



November 2026

St Oswald's Parish Church, Dean

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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.

Editor's Letter

Dear readers,

Well, November is here — and with it come chilly mornings, darker evenings and the last few autumn leaves hanging on for dear life. It is definitely the time of year for warm coats, muddy boots and perhaps an extra cup of tea.

In this month's Village News, we have gathered together the usual mix of local notices, dates for your diary, updates from village groups and bits and pieces from around the community. We hope you will find something useful, interesting — or at least worth mentioning to a neighbour over the garden fence.

At the beginning of the month, we have Guy Fawkes or Bonfire night on the 5th – look out for a few ideas of where to see fireworks this year & a local link to the gunpowder plot!

Also look out for a new monthly Community Pub night, presented by the Dean & District at the KCC, with all profits going to our community.

November also gives us a moment to pause and remember. With Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day this month, many of us will be taking time to reflect and pay our respects, whether at a service, at a war memorial, or simply in our own quiet way.

A big thank you, as always, to everyone who sends in news, photos, reports and reminders. Please do keep them coming — the newsletter really is only as good as the village gossip, helpful updates and community news you share with us.

Stay warm, look out for one another, and enjoy all that November brings.

Kevin

Editor, Dean Parish News

Deadline for the December edition is 15th November.

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CHURCH NEWS

November in the Church is our month for remembering – on the first day we remember all saints – just before he was killed Jesus challenged those that were looking to him to take up their cross and follow him, and down those 2 thousand years since then many millions have responded to his challenge – and it is them that we remember at the beginning of November each year.

Just a week later we remember again specifically those who did not return home to this parish from the 2 World Wars of the 20th century – they too responded to a challenge, so it is right that we should remember them. Following our service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 8th of November we will gather at the War Memorial by the Church Lyche Gate at 10 minutes to 11 o'clock for our short Act of Remembrance as we join with the rest of the country in the 2 minutes silence.

It is also right that as individuals we should use this special time to remember those who are still close to us personally but whose physical life with us has ended. And in the remembering, just as we do of what those millions of saints did and left for us to remember, may we treasure those precious personal memories of the times we shared.

Having remembered throughout November, we end the month with another important day – Sunday 29th is Advent Sunday, when our preparations for what happens at the end of December begin, and we start with an opportunity to light the special candles of Advent in the afternoon before the lighting of the Christmas lights in Dean Village.

Michael Bonner – Dean Church Lay Minister & Dean PCC treasurer

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our Church Harvest Festival was held on October 11th at which we were grateful to receive donations of non-perishable goods for North Lakes Foodbank. The following week Experience Harvest was set up in church for Dean School years 1 and 2. These Experience sessions are always enjoyed by the youngsters and are a fun way to hear of the major Festivals in the church.

Parents, grandparents and carers were invited to the Harvest service presented by the schoolchildren. The children put a lot of effort into learning the songs which they sang beautifully and writing their prayers.

October hailed the start of Autumn we notice the leaves changing colour and the days shortening; it is as the poet Keats described “The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”. Everyone who owns an apple tree has had a plentiful supply of fruit. I’m sure other trees have also been productive.

The Parochial Church Council have a responsibility to manage both churchyards and each year consider how best to balance the grass cutting budget versus the importance of managing the environment for nature.

St. Oswald’s has a Silver Eco Church certificate and is keen to maintain this award. This year the long grass and the brambles and weeds in the old churchyard were cut towards the end of the dry spell which made the job rather easier. Now the need for grass cutting has finished and we have time to plan the cutting schedule for 2027.

Clare Chittenden

DEAN WI UPDATE

Our coffee morning in September raised a magnificent £500 for Calderwood House in Egremont which is a refuge for the homeless. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped.

Also, in September several members attended the Lakeland Hauntings experience in Keswick and they all thoroughly enjoyed it. Our speaker for the month's meeting was Johnathan Moore from the Alhambra Theatre in Keswick. He gave a fascinating insight into the history of the cinema.

17 members are going for lunch on October 15th to the Wild Duck in Branthwaite and the following week on October 20th is our 81st Birthday Party. There will be a supper and several members from other W.I s will attend. Our guest speaker is Rachel Adams from Guide Dogs for the Blind.

November is our AGM and there will be a pie and pea supper.

Our programme for next year is almost finalised and promises to be a very interesting one. 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 on the third Tuesday of the month.

Louise Richardson

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Dean WI Book review

The review of our next read 'The Restaurant at the Heart of the Lakes' by Ellie Wood will be in the December Dean News.

Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

Thursday 19th November

A history of slate quarrying in the Lake District

Mark Hatton

Mark Hatton from The Cumbria Amenity Trust Mining History Society will present the story of the formation, quarrying and use of the Lake District's extensive slate deposits.

An industry that shaped Cumbrian landscape and local lives for centuries. Just 65 years ago more people worked in the Lake District's Quarrying industries than worked in Tourism.

Mark is well-known to the Society, having delivered previous talks and led tours of local mines and quarries.

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

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

Visitors are welcome £4 cash payable at the door, to include refreshments.

www.derwentfells.com

Tony Worsley 1948 – 2026

Sybil and the family of the late Tony Worsley would like to thank Keith Thomas for his obituary in the last magazine. Tony would have been very humbled he loved working for his community, and it gave him great pleasure.

Thank you to everyone who attended Tony's funeral and donated to the retiring collection in the Church. A total of £1,027 was received on the day and shared between the chosen charities, the North Lakes Foodbank and the Kirkstile community Centre in Dean

Sybil Worsley



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The outward and return route generally operates as follows:

- **Wednesdays (Frizington to Cockermouth):** Departs Frizington (The Griffin) at 09:30 AM and arrives at Cockermouth (Main Street Monument) at approximately 10:25 AM.
- **Wednesdays (Cockermouth to Frizington):** Departs Cockermouth at 12:25 PM, arriving back in Frizington around 13:20 PM.

Note: As a rural and community-supported route, schedules can be subject to change.

For exact arrival/departure times at smaller intermediate stops along the route (such as Arlecdon, Rowrah, Lamplugh, Crossgates, Ullock, Branthwaite and Eaglesfield), or to check for any sudden operational changes:

- You can view the full stop-by-stop schedule on the [Moovit 217 Route page](#)



Bonfire Night 2026

Remember, remember, the 5th of November, Gunpowder, treason & plot.

November 5th, also known as Bonfire Night, or Guy Fawkes Night, is a celebration and commemoration of an event that first took place on the 5th of November in 1605. Guy Fawkes, along with other members of the English Catholics, plotted to remove the protestant King James I, and planted explosives underneath the House of Lords. There is a local connection, with theories that some of the plotting took place in the rooms at present day Percy House Gallery in Cockermouth.

The plot foiled when Fawkes was arrested as he guarded the bombs. To celebrate the plot's failure, those loyal to the King lit bonfires around London. The following year, an act of parliament was passed that required an annual public celebration of the event. The act was eventually repealed in 1859, but by then, it was a firm entry onto the British social calendar

Top Bonfire Night and firework displays across Cumbria for 2026 include major lakeside spectacles, community club events, and family-friendly farm shows.

Major Displays & Spectacles include

- **Fireworks Display at Memorial Gardens, Cockermouth**
 - **Date & Time:** Sunday, November 1st, 2026; fireworks scheduled for approximately 6:00 PM.
 - **Venue:** Memorial Gardens, Cockermouth
 - **Description:** Get ready for an evening of spectacular fireworks as we light up the skies above Memorial Gardens, Cockermouth!



- **Bonfire Night at Low Wood Bay Resort & Spa**
 - **Date & Time:** Thursday, November 5, 2026; fireworks scheduled for approximately 7:30 PM – 7:45 PM (Gallery Lounge opens at 6:00 PM).
 - **Venue:** Low Wood Bay, Windermere, LA23 1LP
 - **Description:** Features an over-the-lake firework display with a floating bonfire, fire pits, music from DJ Gary Mills in the Gallery Lounge, and family entertainment.
 - **Cost:** £12.50 per person (includes parking). Special dining and spa overnight packages are also available.
- **Annual Fireworks Extravaganza at Windermere Rugby Club**
 - **Date & Time:** Saturday, November 7, 2026; gates open at 5:30 PM.
 - **Venue:** Windermere Rugby Club, Glebe Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, LA23 3HN
 - **Description:** A popular community event featuring street food, real ales, mulled wine, and live entertainment.
 - **Cost:** Ticket prices to be confirmed (TBC)



- **Safety Advice**
- The Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service strongly recommends attending professional, organised public displays rather than hosting private garden bonfires to reduce the risk of accidents and property damage. If you are building a private bonfire, keep it at least 5 metres away from fences, sheds, and trees, and never use accelerants like petrol.

Morning Tea/Coffee

Cafe West at Hall Gardens, Workington.

On a very damp & blustery October Thursday we ventured into Workington with friends to try out Cafe West at Hall Gardens.

Just behind Workington Courthouse (opposite M&S Foodhall car park) is Curwen Park, home of Workington Hall & Hall Gardens. While the Hall is sadly now derelict, the Gardens have had a massive renovation with a small community garden, pottery centre & the lovely Café West.

Check out their website for more information on this great social programme (westhouse.org.uk/hall-garden/)

We arrived at the cafe for lunchtime. It was quite quiet as it really was rubbish weather but there were a few other hardy souls sampling the menu.

And there's plenty to choose from - all day breakfasts, different types of sandwiches & savoury pies plus a wide selection of cakes & scones.

Our two friends had the fish finger sandwich which "was amazing ". It was a generous portion with crisps & side salad. Kevin had an excellent ham & cheese toastie & I went for the smashed avocado & poached eggs. The eggs were perfect; the avocado was tasty & generous & the sourdough toast had the right amount of crunch. All the variations of hot drinks were just that - hot!

As we sat & chatted for so long, we had to have another hot drink & of course a try of the cake selection. We shared a delicious shortbread & an Australian crunch (basically chocolate oatiness with coconut).

The cafe and gardens are very accessible for wheelchairs & push chairs. There is some parking, mainly for disabled parking, right next to the cafe but there is a bigger disc

carpark in the park accessed by Stainburn Road. (Although there are traffic lights & road works going on right at the entrance at the moment, but it's still open)

The cafe is very child friendly with a little play kitchen area & also dog friendly.

There is plenty outdoor seating (none being used on our visit unsurprisingly!) and lots of space for little ones to run around.

There are healthy plants & hanging baskets for sale & it's nice to walk through the 2 glass houses & around the raised beds to see what is growing.

So, if you're popping into M&S Workington & fancy a lovely little break it's a five-minute walk across the road to a peaceful oasis. Or if you fancy a bit of fresh air with friends, family or dogs it's worth an hour's stroll around the park then a stop at the cafe.

Opening hours: Wednesday,

Thursday & Friday 10am - 3pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm,

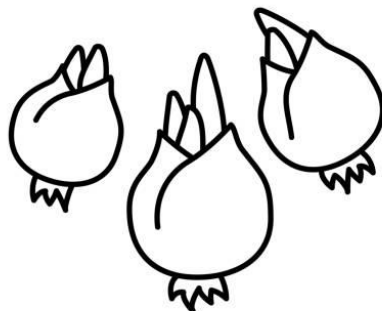
Monday & Tuesday Closed



Gardening Tips for November

- **Clear leaves regularly** from lawns, paths, ponds, and borders; add healthy leaves to a leaf-mould pile.
- **Plant spring bulbs** such as daffodils, crocus, alliums, and hyacinths. Leave tulips until November where possible.
- **Cut back perennials** that have collapsed but leave seed heads for birds and winter structure.
- **Lift tender plants** like dahlias, cannas, and begonias before hard frosts, or protect them with mulch/fleece in milder areas.
- **Plant bare-root fruit trees, roses, hedging, and shrubs** once the soil is moist and workable.
- **Sow hardy broad beans and peas** in mild areas, and plant autumn onion sets and garlic.
- **Tidy the greenhouse:** remove old crops, wash glass, improve ventilation, and reduce watering.
- **Aerate and scarify lawns** if needed, then apply an autumn lawn feed rather than a high-nitrogen summer feed.
- **Mulch borders** with compost, leaf mould, or well-rotted manure after weeding.
- **Protect pots from frost** by raising them on feet and moving tender containers to sheltered spots.
- **Keep feeding birds** and leave some wildlife-friendly cover in the garden.

In Cumbria (wetter & cooler) it's especially worth checking drainage, moving pots out of persistent rain, and avoiding walking on waterlogged lawns.



Oswald singers, Dean

The Oswald singers will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary in July 2027 and a few of us have been singing in the choir (formally the Dean Singers) since it was started by the Fishers as an ad hoc Church choir.

We meet in Dean School every Thursday (term time only) from 7.30pm to 9.00pm under the leadership of Mark Hazzard who is our Musical Director with Christopher Lamb who accompanies us.

We sing in 4 parts using music, anything from early music to folk, pop songs from the shows. It depends on which concert we are preparing for as to what we sing. We are currently preparing for events at Christmas.

We are looking for Tenors and Basses (in particular) to join our group and would welcome people to come and join us for a rehearsal to see if you would like to join us. There are 22 of us in total.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Carol Thomas on
01900 603073.

Advance notice – We will be Carol singing around the villages in Dean and Branthwaite on December 18th the early evening. Full details will be in the next magazine.

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Remembrance Service,
Sunday 8th of November, 10.50 am
St Oswald's Parish Church, Dean

Christmas Bingo in KCC
18th December 6.30pm.
£1 entry per adult
Bingo & Raffle
Refreshments included

Art Club in UVH
Fridays @ 10.00 am
New members welcome

Lunch Club in UVH
12th November @ 12.30 am
Soup, bread, cheese, biscuits,
cake & tea
Everyone welcome

Thursday Club in UVH
26th November @ 2 pm
Bring & Buy stall.
Tea and Bingo
All welcome

Community Pub night - KCC
20th November 7-10pm
Meet, Mingle, Make new
friends!
Everyone's welcome

Christmas Light switch on,
Sunday 29th of November,
St Oswald's Parish Church, Dean

Please remember – this is your notice board, please let me know if you have anything you'd like to include.

Dates for your Diary

November

Sunday	1 st	10.00 a.m.	Said BCP Holy Communion
Sunday	8 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		10.50 a.m.	Act of Remembrance
	12 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
Sunday	15 th	10.00 a.m.	Said BCP Morning Prayer
	17 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
Sunday	22 nd	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
	26 th	2.00 p.m.	Thursday Club in UVH
	29 th	???	Benefice Service
		3.00 p.m.	Advent Candles in Church

Plus our regular weekly activities

Day	Time	What & Where
Monday	9.00 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
Wednesday	10.30 a.m.	Dean Handbell Ringers in KCC
Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Oswald Singers in Dean School.
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Art Class in UVH

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EMERGENCIES - Dean Civil Parish Community Response Group Members

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£4 per hour – For the small room (kitchen)
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Margaret Trotter 01946 861458 or Jacqui Clarkson 07824 534708

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COMMUNITY PUB NIGHT

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DATE: 20th November 2026 | **TIME:** 7pm – 10pm

VENUE: Kirkstile Community Centre, Dean

Everyone's Welcome!

Come along for a relaxed evening with neighbours, familiar faces and new friends. Drop in for a drink, enjoy good conversation and help make our community even stronger.

🍷 **Friendly atmosphere**

🎲 **Games and conversation**

👋 **A great chance to meet local people**

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We're trialling a new idea for a monthly Community Pub Night at the KCC, with all proceeds from this evening's bar to support your community needs.

