hymns & refreshments, the 3rd a short said Celtic Morning Prayer & the 4th a full Common Worship Holy Communion with hymns & refreshments.

More information about our Church including Services can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/dean-st-oswald and on Facebook.

Church News

On 5th August in the year 604 – just 1,421 years ago – a baby boy was born in Bamburgh Castle on the Northumbrian Coast – a son for the then King of Northumbria. The castle has been rebuilt more than once since then, but the boy who was born that day is still remembered by people all over Europe.

Here are some thoughts from our Churchwarden, Clare Chittenden.

“Did you know that St.Oswald is one of the most important European Saints? He is the patron Saint of Dean Church and that his saint’s day is August 5th. Many churches are dedicated to St Oswald.

Oswald was born at Bamburgh Castle where he lived with his parents and siblings, his father was the pagan king of Northumbria. After his father’s death in battle Oswald and two of his siblings went to Iona where they were brought up and taught by the community.

Oswald was a soldier who returned to Northumbria after his brother also died in battle trying to regain the throne of Northumbria. Oswald was victorious and became king. He was a wise and just king who brought Education and Christianity to the area; helped by Aidan who came from the community at Iona at Oswald’s request to set up the community at Lindisfarne.

St. Oswald and St. Aidan are depicted in the stained-glass window at the front of Dean Church; they knew each other well and worked as a very effective team. They have both given us a Christian inheritance.”

On Sunday 10th August at 10 o’clock our Church Service will be a celebration and thanksgiving for St Oswald, with the opportunity to learn more about this very special man, and how he fits in to Dean Church for more than 850 years. Oswald and Aidan worked together for less than 8 years, but they travelled widely across England, and it is known that they did visit and preach at Grasmere where the church is named after Oswald. Whether they called in at Dean we don’t know, but their message got here, and when our lovely old church was built in 1175 it was named after him too. He was the trailblazer for the Christian message in this part of the world, and there have been some significant people who have followed that trail blazed to Dean in the past 850 years – take a look at how and when that original building in 1175 has been transformed into this place today – that transformation influenced by Oswald’s vision. Education came to Dean in 1597 with the establishment of the boys grammar school in the church grounds. In the churchyard surrounding the Church – earliest readable gravestone dated back to 1683 – are inscriptions which show that Oswald’s message got through to countless people down the centuries. Moving on to the 19th century – the Victorian and Edwardian eras – saw the arrival of Samuel Sherwen – the first schoolteacher at the brand new Paddle School in 1814, also took on the post of curate in Dean Church in 1815 - his family – traders in Whitehaven – “bought the living” in 1825 – 200 years ago – and he became the Rector of Dean – the first of a chain of

three generations of Sherwens for the following 118 years, in which time they influenced the development of Dean parish – Samuel had built, at his own expense, Dean School (for girls) in the late 1860, which became the national school for both girls & boys, when education for children became compulsory in 1890. His nephew William had built in 1912, at his own expense, the Kirkstile Hall – both significant additions to Dean & the surrounding district – if Samuel had not heard and responded to Oswald's call, Dean would be a different place today. So it is right and proper that we should celebrate the birth of Oswald, **and if you feel like joining us for that celebration you will be warmly welcomed on Sunday 10th August at 10 a.m.**

Christian Aid week 2025 Outcome

The amount collected during Christian Aid week in the Parish this year was £837, including Gift Aid and on-line donations, which was a creditable result from our small communities and which was of the same order as last year's total. It would not have been achieved without everybody's contributions, large or small, which do go a long way in Christian Aid's hands by its use of local agencies to provide aid in each country.

A big thank you for the generosity of everyone who contributed to making a difference to those less fortunate than ourselves, and also to those who delivered the envelopes, or acted as a collection point for them, without whom it would also not have been possible.



Dean WI

Ten members visited the Roman Museum in Maryport in June and listened to a very interesting talk. This was followed by a very nice supper at The Ginn House, Clifton. Over the last couple of months some of our members have been very busy. Our enthusiastic darts team were runners up in the county darts league competition. They are busy practising every week in preparation for next year. In June Helen Wilson and Judith Jarman achieved a well-deserved first in a class at the Cumberland Show and were presented with a plaque. Well done ladies!

Our next meeting is on August 19th when Carol Adams will give us an insight into the Cumbria Community Foundation's work, while on 16th September we have "Deep Doctors".

We are planning a coffee morning in the very near future in aid of The Calvert Trust. The date will be confirmed shortly.

If you would like to try one of our meetings you would be most welcome. We meet in the Kirkstile Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. on the third Tuesday each month.

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Saturday 20th September at 7 30pm

ARTS OUT WEST

NANCY'S ORANGE and THE BUTTERFLY COLLECTOR

In this unique double bill, two actor writers, Grace Kirby and Peter MacQueen, perform their own one-person shows each directed by the other

Nancy's Orange is inspired by Grace's experiences in a part -time job delivering NHS prescriptions to patients in the beautiful but remote countryside of the North Pennines and along the Cumbrian stretch of Hadrian's Wall.

The Butterfly Collector As well as a successful actor and writer (well known for his work with Theatre by the lake), Peter MacQueen is a keen amateur naturalist with a particular passion for butterflies and moths, The play brings both these strands of his life together

Tickets £12 £6 u18/student includes tea and biscuits but you are welcome to bring your own drinks

Helen Finn 07786 016670 Margaret Trotter 01946 861458

or from the Kirkgate box office or website

Household tips.

Crisp a wilted lettuce by opening it out and leaving it to soak in iced water for a few minutes.

To lessen the strong smell of boiling cauliflower add a couple of bay leaves.

When cooking green vegetables plunge them into fast boiling water for a minimum time of 5-10mins. They will keep their colour.

Olives will keep longer once the jar is opened if you add a dessert spoon of oil to the brine

Dean Arts and Scarecrow Event May 2026 – update

At the last meeting of the arts festival committee, we agreed the main events for the programme for 2026. There are lots of new acts so watch this space.

Don't forget to start thinking about your scarecrow!!

Just to remind everyone that anyone can attend meetings and join in the organising the festival, the next meeting is on September 9th at 7.30pm in the Kirkstile Community Centre. If you cannot attend but would like to be involved in any way please contact Carol Thomas on 01900 603073.

The next talk in the Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society programme is on
Thursday 18 September

Bruce Bennison will speak on

Clouties and Mud – Long Meg Stone Circle and Birdoswald Roman Fort.

Separated in time by over 3,000 years, the stone circle Long Meg and Her Daughters and the Roman Fort at Birdoswald are two of the best-known archaeological sites in Cumbria.

The archaeologist Bruce Bennison will talk about his personal experiences of these sites, recounting some of the stories behind the important discoveries being made from recent excavations and surveys.

The talk will take place at 7.30 at the Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, CA13 9UJ.

Parking is tricky, so please leave plenty of time to find a spot.

Visitors welcome £4 cash payable at the door; includes refreshments.

www.derwentfells.com

Kirkstile Community Centre

We will be holding a number of events in the autumn to raise additional money to pay for the heating system, so please support them.

They will be advertised in the magazine, on facebook and on our website.

The first event will be held on October 24th 2025 in The Kirkstile Community Centre at 7.30pm £10.00 per ticket, featuring Spectrum with our very own Mark Geddes who is part of the band. They play music across the decades so there will be something for everyone. Please save the date.

If you want to reserve tickets contact

Carol Thomas on 01900 603073 or Sybil Worsley on 01946861580

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by Emma Rydal



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Filled with humour and drama, 'Soaked' seems to unnerve.

Kirkstile Community Centre, Dean CA14 4TH

Friday 14th November 7.30pm

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Thursday Club in UVH
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25th September
Outing.

Lunch Club in UVH
11th September 12-30pm

Soup, bread, cheese and biscuits, cake.
Company and chat.

**“Nancy’s Orange &
the Butterfly Collector”**
in UVH – 20th September

“Spectrum”

fund raising event at 7.30 p.m.
in KCC on 24th October

“Soaked” in KCC

On 14th November
at 7.30 p.m.

Dean Civil Parish Community Response Group

The CRG now has a quantity of equipment suitable to mitigate the worse effects of storms, power outages and similar emergencies.

Later this summer we expect to arrange an event to demonstrate our new capabilities and give volunteers a chance to familiarise themselves with the equipment.

Watch Parish Notice Boards etc for more information in due course.

and please remember – this is your notice board.

Dates for your Diary

August

Sunday	3 rd	10.00 a.m.	BCP said Holy Communion
Sunday	10 th	10.00 a.m.	Saint Oswald's Day Service
Sunday	17 th	10.00 a.m.	Said Morning Prayer
	19 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
Sunday	24 th	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
	28 th	2.00 p.m.	Thursday Club in UVH
Sunday	31 st	9.15 a.m.	Benefice Service at Brigham

September

Sunday	7 th	10.00 a.m.	BCP said Holy Communion
	11 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
Sunday	14 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	16 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
	20 th	7.30 p.m.	"Nancy's Orange & the Butterfly Collector" - UVH
Sunday	21 st	10.00 a.m.	Said Celtic Morning Prayer
	25 th		Thursday Club Outing
Sunday	28 th	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion

Plus our regular weekly activities

Day	Time	What & Where
Monday	10.30 a.m.	Art Group in KCC
	10.00 a.m.	Marron Valley Handbells in UVH
	7.00 p.m.	"Sing owt" Choir in UVH
Tuesday	9.30 a.m.	"Dean Ducklings" Playgroup in Dean School
	6.00 p.m.	Ballet Classes for adults in UVH
Wednesday	10.30 a.m.	Dean Handbell Ringers in KCC
Thursday	8.00 p.m.	Oswald Singers in Dean School.
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Art Class in UVH

Need help in your neighbourhood?

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