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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.

Letter from the New Editor

Welcome to Our Parish Magazine

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new editor of our parish magazine. Some of you will know me as Chewy's owner, but my name is Kevin!

It is a genuine honour to step into this role and to have the opportunity to continue the wonderful work of Michael Bonner, my predecessor, whose dedication and creativity over so many years have been greatly appreciated by us all.

Our parish magazine stands as a reflection of the vibrant and caring community we are so fortunate to be part of. My aim is to ensure that the magazine remains a source of inspiration, information, and connection for everyone. Whether you are a regular reader or picking up a copy for the first time, I hope you will find something of interest and encouragement within these pages.

I warmly invite contributions from all members of our parish. If you have news to share, a story to tell, or insights and photographs from parish events, please do get in touch. Your voice and participation are what make this magazine special. Together, we can celebrate our successes, support one another through challenges, and strengthen the bonds that unite us.

Look out for our new monthly feature "Morning Tea/Coffee", where there will be a review of a local coffee shop/café. If you have a favourite and would like to send a review, please do so.

As we look ahead to the coming months, I am eager to hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue to grow and improve. Please feel free to reach out to me with suggestions – I am here to serve you.

Contact me on Kevin.DeanParishNews@Gmail.com

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to embarking on this journey with you.

Cheers,

Kevin Tolchard

Editor, Dean Parish News

Church News

A Happy New Year to all our Readers.

Since we last went to press there have been various ecclesiastical activities.

First to Carlisle Cathedral. On the last Saturday in November the 68th Bishop of Carlisle was enthroned at the Cathedral. Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh is very familiar with Cumbria he has previously held several posts within the county before spending time in the Diocese of Newcastle then returning as Suffragan Bishop.

Back at Dean many of us enjoyed the “Christmas Tree Lights Switch On” and the accompanying range of singing and refreshments. Thank you to all who put the hard work in to bring us the tree which gave everyone a cheerful, light filled focus outside the Kirkstile Community Centre.

The schoolchildren led their school Christmas service in church brilliantly, giving their parents and other supporters a real treat as did their performances in school.

The special Carol Service and Christingle services in the Church were well supported and enjoyed by all attendees. Many thanks to the Oswald Singers for leading our singing and to all who read our lessons and poems. Christmas day was marked with a service of Holy Communion.

We now see the days lengthening and the first Snowdrops appearing encouraging us to look forward to other emerging signs of spring. Snowdrops are a tough flower thriving in winter, having been discovered in Europe and the Middle East they were brought to Britain by the Romans. They have been here for people to enjoy for centuries.

Snowdrops symbolise new beginnings, rebirth, hope, and renewal. This symbolism is celebrated in nature, poetry, and the arts where their role is that of enduring hope and the gentle persistent force of life.

The Oswald singers Carol Singing

Thank you to all the singers who braved the night in the pouring rain and wind and of course to all our supporters who came out to join us and gave us very generous donations. We made £220.84 which was donated to Cumbria Parkinson Group.

Thank you.

DEAN WI

There was no meeting in January, but our new year of meetings resume on February 17th with a talk by Hilary Stitt, Physiotherapist. This is followed on March 17th by Mark Goodwin who is the town crier in Whitehaven and on 21st April with Dianne Hannah from Herdie the popular Cumbrian firm marketing items with the distinctive sheep.

Our membership is gradually increasing and apart from our regular meetings there are various other activities on offer. Our darts team has proved so popular that we now have 2 teams! They have been busy practising all winter. We also have a quiz team and book club. If you would like to try one of our meetings you would be most welcome.

We meet in the Kirkstile Community Centre, Dean, at 7.30 p.m.

Louise Richardson

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Polite Note Regarding Dog Fouling

A courteous reminder to all dog owners

We kindly ask all dog owners to please ensure that you clean up after your pets when walking them in our community. Dog fouling not only spoils the appearance of our shared spaces, but it also poses health risks and can be unpleasant for other residents, especially young children walking to school.

By picking up after your dog, you help keep our neighbourhood clean and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Dean Scarecrow and Arts Festival

Friday 1st May -Monday 4th May 2026

We are now on wind up for the planning of the festival which is very soon! There are many ways that you can help the festival be successful and these include the following:

- Make a Scarecrow
- Bake a cake
- Help with putting up signage
- Drive a minibus
- Man the tent
- Sell programmes, sell raffle tickets
- Help with teas in Dean, Ullock, Dean School and Deanscales.
- Help set up and dismantle after the event

The list is endless and there are jobs for anyone who wants one. You can give as little time or as much as much as you want. We can't manage without volunteers.

If you want to be involved in any way, please ring Carol Thomas on 01900 603073 who will be happy to talk to you.

Anyone can attend meetings there will be one at the end of February



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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 & District Sports & Social Committee

New members needed – come and join us!

We're a group of about a dozen volunteers from Dean, Ullock, Branthwaite and Deanscales, who run licensed bars at local weddings, parties and events, with profits going back into our villages.

Members usually help out at three or four bars or events per year, so the time commitment is not huge, but it's good fun and it's all in aid of our local community!

The money we raise pays for annual Christmas parties and a sports day for local children, as well as the popular Christmas meal vouchers for our older residents to use in our local pubs. We also support the Dean School minibus, the Thursday Club, the Royal British Legion, the Dean Christmas tree and lights, and other local good causes.

We usually meet once a month in the Kirkstile Community Centre in Dean. If you'd like to join us or find out more, or to enquire about a bar for your own wedding, party or event, please contact us at DeanandDistrictSSC@gmail.com

Morning Tea/Coffee

The Squirrel's Pantry

Lamplugh Road, Cockermouth

We visited The Squirrel's pantry on Friday 16th January after having a browse around Oakhurst Nursery (a worthwhile trip at any time of the year!).

We were pleasantly surprised as we walked round the corner to go into the entrance at the lovely secluded & sheltered outdoor seating area. On a (much!) warmer day it would be lovely to sit out and watch the birds & red squirrels scurrying about. Yes, we did see a red squirrel & I'm assuming that's where the name of the cafe originated.

It was about 11.15am & a big group were just leaving. The staff were very welcoming & friendly even though they were busy. Once tables were re-arranged & wiped down, we were shown to a nice table next to a warm radiator- perfect after the chilly browsing of outdoor plants.

There is a large breakfast menu served until 11.30am. After 11.30am the menu changes to light lunches such as paninis and jacket potatoes. There's cakes & scones available daily.

Tea comes as a choice of loose leaf in individual pots. We both had the Bird & Blend variety which was a fresher version of breakfast tea. I had a toasted tea cake & Kevin had a piece of Lemon Meringue pie. Very satisfying!

The Squirrel's Pantry is definitely worth a visit.

Easy parking, Decent toilets (one accessible)

Child friendly (highchairs available)

Dog friendly (dog treats available & water bowls)

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Chat, Friendship & Games

Art Club in UVH
Fridays @ 10.00 am
New members welcome

Pub Quiz
Every Wednesday 8.30pm
@ the Royal Yew

Thursday Club In UVH
On 26th February 2pm - 4pm
Games.
Tea and bingo.
Everybody welcome!

Saturday February 28th @ 7.30 p.m. in the KCC
“Funbus”

... and looking forward ...

ULLOCK VILLAGE HALL
Saturday April 18th
The Mystery of the Pirate Lagoon
An Arts Out West show

and please remember – this is your notice board.

Dates for your Diary

February

Sunday	1 st	10.00 a.m.	BCP said Holy Communion
Sunday	8 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer in Church
	12 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
Sunday	15 th	10.00 a.m.	Said Celtic Morning Prayer
	17 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
Sunday	22 nd	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
	26 th	2.00 p.m.	Thursday Club in UVH

Regular weekly activities

Day	Time	What & Where
Monday	9.30 a.m.	“Dean Ducklings” Playgroup 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 Club in UVH

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is available for parties, concerts, meetings etc.

Rates are £10 per hour for the whole premises, £5 per hour for the kitchen (small
meeting room).

For more details or to book please contact Sybil Worsley on 01946 861580

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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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