

Dear Friends

It is with mixed emotions that I write this letter which will be the last one I write for the Chronicle.

Early in January Geoff and I will be moving to a new home in Wootton on the Isle of Wight. Obviously we are excited about our move and to find out what God has in store for our future but, also really sad to be saying goodbye to everyone in Denmead. The last seven and half years that I have served as curate and associate priest here have been a very happy and rewarding time for us, where we have felt loved and supported by you all. I feel very lucky and blessed to have been able to be part of church and village life in Denmead. The last services I will preside at will be the 8am and 9.30am services on December 30th 2018 but Geoff and I will attend the 9.30am service on Epiphany Sunday, January 6th 2019. This will be followed by a bring and share lunch where I hope as many as are able will join us so we can say our goodbyes.

We have friends and family on the Island and Geoff and I always thought it would be a lovely place to live in our retirement, so we are really happy this has been possible. And we are especially pleased to be starting a new adventure right at the beginning of a New Year.

But that is leaping ahead and firstly we are so pleased to be able to share one more Advent season and the Christmas celebrations with you all.

I think Advent is a beautiful season in the church's calendar. It is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the



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coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation. In church, at least, it is a time to still ourselves and reflect on the joy and hope that heralds the birth of Jesus in our world, then and now.

Jesus was and is a light in a world that often seems so dark and unforgiving. Yet as we remember the songs of the angels, the excitement of the shepherds and the worship of the kings we can look forward with a hope that will be fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. He can meet our expectations and transform our lives with His love and salvation.

Prepare your Hearts

Along with non-Christians we will undoubtedly get caught up in the hurly burly of Christmas preparations and even in church many extra services will be taking place and we will all be busy. Yet I pray we do not lose that sense of expectation of just how wonderful and generous our God is, sending His son as the greatest gift we can ever receive.

Do keep an eye on the website and notices for information about all our services through this season.

May I wish you all a peaceful and hopeful Advent season and a blessed holy and happy Christmas.

And yes, once we are unpacked and settled we would be happy to welcome you to the beautiful Isle of Wight for visits.

With love in Christ

Sandie



All Saints Church Services

Sunday 2nd December: 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 4.00pm Christingle Service
- 6.00pm Healing Service



Saturday 8th December

- 3.30pm Messy Church

Sunday 9th December: 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Gift Service - please bring gifts and toys for SADS (local women's refuge)
- 6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 16th December: 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Churches Together in Denmead Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December: 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Communion
- 6.00pm NO EVENING SERVICE

Monday 24th December: Christmas Eve

- 4.00pm Crib Service
- 11.15pm Midnight Mass

Tuesday 25th December: Christmas Day

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Celebration followed by Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December: 1st Sunday of Christmas

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



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.

Looking Ahead:
Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 6th January after the morning service to say goodbye 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.



Please join us at All Saints on Sunday 2nd December at 4pm as we celebrate 50 years of Christingle

Help us to bring light and hope to children living in poverty in this country.

**Next Messy Church Dates –
Saturday 8th December and 19th January 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
or Revd. Sandie Osborne 023 9236 2591





Sunday 9th Dec	9.30 am	Gift Service
Sunday 16th Dec	6.00 pm	CTD Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Crib Service
	11.15 pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Christmas Celebration followed by Communion

Everyone is very welcome to all our services!

All Saints Denmead Christmas Services

www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

www.facebook.com/allsaintsdenmead

All Saints Little Stars meets each Friday, 9.15-11.15am, during term time at All Saints Church Hall in Denmead.

Little Stars aims to create a relaxed, welcoming environment where babies and toddlers have plenty of toys to play with and parents and carers can meet new people and catch up with friends.

The session costs £1 per family, which includes a hot drink for the adults and water and snack for the children.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!



Denmead's Act of Remembrance

Over 1100 people young and old came together to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars, and those who have died in a host of campaigns since, in order that we might have peace and freedom today.



Local uniformed groups, the Infant and Junior school, the Parish Council, the WI, Denmead Brass Band, All Saints congregation plus many, many more from across the village paraded from the Memorial Hall accompanied by a piper to the Village Green where a short Act of Remembrance followed. A new Memorial was unveiled to honour the fallen of Denmead and was covered in 100 Ypres poppies to mark the centenary since the end of World War I.

A huge thank you to all who came. *Revd Emma*



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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.

Denmead Baptist Church

Sadly because of dwindling congregations, dwindling finances and because the move to the new building has not turned out as we had hoped, the church members have decided to end regular Sunday services and to close the Cornerstone building.

The last regular service was held on Sunday November 4th.

We are encouraging members of the congregation to find a new spiritual home in one of the other local churches.

Leaders of Denmead Baptist Church.



in Denmead



**TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE
AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH
SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER
AT 6PM**

***Followed by mince pies and hot drinks in the Church Hall
ALL WELCOME***

From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 18th November

Imogen Sutton

Sunday 25th November

Ben Morris

Funerals

Wednesday 7th November

Mr Jeremy Patterson

What is happening with Traidcraft plc?

Traidcraft goes back to the future with a new pioneering plan for ethical trade – a slimmed-down traidcraft with fair trade, community buying, transparency and 'market disruption' at its heart.



The Board of Traidcraft has accepted a plan for the future of the plc which has room for 12 employees and will begin its work at the start of 2019. It will maximise the profitable parts of the business, phase out the loss-making lines, create a membership culture and set a new high for ethical trading in the UK. As such, Traidcraft wishes to build on the extraordinary success of fair trade for a new generation of trading, sourcing and buying, in the manner of its pioneering fair trade founders.

At its heart it is an inspiration to make transparent the costs, prices and profits involved in every product it sells, which carries on the fair trade tradition of challenging and disrupting the market.

CEO Robin Ruth said “We want our members to be co-conspirators in changing how trade is understood and practiced. We want to tell consumers ‘who gets what’ from the Traidcraft products they buy. We want to annoy and irritate those who profit unduly through the non-transparency of their trading activities. We will cause great trouble, just

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as those six fair trade pioneers who started Traidcraft did back in 1979”.

Acknowledging the changes over four decades of fair trading, Robin continues. “Traidcraft has transformed shopping in the UK, and now you can find fair trade everywhere, from online shops to petrol stations. Just as times change, so must we. When new markets are searching for goods that are ethical, vegan and organic as well as fair trade, we need to be there. As young people demand cooperative models of doing business, we need to strive for that too”.

Returning the business to profit will involve a simpler range of products. The new Traidcraft will:

- establish core grocery lines
- carry fewer craft lines
- encourage communication to buy cooperatively and in bulk, saving on packaging and benefitting the planet.
- deliver discounts through a membership model for supporters

More information can be found at www.traidcraft.org.uk

All Saints Church Men's Group



On 9th November, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent slot-car racing at Clanfield. Thirteen participants competed with varying degrees of skill...

There was also plenty of time to talk – and to enjoy a pizza half way through the evening.

Congratulations to Peter on his first place!

Further events are being planned, and will be announced here and on the Church website in due course. All men welcome!



Brian Ahearn, Peter Markham (1st place), and Nick Cole on the Podium!

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

We celebrated our birthday at our November monthly meeting and welcomed guests from other institutes in our group. One of our members, Janet Pearce, who makes beautiful greetings cards, demonstrated various types of Christmas cards. We then all had an opportunity to make our own Christmas card with the great variety of components Janet had brought for us to choose from. There were a lot of different designs produced which I am sure the recipients will treasure.

The competition for an old greetings card was won by Joan Elliott with Joan Downing second. Margaret Kennett won the flower competition and Joan Elliott was second.

We continue our monthly lunch dates at various locations in the area. Future plans include the Group Christmas Social Afternoon at Cowplain when each institute performs a short item, and a visit to Portsmouth Guildhall for the Annual Milton Glee and Marine Association Band concert.

In January we will enjoy a Festive Lunch instead of holding our monthly meeting. This will be a week later because of New Year. This month's meeting on December 5th will include a visit by Angela White and the Chantelle Singers. Members will

sign an institute Christmas card made by Janet with donations going to a nominated charity. We will be having a Secret Santa with members bringing a gift to the value of £3.

Members are reminded that subs for next year will be due this month or next month.

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

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.

Contrary to popular belief we are a group of ladies with a young outlook who do more than sing Jerusalem and make jam. We take part in the county darts, skittles, and quiz and attend the twice yearly County meeting which includes a well known guest speaker. 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)

Denmead Evening Women's Institute

Well, Christmas is fast approaching and our last meeting of this year is a visit from a lady who does felting designs – which may possibly be appropriate for Christmas.

We have had interesting and enjoyable meetings since the summer months. We played 'New Age Kurling' at our August meeting, with various members making up teams to compete against one another.

September was a birthday meeting and a Mr Sherbourne played music for us and encourage us to sing along. We had a days' outing to Parham House for their Autumn Fayre in September which was very pleasant, although the weather did its best to 'dampen' the proceedings. In October a member from another WI showed us her beautiful collection of quilts she has made over the years.

We held our Autumn Fayre at the beginning of November and although the weather was rather inclement we did have a good turnout of people visiting. At our November meeting we shall continue our travels on the Trans Siberian Express in the capable hands of Mr Andrew Negus.

During this time we have met for craft evenings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Also we have had 'Meet & Greet' lunches at various hostelrys in and around Denmead.

DEWI are members of the Bere Forest Group of WI's which consists of the Cowplain, Denmead Afternoon, Denmead Evening, Lovedean, Purbrook and Stakes WI groups.

We meet on several occasions throughout the year for quizzes, skittles etc. On the 10th December we shall all join together for a Celebration of Christmas when each WI will contribute their Christmas Offering.

We are looking forward to the New Year and another interesting selection of speakers, outings and more.