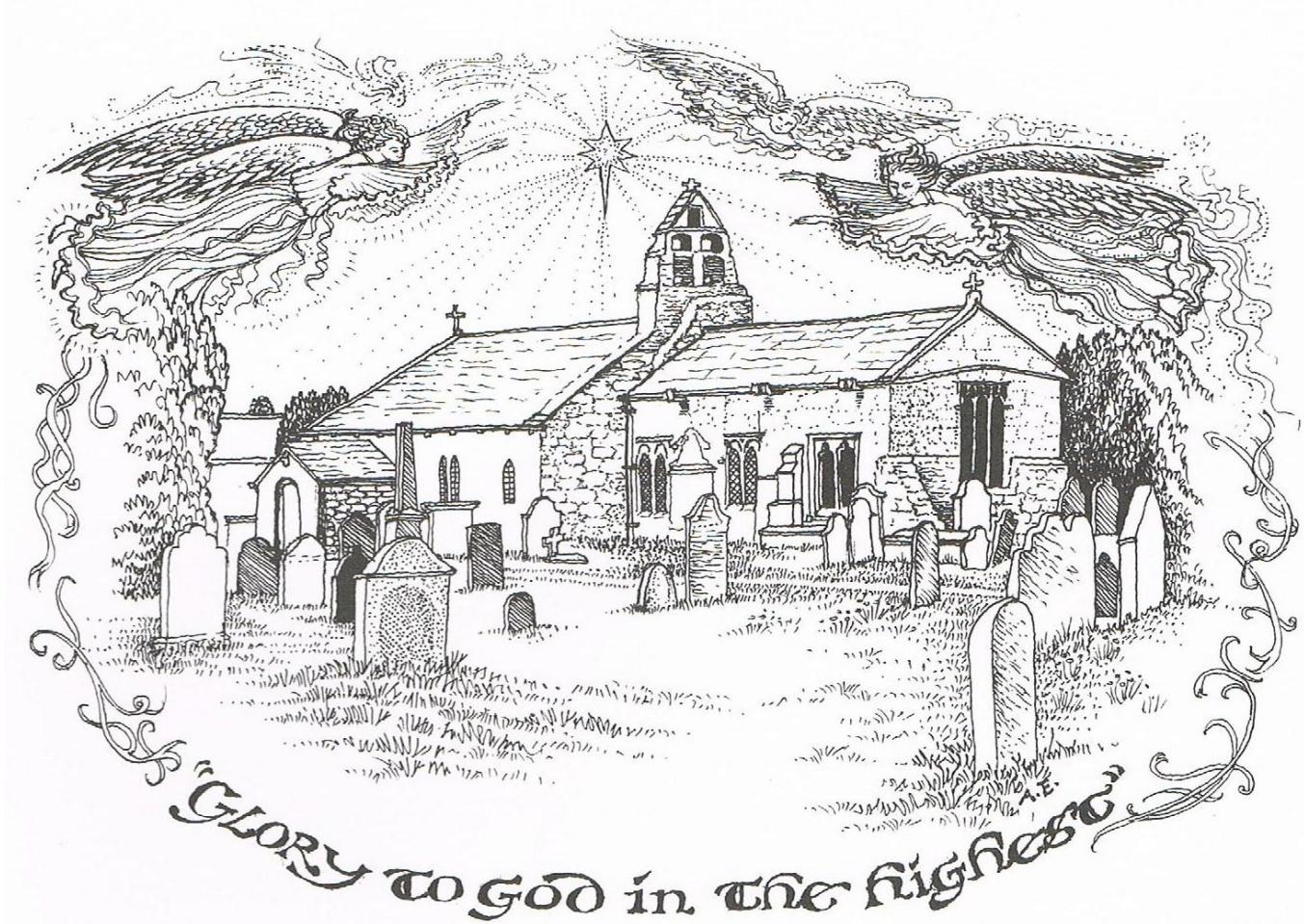


# **DEAN PARISH NEWS**

## *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  
Secretary Tracey Wood  
Treasurer & Deanery Synod Rep. Michael Bonner  
Elected: Sheila Eynon Eleanor Gate  
Fiona Hammond

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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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month we have a traditional Book of Common Prayer said Holy Communion, the 2<sup>nd</sup> a Common Worship Morning Prayer with hymns & refreshments, the 3<sup>rd</sup> a short said Celtic Morning Prayer & the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 ...**

**21<sup>st</sup> 6.00 p.m. Community Carol Service with Oswald Singers**

**24<sup>th</sup> 4.00 p.m. Christingle & Crib Service**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> was our 81<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> is our Annual General Meeting when members can enjoy a pie and pea supper.

The year concludes on December 9<sup>th</sup> with a demonstration by Allison Lancaster on decorative arts. There is no meeting in January and we resume on February 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:louiserichardson5@hotmail.co.uk) - Tel: 01900 601231

# Carol Singing



## OSWALD SINGERS

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

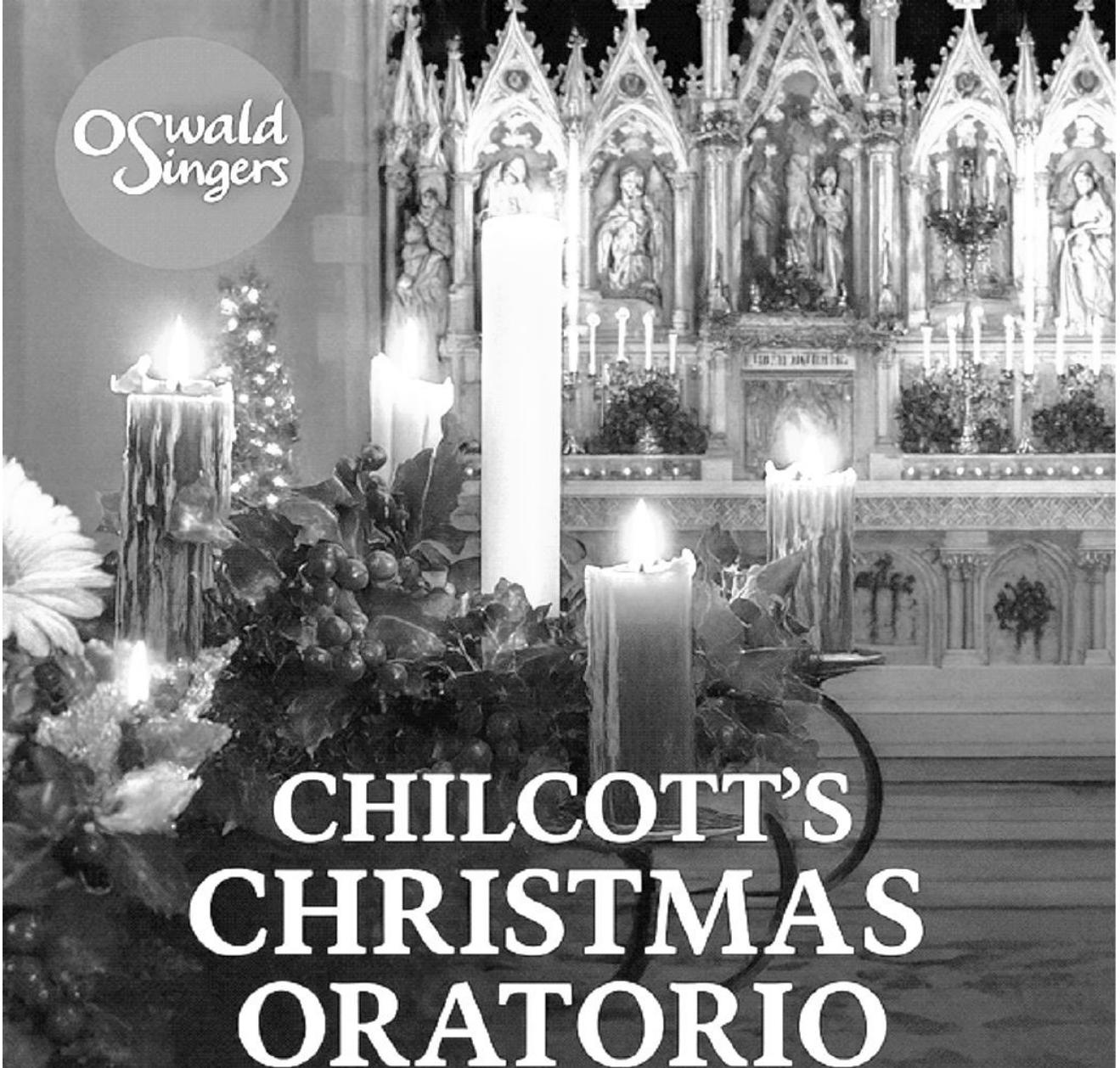
Finishing at the Royal Yew at 8.00pm

**DO JOIN US.**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE OSWALD SINGERS.**



Oswald  
Singers



# CHILCOTT'S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

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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 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

**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

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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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**December 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Wreathmaking KCC at 7.00pm.**

**December 12<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Bingo KCC 6.30pm**

### **Thursday Club**

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

**All Welcome**

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

Friends of Deanscales Christmas Banquet  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> January at 12-30pm  
Soup, bread cheese and biscuits. £3.  
Games chat and friendship.

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

**and please remember – this is your notice board.**

## Dates for your Diary

### **December**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Community Carol Service with Oswald Singers</b>
	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Christingle &amp; Crib Service</b>
	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b>	<b>First Eucharist of Christmas</b>

Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
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### **January**

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

### **Plus our regular weekly activities**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>What &amp; Where</b>
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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<b>Ullock</b>		Sarah Edwards 01900 821805
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