



October 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

As the actual date of St. Oswald's day in August fell in the middle of the week we celebrated in Church on consecutive Sundays using different styles of service.

The following beautiful, sunny Sunday we were delighted to host the baptism service for Clara Beadsmore and welcome her into the church family.

At the beginning of September, Askins and Little, the Stonemasons arrived to carry out the work detailed in our last quinquennial inspection. The church building is now better protected from the rain and wind. Recently our new bell ropes were fitted by two supportive volunteers from our community Tim Chittenden & Keith Thomas : we are grateful for the loan of Keith's tower and his assistance, many thanks.



Keith's snap
shot of Tim's
preparation
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and of his
venture into
the roof
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As well as
supplying
the tower &
taking the
photos,
Keith also
kept
everything
safe.



We are in the throes of applying for a faculty to enable us to fit removable handrails to assist members of the congregation negotiate the chancel steps. We expect to gain permission shortly. All these items are to be funded by church funds.

We know that our historic building is treasured within the community, the regular congregation is small but special services are well attended. Currently we are wondering whether anyone from the community could offer to assist us financially or give some time as voluntary help to take responsibility for small specific tasks. We are pleased to have individuals assisting on our regular cleaning rota, in maintenance of our churchyards and in collating the Parish Magazine; they form the founder members of Friends of St. Oswald's and we are most grateful for their assistance. One job that is becoming vacant at the end of the year is that of Editor of our Parish Magazine you will find the advert in this issue. Looking ahead our Harvest Festival is on 12th October. The Remembrance Sunday Service on the 9th November will start at 10.00 am and will conclude with the 2 minutes silence and prayers at the war memorial. All are welcome for any part of these services.

Did you know that we have a Memorial Book in Church? This is specifically for those who have been cremated and whose ashes are not interred in the churchyard? If you would like your loved one's names added please contact Clare, the churchwarden.



Dean WI

We are currently busy arranging our coffee morning which will be held on Saturday, 4th October in the Kirkstile Community Centre, 10 am to 12 noon, in aid of the Calvert Trust. Please come along and

support this worthy cause. There will be homemade scones and cakes, a tombola, produce stall and raffle.

October 21st is our 81st Birthday party. We are celebrating by hosting guests from Lamplugh, Moresby and Embleton W.I.s Entertainment will be provided by The Oswald Singers and there will be a homemade supper.

November 18th is our Annual General Meeting when members can enjoy a pie and pea supper.

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.

Louise Richardson

louiserichardson5@hotmail.co.uk - Tel: 01900 601231

Dean Parish News

We keep the cost of producing Parish News to a minimum through very competitively priced printing at Dean School, and putting the magazine together and getting it to you is all achieved by groups of willing volunteers in this parish.

We are grateful that Dean Parish Council recognise the community value of the magazine and do support it financially with an annual grant.

We are also grateful to the local businesses who pay for adverts – which let our readers know what local services are available.

But we also rely on the support of our readers – we hope you find Parish News useful – if so, this is your (annual) opportunity to help us to continue to provide it – free to every home in Branthwaite, Dean, Deanscales, Pardshaw/Pardshaw Hall & Ullock.

In this edition is an envelope – if you wish to contribute, please use it – the note on it explains how to get it to us. If you wish to use a cheque rather than cash in the envelope, please make cheques payable to Dean Parochial Church Council (or Dean PCC). Or, if it would be more convenient for you, you can make your donation by online banking to

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All contributions will be gratefully received.

Thank you for reading Parish News – and for your continued support.

If you think it can be improved, please let me know.

Michael Bonner – Editor (for now) – Dean Parish News

Dean Parish Council were asked by the local Citizens' Advice Bureau (still Allerdale) to publicise the following article. Of course their first thought was to see if there was room in Dean Parish News – and of course there was we made room



Question-

I'm starting to book tickets for Christmas events, but I've seen lots of stories in the news about people being left out of pocket if these are cancelled at the last minute, which is making me nervous.
How can I get a refund if this happens to me?

Answer-

Keep an eye on the organiser's website and social media profiles for all the latest updates. You won't be entitled to a refund if you change your mind about going or realise you can't go any more - but if an event is cancelled, your refund rights will depend on how you bought the ticket. If you bought your ticket from an official seller and the organiser cancels, moves, or reschedules the event, you should get a refund. The official seller is the best point of contact to ask about how to get your money back. If you're having no luck getting a refund, check to see if the seller is a member of the Society of Ticket Agents and Retailers (STAR). If they are, you can use STAR's complaints procedure. STAR members should receive a refund at face value if the event is cancelled and the organiser has agreed to refunds. You'll probably only get the face value of the ticket back - the amount printed on it. Some sellers might refund postage if, for example, the event is cancelled before the tickets are sent. If you had to pay any booking or card fees, you might not get those back. If the official seller isn't a member of STAR, check our website for how you can "solve an ongoing consumer problem with a business seller". You may also be able to get your money back another way, such as through your credit card company. If you bought your ticket from a ticket-reselling website, refunds will depend on the site's terms and conditions. If you bought from a private seller and the event is cancelled or rescheduled then it is unlikely you will be able to recover your money. We still recommend you contact the seller. Be aware of scams. Unfortunately we've found that in these situations scammers can prey on those who are affected. If your event is cancelled and people or companies get in touch to offer their services to try to recover money on your behalf, be alert and make sure that you're looking out for the signs of a potential scam.

For more information on getting a refund, or any advice issue, take a look at the Citizens Advice website or give us a call on 01900 604735.

We give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem.

... and from Parish News, a couple of "Household Hints" -

"Disinfect wooden chopping boards by rubbing with damp cloth soaked in vinegar. If deeply grooved soak in vinegar for 5 - 10mins."

"Coffee grounds are a good source of nitrogen.

Mix with soil to make a slow release fertiliser"

Calling all Budding Editors

The Parish News is a much-valued resource for many in our community. After many years of sterling service Michael is retiring from his role as Editor of the Parish News, and we now need a new team to take it forward.

Are you seeking a volunteering opportunity perhaps for Duke of Edinburgh, or a CV enhancing activity which could help you get into journalism or support a job or university application?

Are you keen to help out in the community?

Do you want to be part of a team serving the parish?

Although the role of Editor has traditionally been done by one person, the Parish News could be easily managed by an editorial team with a different person taking on the editorship for each month.

If enough people are willing to help, then the monthly activity can be spread among several people so that each person is responsible only for one or two editions each year.

If think you can help, please let Michael know.

He will be able to outline what it involves.

Michael can be contacted by email at bonnermim@gmail.com

or by phone on 01900 605536

Dean Arts and Scarecrow Event May 2026 – update

At our recent meeting we concentrated on finalising the programme for the three-day event in 2026. It will be very different from previous festivals, as firstly we have a different tent for the three days and secondly different acts from before. The Saturday night family show promises to be amazing. Watch this space and social media nearer the time to see what is coming!

As well as asking as many people as possible to make a scarecrow we will need lots of volunteers. The information on this will be published nearer the time. We are particularly asking for volunteers to go on the rota at Deanscales as they need more people to help. You only have to volunteer for 1 to 2 hours so it isn't too onerous.

Just to remind everyone that anyone can attend meetings and join in the organising the festival, the next meeting is on the 25th November in the Kirkstile Community Centre at 8.00pm. If you cannot attend but would like to be involved in any way, please contact Carol Thomas on 01900 603073.

Kirkstile Community Centre

On October 24th 2025 in The Kirkstile Community Centre at 7.30pm

£10.00 per ticket,

an evening 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.

If you want to reserve tickets contact

Carol Thomas on 01900 603073 or Sybil Worsley on 01946861580

SOAKED

by Emma Rydal



It's Wine O'Clock! When do you stop?

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

Kirkstile Community Centre, Dean CA14 4TH

Friday 14th November 7.30pm

Tickets: £12.00 U18: £6.00 Family £25 (age guidance 14+)

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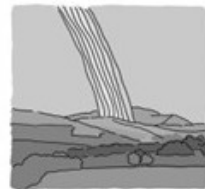


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WI Coffee Morning in KCC
on Saturday 4th October @ 10
a.m.in aid of the Calvert trust.

Lunch Club in UVH
on 9th October at 12-30pm
Soup, bread cheese and biscuits. £3.
Games chat and friendship.

**Decorating Church for Harvest
Festival**
on Saturday 11th October
at 10 a.m.

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

Thursday Club In UVH
On 30th October at 2pm
Norway slides,
Tea, bingo, and raffle.

"Soaked" in KCC
On 14th November
at 7.30 p.m.

... and looking forward ...

December 8th Christmas Wreathmaking KCC at 7.00pm.

December 12th - Christmas Bingo KCC 6.30pm

Save the Date!

Friends of Deanscales Christmas Banquet
Friday 19 December 2025
Old Posting House (OPH), Deanscales
Further details will be confirmed later in the year
Reservations can be made directly with the OPH

and please remember – this is your notice board.

Dates for your Diary

October

	4 th	10.00 a.m.	WI Coffee Morning in KCC
Sunday	5 th	10.00 a.m.	BCP said Holy Communion
	9 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
	11 th	10.00 a.m.	Decorating Church for Harvest Festival
Sunday	12 th	10.00 a.m.	Harvest Festival
	16 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
Sunday	19 th	10.00 a.m.	Said Celtic Morning Prayer
	24 th	7.30 p.m.	“Spectrum” in KCC
Sunday	26 th	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
	30 th	2.00 p.m.	Thursday Club in OVH

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

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£4 per hour – For the small room (kitchen)

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Margaret Trotter 01946 861458

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