

I do hope you have all had a happy Christmas celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus.

Welcome to the start of 2019!

As you look back on 2018, I wonder what stands out? Maybe you think of the changing political scene and our impending departure from the EU. Maybe you think of the many celebrities who have died, or perhaps a loved one you have lost. Maybe you think of specific national events such as the Royal Wedding in May or this June when the English football team nearly brought the world cup home!



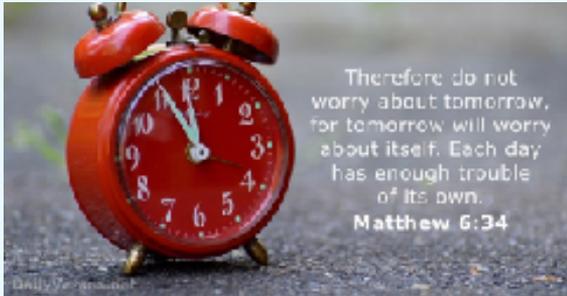
As we look to the start of another new year, we do so with a range of emotion, recognising that change is unavoidable. Maybe like me you can't believe another year has rushed by so quickly and you're not quite ready for another. Maybe you're looking forward to the year ahead. Perhaps you have definite plans in place – maybe a holiday, or a family wedding, something booked in the calendar, and something you're really looking forward to. Perhaps you have some tentative plans in place – things you would like to do this coming year, people you'd like to catch up with, a job to complete. Perhaps you're just waiting to see what might happen this year – maybe a change of job or home, perhaps you're awaiting significant news. Or perhaps there is an element of uncertainty, even fear, as you think ahead as you're not sure what may happen.

The truth is, none of us know what is coming next – we cannot be certain of what lies ahead. It is perhaps as well that we don't know everything that will unfold.

Jesus said, 'do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' (Matthew 6: 34) In fact, Jesus repeats this sentiment two more times stressing we must not worry about our lives. Well that sounds great, but what did Jesus mean? When read in context, Jesus is saying that if we follow God's ways, acknowledging and welcoming God's truths,



our worries will be removed. That's not the same as our problems disappearing, but when we trust God we can learn not to worry about the future.



Whatever 2019 has in store for us whether in our homes, in our families, in our lives, in our community, in our church and as we all ponder the extraordinary events taking place in the political world, I suggest we remember some words from the poem 'God knows' by Minnie Louise Haskins.

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”
And he replied:
Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”
So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

As we travel into 2019 can I encourage you to place your hand in God's hand, to hold fast, to seek his ways and trust that He will provide,

With every best wish,

Revd Emma

Next Messy Church Dates – Saturday 19th January and 16th February at 3.30

For all families with children.

The whole family is welcome to Messy Church, grandparents and carers included. Join us in this fun-filled afternoon of craft, singing and eating together. We meet in the Church Hall from 3.30pm – 5.30pm.

Further information at
www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church
or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647



All Saints Church Services

Sunday 6th January: Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion and farewell lunch for Revd Sandie and Geoff *
- 6.00pm Healing Service

**Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 6th January after the morning service to say good bye and farewell to Revd Sandie and Geoff as they retire to the IOW. Please join us as we say our goodbyes and thank them for their ministry among us.*

Sunday 13th January: Baptism of Christ

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise
- 11.20am Baptism
- 6.00pm Evensong

Saturday 19th January

- 3.30pm Messy Church

Sunday 20th January: 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Informal Service

Sunday 27th January: 4th Sunday of Epiphany

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Communion
- 9.30-3.30pm Wedding Preparation Day
- 6.00pm Evensong

Looking Ahead:

Baptism Preparation Evening Monday 28th January 7.30pm
in the Heath Room

Morning Prayer is said
Mon-Fri at 8.30am
— everyone is
most welcome.

The church is open during daylight hours, for private prayer. If you wish to light a candle, there is a candle stand in the old chapel.

Gift Service 2018

For many years All Saints has supported the work of Southern Domestic Abuse Service. Each December we collect together gifts/presents for both children and mums who are affected by domestic abuse and present these to representatives from SDAS at a special gift service.



This year we asked for gifts especially for the mums – perfume, pyjamas, toiletries, slippers etc. The response was amazing - we received so many wonderful gifts to pass on – so a HUGE thank you to all who contributed.

Revd Emma and Jackie Edgeller

Save the Children FINAL, FINAL JUMBLE SALE

**Saturday 26th January at 10.00am
at All Saints Church Hall**

Please bring your jumble to the Church Hall at 9.00am on the day or phone Sheila Gould on 023 92 263 788

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 9th December Edward Illingworth

Funerals

Monday 10th December Mrs Adele Chatburn

Celebrating 50 years of Christingle



On Sunday 2nd Dec All Saints hosted a special service to mark 50 years of Christingle. Christingles originate from Moravia and mean 'Christ-light'.

A Christingle tells the story of the Christian faith. The orange represents the world made by God. The cocktail sticks represent the four seasons and are covered in dried fruit and sweets to represent all of God's creation and provision. The red ribbon around the orange reminds us that God sent his son Jesus to rescue us from sin because he loves us and wants to know us. Finally, the candle in the middle reminds us that Jesus is light to the whole world, bringing hope to those who live in darkness.

Fifty years ago, The Children's Society adopted Christingle and now encourages churches nationally to host a special service to raise awareness of, and funds for their work with vulnerable children and young people.

At All Saints we shared a wonderful service of songs, prayers, a short video and a 'panto style' talk all focussed on the Christingle. The church was filled with pictures of Christingles decorated by local children from Denmead Infant and our Messy Church and Little Stars groups. At the end of the service came the special moment when we lit our own Christingles and thanked God for sending Jesus as light to our world. A collection was taken, and we raised £282.99 for The Children's Society. Thank you to all who came and joined with us and all those who gave so generously.

Revd Emma



Florence Owusu



Florence Owusu lives in Ghana – she sells top-up cards for mobile phones, from a wooden kiosk next to a busy road and her income is 15p for each top-up sold.....She is 41 years old, married with 5 children to support. 3 years ago she was hit by a motorcyclist as she crossed that busy road.

When we met her in May last year, she had one crutch to hobble around on – her very deformed leg was obviously still broken and her eyes showed the intense pain she was living with. She had never gone to hospital after the accident – she could not

afford to and she was frightened of hospitals!

As a group, we prayed for her and decided we would like to help her. With the help and counselling of Fr Christian and Dorothy (the secretary at our link church of St Pauls), she finally went to hospital. She was assessed and the orthopaedic surgeon at St Joseph's thought it was possible to break and then reset the leg bones. Florence although frightened, agreed to go through with the operation. It would cost around £300 initially, her family and Dorothy would take all her food to her and a further payment afterwards "depending on the number of plates used".

Through generous donations amounting to £500, the cost of all her treatment and food were covered.

She is now home, but still using crutches. She is due to have her review soon so we are all hoping and praying that all will be well.



Angela Herring

Why Do You Go?

Every three months or so there is a “Taizé Service” in All Saints’ Church. We asked Lesley Hallett to tell us more....



Could you tell me about the Taizé Service, and why you like to go to it?

I really love this service. For me, it has all the components to concentrate the mind: Prayer, Readings, moments of silence and music.

How would you describe the music?

David leads the service and he always explains, to anyone who hasn't been before, how the format evolves – and we have a “sing through” of the music to the chants.

We are blessed with a small group of musicians who variously play the piano, guitar, viola, flute, oboe and sometimes cor anglais.

The chants are simple, memorable and repetitive. This brings the experience of prayer to a different level, combining the sound of prayer in the voice with music. Because it is repetitive, the mind can be totally focused on the words.



What else happens during the service?

David brings the service together round a definitive idea depending on the Church calendar. It is based around readings from Scripture and there are usually two periods of silence when you are able to reflect without distractions.

How many people normally go to it?

There is a nucleus of 15 to 20 regulars. It is a wonderful way of forgetting about the world for an hour and concentrating on Worship.

David has arranged the following dates for the next Taizé services – and be assured of a warm welcome if you decide to come...

Sunday, 6pm on December 30, March 31, June 16



Background

Taizé is a small village in Burgundy where, soon after the end of the Second World War, a young French Protestant pastor called Roger Schutz-Marsauche set up a religious community with a small group of friends.

From the start, one of the principal aims of the community was to pray and work for reconciliation, and Taizé is unique inasmuch as the Brothers represent all the main Christian denominations. From its modest beginnings, the community has grown steadily, and attracts large numbers of visitors each year, especially young people.

Taizé worship is based around readings from Scripture, periods of silence, and simple but beautiful chants, which are sung repeatedly so that they become prayers in themselves. Our Taizé services at Denmead follow this same pattern and are usually held when there is a 5th Sunday in the month.

David Lindsay

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Mass Times

Saturday Mass Vigil: 6.15 pm

Sunday Masses: 10.30 am Children's Liturgy; 6.30 pm Folk Mass

Please refer to Newsletter for weekday Mass times.

Advance Notice – Table Top Sale

This year, Denmead Church Flower Club will be holding a Table Top Sale, on Saturday 27th April from 10 am to 12 noon, in the Church Hall.

This is instead of the usual bumper annual plant sale (although there will be a Flower Club plant stall).

If you or your organisation would like to hire a table, £10 for a large table, £5 for a small one, please contact Carolyn Keyzor on 023 9235 1209 or keyzors2@ntlworld.com

Denmead Twinning Association

Well, what can we say – Shep Woolley seems to mature with age. Everyone we spoke to after his recent visit to Denmead at the end of November, thought he was on top form. Over 80 people came to All Saints' Church hall for a thoroughly great evening. Whether seeing him for the first time or a regular follower, this well-known local singer/song-writer kept us entertained with his own brand of stories, humour and songs.

And his band were on top form too, supporting Shep with songs generally from the 1950s and 1960s. At the end they all had a standing ovation, which was thoroughly deserved.

I think that we've already booked him for a return next November!

Our next event is the Members' Meal and AGM when we take over Barnard's Restaurant for the evening in January. This will be followed on 23 February by an evening of wine tasting with each wine being accompanied by matching food samples; should really call the event a wine and food evening, I suspect! More about that event in the next edition.

For information on Denmead twinning contact Patrick Binks 9226 2912.



Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our December monthly meeting we welcomed the Cantrelle Singers who entertained us with a festive repertoire. They began with the most appropriate "Let there be music, let there be song". They continued with Christmas music including a trio and a soloist singing "In the Bleak Midwinter". They sang a beautiful "Christmas Blessing" Members joined in carols and songs to finish .

After tea and delicious mince pies and cake made by Janet Pearce and Terry Walmsley the institute business was conducted. We heard a list of resolutions for next year's National Annual Meeting and voted to support two including the decline of rural bus services which is most appropriate to Denmead.

The competition for a Christmas poem was won by Joan Elliott with Joan Spooner second. Joan Elliott also won the flower competition with Joan Spooner second. We continue our monthly lunch dates and will meet at The White Hart on Tuesday 22nd.

Final arrangements were made for the Group Christmas Social Afternoon at Cowplain and the visit to Portsmouth Guildhall for the Annual Milton Glee and Marine Association Band concert.

This month we are meeting at Barnards for a Festive Lunch so there we be no monthly competition.

Next month's meeting on February 6th will include another visit by Julie Gallaher

to talk about "Nuisance Phone Calls, Odd Emails, Doorstep Callers and Junk Mail". Julie will talk about dealing with email fraud. The competition is for a paper hat.

The meeting concluded much to everyone's delight with members receiving Secret Santa gifts from Santa and one of his elves. Thank you Margaret and Angela.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4pm in the Memorial Hall, Hambledon Road. We have talks and demonstrations on a wide range of subjects so there is something to suit all tastes and interests. If you have recently retired or moved to the village the WI is the ideal way to make new friends or renew old friendships as well as learning new skills.

Our August outing is always popular. This year we visited the Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery.

If you are unable to attend an afternoon meeting the Evening Institute would welcome you to their meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday (except December when they meet on the second Wednesday).

We wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year.

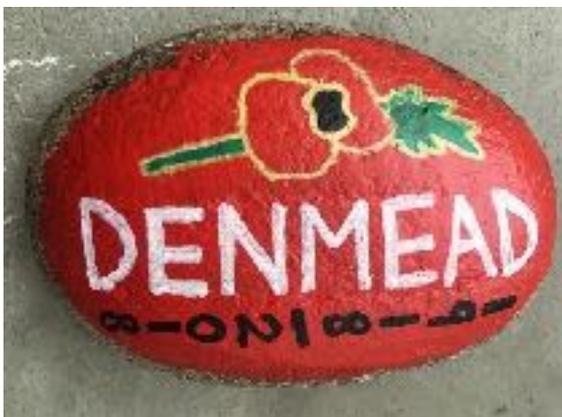
Joan Downing (9226 5458)

Denmead Rocks!

Have you found a painted rock in Denmead?

My rock painting adventure started last summer when we visited a park in Clanfield and my children found some 'treasure'. It was a beautifully decorated rock with instructions on the back asking us to post a picture on the

group's Facebook page and re-hide the rock. The small, painted pebble absolutely captured my children's imagination and so at the beginning of the school summer holidays we purchased a bag of Cornish Cobble stones, some permanent markers, acrylic paints and importantly varnish. Once we had our first batch of decorated rocks ready to hide, I set up the Facebook page 'Denmead Rocks'. The response was phenomenal and in a few short weeks there were over 300 members. Most members are Denmead residents, but some have joined the group after finding one of our village rocks where they live - the furthest so far is Ely, Cambridgeshire!



Now it isn't just my family painting rocks - many other people from Denmead have joined in and paint their own rocks. Apart from the small initial outlay, rock painting is relatively cheap and a great way of getting out and about. As a family we've taken different routes walking around the village and my children excitedly squeal "treasure" when we spot a rock!

This simple art project brings great joy to our Community. Fellow parents have enjoyed getting their children out and about to go hunting for rocks or decorating their own. The rocks around Denmead have been used to spread charity awareness and many local groups have contributed including the pre-school, schools, residential home and church. Some rocks mark special events such as Christmas or Remembrance.

So, next time you're out and about in Denmead keep your eye open for 'treasure'. If you find a rock, please take a photo and post on the Denmead Rocks Facebook page. If you're not a social media user, it doesn't matter please just re-hide the rock ready to bring a smile to the face of the next person who finds it.

Samantha Crewe

All Saints have loved joining in with Denmead Rocks - as a church we have decorated many rocks and hidden around the village with encouraging Christian messages such as 'God Loves You' and 'You Are Precious'.

Revd Emma



Home Visiting

If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you, All Saints Church has a confidential visiting team and one of our members would willingly come, visit and spend time listening to you.

Please phone us on 9226 8757. If the answerphone is on leave a message and we will phone you back.

Bereavement Support

There is a monthly 'Tea and Friendship' afternoon for anyone recently bereaved. This is an informal time when people can meet others, have tea and make friends.

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month between 2-4pm in the church hall. For more information please phone All Saints Church office 9226 8757.



Denmead Knit & Bitch

Your Local Knitting Group

After nearly 10 years of Knit and Bitch at the Forest of Bere, we have become so successful that we have outgrown the space available in the pub. Over the years Alison and the rest of the Pub team have given us fantastic support and it is with great regret that we are in the position that we need to find a new venue.

We will be moving to the Fox and Hounds in School Lane and hopefully we can continue to grow and welcome new knitters and crocheters.

The first meeting at the new venue will be on Wednesday 2nd January 10am - 12noon. If you have never tried

knitting or crochet before, come along and we'll get you started! All ages and abilities are welcome to join us.

Once a month we will be running a workshop to learn a new skill. January's will be the scary art of steeking knitting!

The Monday evening meetings will still continue fortnightly at the Forest of Bere. These will start on Monday 7th January and are held fortnightly.

To keep up to date please join our Facebook Group

Angela Harwood. 07801 652198

Film Night 19th Jan

– MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN –

Get ready to sing and dance, laugh and love all over again!

Past and present intertwine as a pregnant Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is busy re-launching her mother's taverna while husband Sky is away in New York.

Flashbacks transport us back in time to learn how the Dynamos came into being and how Donna (Lily James) met Sophie's three putative fathers.

114 mins, PG

Probus Club

Waterlooville Probus Club provides a meeting place for retired or semi-retired, professional or business, ladies and gentlemen. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 'The Chairmakers', Worlds End, Hambledon, PO7 4QX.

The next meeting will be held on the 8th of January, from 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. We meet for a drink and a chat with fellow members, and after a 3-course lunch, our guest speaker, Bill Coombs, will give a presentation entitled 'The International Space Station'

If you would like further information on the Probus Club, please visit our web site <http://waterloovilleprobusclub.webplus.net>, or contact our Secretary, Peter Quine, on 079 2662 0530 or by e-mail to peterpia1989@outlook.com

Denmead Horticultural Society

www.denmeadhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk

In December we held our Christmas Party in the Church Hall, with lots of fun games and a Christmas themed quiz. The fish and chip supper supplied by Denmead's Finest was enjoyed by all.

We wish you a Happy New Year and look forward to a full programme of gardening talks and visits in 2019. We don't meet in January but are back on 5th February with a talk by Kate and Eleanor who were runners up in the Great Allotment Challenge.

Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642,
liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk

Denmead Rowans Support Group invite you to the After Christmas Quiz.

Saturday 12th January, Denmead Community Centre

First round 7.30pm

Tickets £9 from Patricia.bailey333@aol.com. (07947) 611699

Nibbles provided Bring your own drink or supper.

Our next event will be the Sunday lunch on February 17. More details later.

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