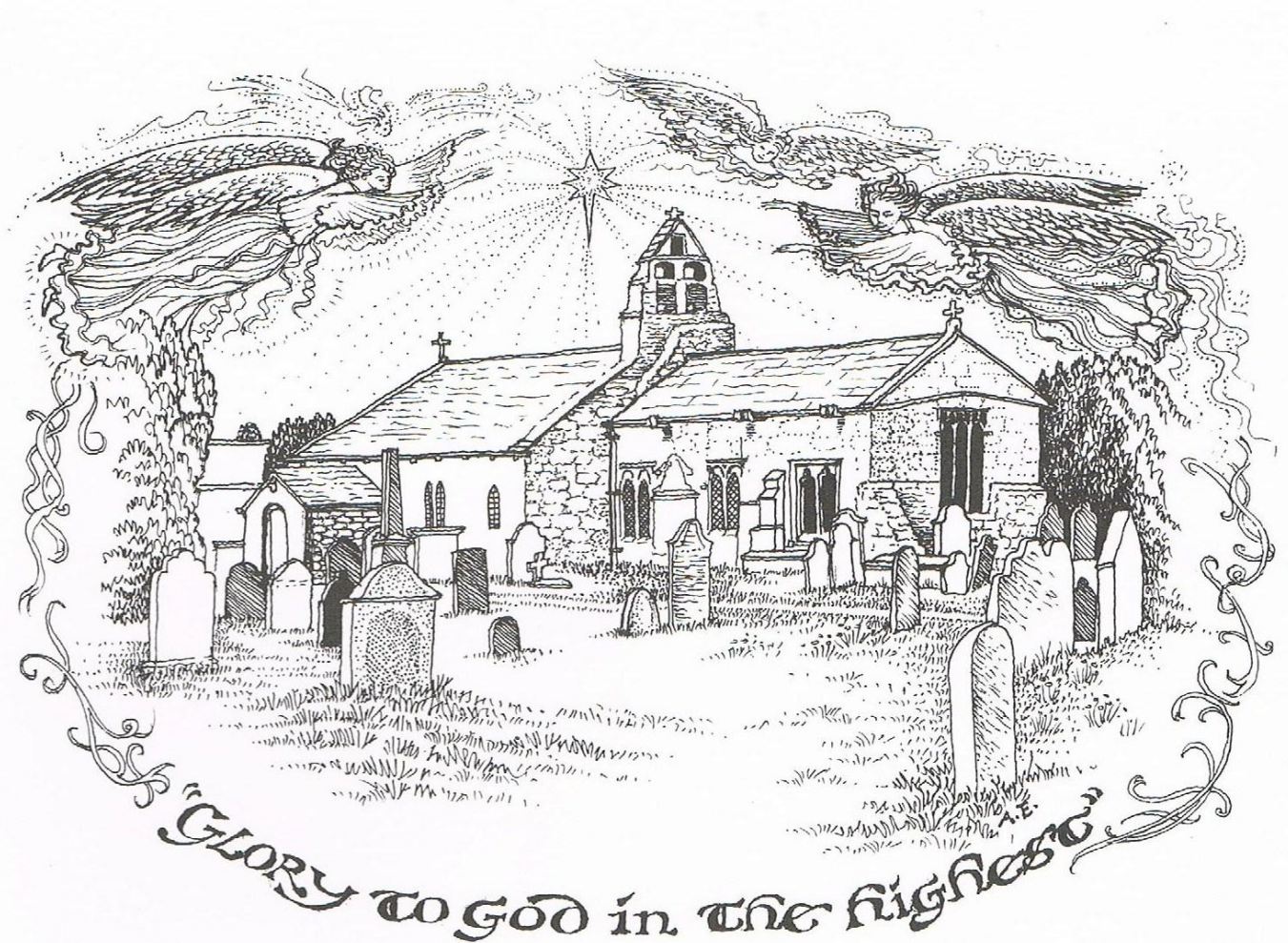


DEAN PARISH NEWS

*Follow the Star of JOY
to Dean Church
this Christmas*



**December 2025
& January 2026**

St Oswald's Parish Church, Dean

Directory

Ministry Team:

Clergy: Canon Jane Charman

Lay Minister: Michael Bonner

Parochial Church Council:

Clergy Canon Jane Charman

Lay Chair Clare Chittenden

Churchwarden: Clare Chittenden (Safeguarding) 01946 861089

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Elected: Sheila Eynon Eleanor Gate
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Enquiries regarding Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals please contact
Grasmoor Mission Community Administrator, GMC Office,
South Street Community Hall, South Street, Cockermouth, CA13 9RU
- Tel: 017687 75742 - Email: gmcoffice@grasmoormc.church

anyone requiring a home visit (occasional or regular) should contact the
Churchwarden, Clare Chittenden on 01946 861089
who will be happy to make the arrangements.

Verger: Clare Chittenden 01946 861089

Honorary Treasurer: Michael Bonner 01900 605536

Church Flowers: Eleanor Gate 01900 872568

Magazine Editor: vacant - watch this space

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

During November the Nationwide Remembrance season was held; across West Cumbria several large civic events took place on November the 9th. At Dean we held our 2 minutes silence around the War Memorial and remembered; also doing so in the prayers and hymns at our 10.00 o'clock service. We are now in Advent when we look forward and prepare for Christmas in varied ways. The Advent and Christmas theme in the Church of England is Joy and we at St. Oswald's look forward to sharing the Joy of Christmas with our community. We are fortunate to have close links with Dean School, our involvement with school brings great joy. The youngest children will come into church for the Experience

Christmas Session on December 3rd and the whole school Christmas service will be held in church on December 10th at 5.30pm.

Church Services for the Christmas period are detailed in this magazine; there will also be a card available detailing services at other churches in the Mission Community and extra information on the Grassmoor Mission Community (GMC) website and Facebook page. There is also, of course, a national website for the Church of England. As many will have read Michael Bonner is stepping down as the sole Editor of this magazine, this being his final edition. We are still interested to hear from anyone who feels able to help produce the Dean Parish News there are possibilities for an editorial team to be formed in the New Year. I feel sure many members of the Parish would like to join me in thanking Michael for his years of work as editor.

... and please don't forget these key dates in December in Dean Church ...

21st 6.00 p.m. Community Carol Service with Oswald Singers

24th 4.00 p.m. Christingle & Crib Service

25th 10.00 a.m. First Eucharist of Christmas

DEAN WI

At the beginning of October we held our coffee morning in aid of the Calvert Trust and, despite the weather, we raised a magnificent £500. Thank you to all who turned out in extreme conditions to support such a worthy cause. October 21st was our 81st Birthday party. We celebrated by hosting guests from Lamplugh, Moresby and Embleton W.I.s. We were admirably entertained by the Oswald Singers and our sincere thanks go to them. The evening concluded with a delicious homemade supper supplied by our members. November 18th is our Annual General Meeting when members can enjoy a pie and pea supper.

The year concludes on December 9th with a demonstration by Allison Lancaster on decorative arts. There is no meeting in January and we resume on February 17th with a talk by Hilary Stitt, Physiotherapist.

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

Carol Singing



OSWALD SINGERS

Thursday 18th December 2025.

We are singing Carols and collecting for Parkinsons **UK** . We will be in Branthwaite and Dean at approximate times as below - do join us

Branthwaite:

6.30 Fell View (on green in front)

6.40 Wadsworth Park (3 sections)

Dean:

7.15 Houses behind Dean School

7.25 Midcroft Court estate

7.45 cul-de-sac on left past Royal Yew

Finishing at the Royal Yew at 8.00pm

DO JOIN US.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE OSWALD SINGERS.



Oswald
Singers

CHILCOTT'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

Friday 12th December 2025 @ 7:30pm

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of mulled wine and refreshments)**

**From Ann Diamond or 775 934 1295 or email
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CHRISTMAS BINGO

KIRKSTILE VILLAGE HALL

DEAN

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

6.30PM

Entry - Adult £1

Kids 50p

£1 per book

Raffle £1 per strip

All welcome - a great family event

lots of prizes to be won!

Bingo & Raffle

Refreshments included

KIRKSTILE COMMUNITY CENTRE



CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING

Monday 8th December at 7.00 pm- Doors open 6.45pm

Come and join the fun in making your Christmas Wreath. Basic covered wreath and greenery/holly provided plus a glass of wine. Ribbons and other accessories on sale on the night. Help on hand from the experts. It is a lovely evening and a good way to catch up with people from the community. Please bring your own secateurs /scissors. Tickets limited due to space. Tickets £18.00 available from Sybil Worsley 01946 861580, Carol Thomas 01900 603073. There are still a few tickets left.

If anyone has any laurel, eucalyptus or nice Ivy with berries that you can spare please contact Sybil or Carol and we will collect.

Dean Scarecrow and Arts Festival.

The committee wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at the May 2026 Festival.

Full updates on the festival will be in the February magazine.

Resus Annie



Originally formed as a busking group, Resus Annie draws on the best of traditional blues and roots music to deliver a high energy, fun, and infectious (but never fatal) show, whatever stage or street you find them on!

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Kirkstile Community Centre

Friday 30 January 2026 7:30pm

Tickets £10 Bring your own bottle(s)



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Funbus



Funbus are a Cumbrian five-piece band known for high-energy live shows and are popular at local venues and festivals, such as Taste Cumbria events and Grid City Music Festival. Playing original music and feel-good covers spanning rock, blues, and pop genres from the last fifty years.

Look forward to a fun night of music and dancing!!

**Kirkstile Community Centre
Saturday 28 Feb 2026 7:30pm Tickets £10**

Tickets:

Text: 07780868148

Ring: 01900 603073

Bring your own bottle(s)

DEAN DUCKLINGS PLAYGROUP



NEW DAY! NOW ON MONDAYS

🕒 **Starting: Monday 12th January 2026**

🕒 **8:45 – 10:15 am**

📍 **Where: Dean C of E School Hall
CA14 4TH**

Come and join us for fun, play and friendship!
Dean Ducklings is a welcoming playgroup for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups. Enjoy toys, crafts, stories and snacks in a friendly environment.

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Our Villages Notice Board

December 8th Christmas Wreathmaking KCC at 7.00pm.

December 12th - Christmas Bingo KCC 6.30pm

Thursday Club

On 18th December at 12 noon
Christmas Lunch in Gilcrux Village Hall
then
on 29th January in UVH the usual entertainment,
tea and bingo.

All Welcome

**December 18th from 6.30 p.m. – The Oswald Singers
Carol singing in Branthwaite & Dean**

Friends of Deanscales Christmas Banquet
Friday 19th December 2025
Old Posting House (OPH), Deanscales
Reservations can be made directly with the OPH

Lunch Club in UVH

NO LUNCHCLUB IN DECEMBER
Back on 8th January at 12-30pm
Soup, bread cheese and biscuits. £3.
Games chat and friendship.

**On Friday January 30th @ 7.30 p.m. in the KCC
“Resus Annie”
& on Saturday February 28th @ 7.30 p.m. in the KCC
“Funbus”**

and please remember – this is your notice board.

Dates for your Diary

December

Sunday	7 th	10.00 a.m.	BCP said Holy Communion
	8 th	7.00 p.m.	Christmas Wreath Making in KCC
	9 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
	11 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
	12 th	6.30 p.m.	Christmas Bingo in KCC
Sunday	14 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer in Church
	18 th	6.30 p.m.	Oswald Singers Carolling
	19 th		Deanscale Christmas Banquet

Sunday	21st	6.00 p.m.	Community Carol Service with Oswald Singers
	24th	4.00 p.m.	Christingle & Crib Service
	25th	10.00 a.m.	First Eucharist of Christmas

Sunday	28 th	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
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January

Sunday	4 th	10.00 a.m.	BCP said Holy Communion
	8 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
Sunday	11 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer in Church
Sunday	18 th	10.00 a.m.	Said Celtic Morning Prayer
Sunday	25 th	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
	29 th	2.00 p.m.	Thursday Club in OVH
	30 th	7.30 p.m.	Resus Annie In KCC

Plus our regular weekly activities

Day	Time	What & Where
Monday	8.45 a.m.	Dean Ducklings in Dean School
	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	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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Dean		Pardshaw	
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Clare Chittenden	01946 861089	Eaglesfield	
Sybil Worsley	01946 861580	David Clarkson	01900 827763
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Keith Thomas	01900 603073	Deanscales	
Ullock		Sarah Edwards	01900 821805
Margaret Trotter	01946 861458		

MEETING PLACES IN THE PARISH

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH

The Church is available for concerts and similar appropriate activities –
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We can provide Badminton and Table Tennis equipment and there are facilities for a wide range of other activities.

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KIRKSTILE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DEAN (KCC)

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ULLOCK VILLAGE HALL (UVH)

is available for parties, concerts, meetings etc

Rates are £7.50 per hour – For the whole hall

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

Commercial rates available

To book please contact

Margaret Trotter 01946 861458

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