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Dear Friends,
 Have you ever had an epiphany?

An epiphany is that moment when all the light bulbs turn on and you have an 'aha!' moment. Suddenly, everything makes sense. Or sometimes an epiphany is when a door gets slammed in your face only to have another open later. Your epiphany not only reveals the way forward, but also makes sense of the past.

During January, All Saints has journeyed through the season of Epiphany. We've explored many stories from Scripture that reveal to us something about Jesus, his identity, and his mission. Ultimately, they reveal something to us about this awesome God that we worship. They also point us towards the kind of life that God wants us to live in the world as we seek to follow Jesus.

As we move forward this year, I hope each of us will experience an epiphany - that God will give you greater clarity about your life and your future. We may not know the future (as I reflected last month) but we know the One who holds the future and us in the palm of his hand.

Now, as we enter February, we find ourselves again in the season of Lent - a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Lent is a time for reflection as Christians prepare to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday - the 22nd of February with a day of penitence or cleansing of the soul.

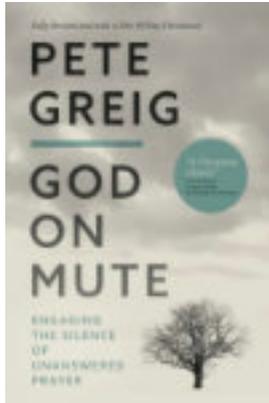
Many Christians will attend Lent services and be marked with a cross of ashes on their forehead. This is a sign of mortality, based upon the idea from the book of Genesis that humankind came into the world from dust and will return to it. It is a time to express sorrow over sin, and a reminder that Jesus brings freedom from sin. Our service at All Saints, including Communion too, will be at 7.30pm, so please join us if you can.

During Lent, we will also be focussing on an amazing and inspiring book called 'God on Mute' by author Pete Greig. This book explores prayer in an honest, truthful, and deeply powerful way - especially engaging with the silence, the questions of unanswered prayer.

"If you are hurting and secretly wondering where is God?' and 'Why's this happening to me?' and 'How come my prayers aren't working' then this book is for you" - says Pete.



This book, first published in 2007, and now re-published with a study-guide, is highly recommended by everyone and hailed as modern-day Christian classic.



“The most powerful theological books are not written from a distant theoretical viewpoint, but from the battlefield. They’re authored by writers who have wrestled with their theme in the gritty, raw realities of this life. That is precisely why Pete Greig’s book on unanswered prayer is so very powerful and profound. For anyone wondering why God seems absent, and why heaven seems silent, ‘God on Mute’ has some extremely helpful and healing things to say.” Matt Redman

This book really is essential reading for heavy and longing hearts, and for anyone wanting to pray deeply, more authentically, especially when life is hard.

So, I commend this book, which you can read chapter by chapter during Lent. It contains a 40 - day journey of prayer, which again, can be used each day during Lent (it is one page each day, with a framework of pausing, reflecting, asking, and yielding – P.R.A.Y.)

To accompany this book and study guide, Pete Greig has also recorded five video sessions (The Prayer Course 2) which explore this book further. We are going to use these videos as a Lent Course, on both a Sunday and Thursday evening, here at All Saints. Each week there will be opportunity to watch the video, share in discussions in small groups, ask questions, and pray together.

The Sunday evenings will start on Sunday 26th February at 6pm for five weeks.

Or on a Thursday at 7.30pm, again for five weeks, beginning on 2nd March.

Both the book and the Lent Groups are open to all. If you would like to join in, please come and pick up a book from the back of church. There you will also find signup sheets for the Sunday and Thursday Lent groups. Any questions do speak to myself, or ask Terry Davies at the Parish Office.

This book is insightful, gripping, and true to life – I read it last year, and it challenged, encouraged, inspired and comforted me – taking me deeper in my relationship with God. Now as we read this book together, may we all be impacted by God’s love and mercy, and grow in our faith and trust in God.

With every blessing in Christ,

Revd Emma

All Saints Church Services

Sunday 5th February – Third Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  
- 6.00pm Evening Worship - Informal Service.

Tuesday 7th February

- 7.00pm Catholic Mass – all are welcome to join with local Catholics from Sacred Heart for a Mass service here at All Saints.

Sunday 12th February – Second Sunday before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am All Together Service – all ages gather to worship, learn, and grow together. 
- 6.00pm Evensong

Saturday 18th February

- 3.30 - 5.00pm Messy Church – For all young families with pre-school/primary aged children. The whole family is welcome to Messy Church, grandparents and carers included. Join us for this fun filled afternoon of craft games, singing, bible story, prayers and refreshment. We meet in the church hall at 3.30 pm. For more information, please see www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church or from Lewis Jones youth@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

Sunday 19th February – Next before Lent – Transfiguration

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
- 10.00am Holy Communion with Kids and Youth at Ten.  
- 12.30pm Baptism of Elliott Barker

Wednesday 22nd February – Ash Wednesday Service

- 7.30pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 26th February – First Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion (Said, traditional BCP Communion Service)
 - 10.00am Morning Worship.
- There will be no Holy Communion at this Service. 

Morning Prayer is said each weekday at 8.30-9.00am in chapel – everyone is welcome.

Private Prayer - The Church building is open from 8.30am to dusk each day for private prayer.

If you wish to light a candle and pray there is a candle stand in the Chapel.



Refreshments in our church hall after the service



This service will be live streamed

Curate joining with us later this year...



It is with great joy the PCC and Revd Emma can announce that a new Curate, Buffy Langdown will be joining us later this year. Buffy and her family will arrive during the summer, and once Buffy has been Ordained at Petertide (24th June), by Bishop Jonathan, she will begin her time with us.

Here is a little introduction from Buffy. Please be praying for her in her final stages of training and as she approaches her Ordination.

My name is Buffy Langdown. I grew up in a small village in Somerset and moved to Portsmouth when I got married to Peter in 1995. Peter and I met whilst I was at Southampton University studying Biology alongside a teaching degree.

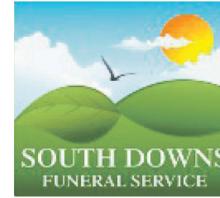
I was a primary teacher for 24 years before deciding to change direction and finally follow the ordination pathway which had been on my heart for many years. I have trained for the last three years part time on the Portsmouth Pathway, which is part of Cuddesdon College, Oxford and I must admit as a Curate I won't miss writing the essays!

Peter is a commercial photographer and videographer and is at his happiest when he has a camera in his hand. Peter and I have two children Tobi who is 22, she works for a Diabetes charity and Samuel who is 19 and a jazz drummer, pianist, and composer, they are both still living at home so will be moving to the village of Denmead with us.

We also have two rescue cats called Special K (not after the cereal) and Mango (my daughter's favourite food at the time!) who like to sleep a lot unless its in the early hours of the morning when they wake you up to play.

I love reading, especially thrillers and am currently working my way through the Shardlake series by C J Sansom. I attempted to teach myself crochet during lockdown but must admit progress is slow.

My family and I are very much looking forward to becoming part of the Denmead village community and to meeting you all.



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'Stick-ability'!

So, one month down, eleven still to go... what new year resolutions did you make? What things did you promise to give a go this year? How are you getting on with them?

I wonder whether, like me, you have problems with 'stick-ability' or completing a task that you started? I wonder how many of us have 'unfinished symphonies' whether they are craft works, maintenance jobs, a piece we started but never finished. Not being able to see things through to completion seems to be something many of us are guilty of.

Aren't you glad God is not like us? You see, our Christian faith teaches us that God not only looks at us in our sin, failure and brokenness and sees a thing of incredible potential, but he is prepared to work with us for the rest of our lives, changing us, as we allow Him access, to become more and more like Him. He will present us to His Father as complete, and Christlike, without fault and blameless. God has begun a masterpiece in your life, and He will bring it to completion too. You are a work in progress so don't give up. God hasn't given up on you.



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"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1: 6

Revd Emma

From the Registers

Baptisms

In January we welcomed the Baptisms of Sienna Jane Conlon on the 8th and William Stepney on the 22nd.

In February we look forward to the Baptism of Elliott Barker on the 19th. Please pray for Elliott as he begins his journey of faith in Christ.

Denmead Rowans Support Group

Auction of Promises

In the next few weeks we will be looking for support for our auction of promises. What could you promise to give to be auctioned in aid of your local hospice? It doesn't need to be an actual object, you can promise to do something which someone could buy. For example: promise to mow someone's lawn, promise to trim someone's hedge, promise to polish someone's football boots. Please think about what you could promise to do!

More information from: patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

Recycling

If you have small electronic devices that are no longer wanted such as mobile phones and little electronic games, they can all be recycled and make funds to support the Rowans. Also empty ink cartridges and postage stamps.

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.15pm

Sunday Family Mass: 10.30am (including Children's Liturgy)

Sunday Evening Folk Mass 6.30pm

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Denmead Walks

This is a route around the Berewood Trail, but this version includes a couple of alternative footpaths that have been opened up since I planned the original walk in 2019. It begins opposite the flats at the entrance to the Wellington Park development and takes an accessible circular route along both urban and rural paths.

WALK DETAILS

Length: 6.3km (3.9 miles)
 Time: 1h 30m
 Stiles: 0
 WALK GRADE: Easy (2/5)



It is possible to start this route from anywhere in Denmead and walk to the starting point in Wellington Park by going along the main road, however a much more pleasant way is via the golf course, then left along Closewood Road before turning right along the short FP that comes out onto the Berewood Trail.

If undertaking the shorter version, use South Downs View car park or the edge of the Wellington Park estate. To access South Downs View CP turn off the Hambledon Road into Sunnymead Drive (before the shops near the Falcon pub) then bear left almost immediately into South Downs View. The latter runs parallel to the main road and leads to the car park. After parking, cross the main road at the lights into Wellington Park.

To start the route, walk past the flats into the estate then go through a wooden gate on the RHS of the road; continue uphill towards a play area. The track veers left at the top of the slope and it is then a matter of staying on the main path for a total of 2.6km/1.6miles.



After crossing two bridges, one over the river Wallington about 1km further on, the path starts to go uphill as it heads toward Purbrook; eventually there is a long barn connected to Newlands Farm on the RHS. Another FP is signposted to the R at this juncture.

Bear L on the trail going slightly downhill and, at the next bend, remain on the Berewood Trail by bearing R (do NOT continue straight ahead) at this junction passing through woodland and crossing a wooden footbridge before emerging onto FP33A.

Turn L at this point following the path that soon becomes FP34 at a junction further ahead. Continue in the same direction and the path bends to the R



just before reaching a row of houses. Turn L onto FP39 along the tarmac surfaced road that runs parallel to the houses (on the RHS) and woodland on the L. At the end of the row of dwellings turn R onto FP34 and head uphill; at the top of the rise pass a car park on the LHS before taking the next L slightly further on that is signposted Berewood Primary School/Play Area/Skate Park.

Just after the skate park fork R along the path where the route runs alongside woodland on the LHS. Fork L at the next junction ignoring the path on the RHS and continue straight on at a third junction slightly further along.



The FP finally runs into Plant Farm Crescent at which point continue downhill. At the bottom of the hill bear L on Marrelsmore Avenue.

After about 150m turn R into Kentidge Way, pass the primary school on the L and head for the bridge at the end of the road. Use the pavement on the LH side when crossing the bridge and further along pass several

Proxima Park industrial units. Go R onto a FP just after the last unit and follow this route, which soon goes to the L across a bridge. Turn R on reaching the houses that face you on reaching the end of the footpath. (If the FP alongside the last industrial unit is muddy, stay on the pavement, walk over the next bridge then turn R into Angus Way and continue along the path in front of the dwellings on your LHS.)

Stay on this path around the perimeter of the Wellington Park development that eventually swings to the L. Do NOT cross the bridge that appears on the R but continue straight on keeping to the R of Chillingworth Square. The next short path is Longhorn Way – this leads to the main road near the Premium convenience store. From here make your way back to your vehicle.

If walking back to Denmead, either continue along the pavement adjacent to the Hambledon road or go L at the lights leading into the estate. Bear R onto the trail through the wooden gate and pick up the FP further along on the RHS, about 60m after the trail bends to the left – this leads to Closewood Road.

Please be aware that both Berewood and Wellington Park estates are continually changing due to further domestic and industrial development. I checked this walk in January 2023, however should any of these directions prove to be incorrect or misleading, an email to martinlewis20@hotmail.com informing me of any suggested amendments to the route would be appreciated.

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Evening W.I. helps local families at Christmas

Entertainment at the Evening W.I. December meeting was provided by the Solent City Chorus singing a form of a cappella four-part harmony for men. They began with Jerusalem of course, which everyone joined in with, and their varied repertoire included some audience participation before finishing with carols, a very enjoyable evening!

Instead of a Secret Santa this year the ladies brought donations for the Waterlooville Food Bank. The generosity of the members enabled three large boxes and a bag to be filled which went towards feeding 180 families over Christmas.

At the meeting on Wednesday 15th February Ollie Butler will be talking about Once a Wren Always a Wren.

Our Spring Fair will be on Saturday 4th March in the Church Hall from 10.00am to 12 noon. There will be lots of bargains to be found amongst the books, jigsaws, toys and bric-a-brac stalls plus, of course, our delicious homemade cake stall. There will also be a tombola, a superb raffle and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Here are the regular activities that take place at the various venues in Denmead.

If you spot any incorrect entries, please send updates by email: chronicle@allsaintsdenmead.org.uk

Church Hall Regular Bookings

Mondays

- 09.30-10.30 Zumba (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 Breathe Again (weekly)
- 14.30-20.30 Slimming World (weekly)

Tuesdays

- 09.30-10.30 Pilates (weekly, term time only)
- 11.30-12.30 Fit & Fifty Plus (weekly)
- 14.00-15.00 Positive Strokes (weekly)
- 17.30-19.00 3rd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.30-21.30 Denmead Horticultural Society (monthly, 1st Tuesday)
- 20.00-22.00 South Hants Koi Club (Oct. to Apr. only, monthly, 2nd Tuesday)

Wednesdays

- 08.00-13.00 Little City, mobile role play city for toddlers and pre-schoolers (monthly, 1st Wednesday)
- 11.00-12.30 Memory Café (monthly, 2nd Wednesday)
- 14.00-16.00 Flower Club (monthly, 3rd Wednesday)
- 14.00-16.00 Bereavement Support Group (monthly, 4th Wednesday)
- 17.45-19.15 1st Brownies (weekly, term time only)

Thursdays

- 09.15-10.15 Mrs G's Pilates (weekly)
- 13.45-15.45 Home Instead 'Love to Move' (weekly)
- 16.15-17.15 1st Rainbows (weekly, term time only)
- 17.30-19.00 2nd Brownies (weekly, term time only)
- 19.00-21.00 Guides & Rangers (weekly, term time only)

Fridays

- 09.15-11.15 Little Stars (weekly, term time only)
- 14.30-15.30 Gentle Chair Exercises (weekly)
- 19.30-21.30 Denmead Village Association (alternate monthly, 3rd Friday)

Saturdays

- 10.00-12.30 WI Belles Community Café – please check poster for details
- 15.30-17.30 Messy Church (monthly, 3rd Saturday)

Heath Room regular bookings

Mondays

19.00-21.00 Denmead Horticultural Society Committee (monthly 2nd Monday)

Tuesdays

09.30-11.30 Coffee & Chat (weekly)

14.00-16.00 Mothers' Union (monthly, 3rd Tuesday)

Wednesdays

10.00-12.30 Craft & Chat (weekly, term time only)

14.00-16.00 Afternoon W.I. (monthly, 1st Wednesday)

19.30-21.30 Guides Mentoring (Ad hoc/ alternate month, term time only)

Saturdays

10.00-12.00 Parish Council Surgery (monthly, 1st Saturday)

Denmead Community Association (The Old School) Regular Events

Mondays

08.30 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

09.30 -10.30 Better Body Club

11.00 - 13.15 Yoga with Allison

10.00 - 12.00 Watercolours for Improvers

11.00 - 13.00 Italian classes – Tertulia

14.30 - 16.30 U3A Board games – fortnightly

19.00 - 21.00 Evening Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

19.00 - 22.00 Denmead Bridge Club

Tuesdays

09.00 - 15.30 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School - Term Time Only

09.30 - 10.30 Better Body Club

09.00 - 11.00 Denmead Unsung Gardeners (DUG)

Contact the Centre for more Infomation.

09.30 - 12.30 Upholstery Class

10.30 - 12.30 Creative Writing

For further information please contact the DCA 02392 256132

13.30 - 15.00 Afternoon Social Club (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)

14.00 - 16.00 Art History 2 (Monthly, 1st Tuesday of the month)

18.00 - 19.00 Pilates Class

19.00 - 21.00 Denmead WI – monthly

19.00 - 21.00 Art Group

14.30 - 15.30 Chapter Reading Group (Monthly 1st Tuesday of the month)

19.45 - 21.45 Denmead Brass Band Rehearsal

19.30 - 22.00 Downland Singers

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Wednesdays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School – Term Time Only

10.00 - 12.00 Jiggy Wridders – baby music & movement

10.00 - 12.00 Denmead Art Group (Fortnightly)

10.00 - 12.00 Wednesday Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

13.30 - 14.30 Shiyong Tai Chi

19.00 - 21.00 Breakaway Stitchers and Quilters

18.30 - 20.45 Yoga with Allison

Thursdays

09.00 - 12.00 Old Schoolhouse Pre-School - Term Time Only

09.30 - 10.30 Zumba

09.30 - 11.30 Table Tennis – contact annandmalcolm.davies@virgin.net

10.45 - 11.45 Diddi Dance – pre-school dance classes

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Club for over 70's

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Fridays

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10.00 - 11.00 Bible and Bubble – baby yoga

09.30 - 12.00 Art Class

10.00 - 13.00 The Messy Hands Crafters (first Friday of the month)

18.30 - 20.30 Farlington Dog Club (Denmead)

14.00 - 16.00 U3A Table Tennis (Beginners) Monthly 3rd Friday

Saturdays

09.00 - 11.30 Southern Arts Academy (Term Time only)

Denmead Film Nights

Doors open at 19.00 (Typically the last Saturday of the month)

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Sundays

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19.30 - 22.00 Board Gaming – monthly

**If you are interested in joining any of the groups please contact
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Denmead War Memorial Hall

Mondays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

Tuesdays

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only
19.00-21.00 Archery Club - Weekly

Wednesday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only
19.30-21.30 Denmead W.I. Belles - 1st Wednesday Monthly
19.30-21.30 Horticultural Floral Workshop - 2nd Wednesday Monthly 7.30-9.30 Evening
19.30-21.30 Evening Denmead W.I. - 3rd Wednesday Monthly

Thursday

08.30-3.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only
19.45-21.45 Badminton Club - Weekly

Friday

08.30-15.00 Denmead Pre-School - Term Time Only

Sunday

09.00-12.00 Archery Club - Weekly except the 1st Sunday of the month
17.00-19.00 Denmead Karate Club - Weekly

Further Details Available from:

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From Guernsey to India with the Afternoon W.I.

January saw our New Year lunch at Barnards instead of a monthly meeting. Our regular meetings resumed in February though when John Richards returned to talk about "The Life of a Guernsey Refugee in England". At his previous visit John told us how children were evacuated to England when the German invasion was imminent. His new talk compared the tranquil pre-war life in Guernsey with wartime in England.

Future meetings include presentations on the work of a housemother in India and 90 Minutes at Entebe describing Operation Thunderbolt which some readers may remember. In April we are looking forward to a musical afternoon with Marianne and her accordion.

We also continue to meet for lunch each month when we have the opportunity to chat informally.

We invite all ladies to our meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm in the Heath Room at All Saints Church. We are an informal group and everyone is most welcome to visit us if a particular subject is of interest. We enjoy tea and home-made cake made by Louisa of Lily and Lime, which helps people with medical problems to find employment. 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.

Joan Downing

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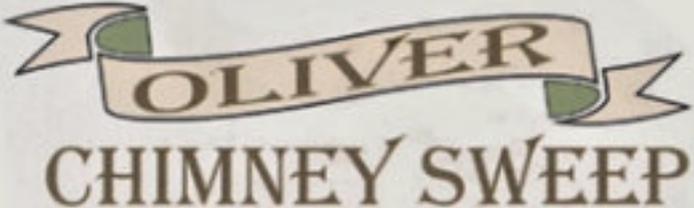


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Lesley Rose, Advice Services Manager for Citizens Advice Winchester District gives advice on what to do if you have mould or damp in your rental property.

Q *I've noticed mould and damp in our flat. It's mainly in our bedroom, including some black mould on the carpet. I've been chasing our letting agency, who say they'll speak to our landlord. I'm really worried about how this might affect our health. Our tenancy agreement isn't up for eight months, what can I do?*

A It's good that you've already raised the issue with your letting agency. Unfortunately, it isn't always easy to work out the cause of mould or damp. This can make it difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible, unless there's an obvious cause, like a leaking roof.

There are many causes of damp that properties can get. The most common are rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do. Check your tenancy agreement too for mentions of repairs and damp, and reach out to Citizens Advice on anything you're unsure about.

A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. This could be for example, if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and

window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

One of the most common causes of damp is condensation. To prevent this, it's important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated, but for a lot of people this will be trickier to do given the colder weather and higher heating costs. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home, and should visit our website to find out more.

On our website we also have advice on things that can make damp worse and may impact the landlord taking responsibility for repairs. These include drying clothes on heaters or blocking air vents.

If your landlord is responsible for the damp in your property but doesn't act, there are steps you can take, such as reporting them to the local authority. If you're in social housing you might also be able to use the landlord's formal complaints procedure. There is more information about this on our website. If it reaches the point where you want to get out of a fixed term tenancy agreement early, do speak to an adviser first, as there might be better ways to approach the issue.

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Creating Movement at the Horticultural Society

Denmead Horticultural Society last met for the Christmas party and enjoyed skittles, quizzes and a fish and chip supper delivered to the Church Hall by Denmead’s Finest.

The evening meetings start again on Tuesday 7th Feb with a return visit by Ben Pope, who will be considering ‘Creating Movement While Frozen Still’ - a seasonal talk looking at the winter garden and how to achieve movement and interest during the cold months. Ben is head gardener at a private garden in West Sussex, he writes for Gardens Illustrated and teaches at the Chelsea Physic Garden and West Dean College. He is an inspirational speaker and will show us how to appreciate our gardens at this dreary time of year. The meeting starts at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, visitors welcome.



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The Flower Arranging Workshop is a branch of the Horticultural Society and meets monthly at the Memorial Hall to learn and practice flower arranging. The meeting on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm will be a brief AGM followed by a demonstration by Aimee Smith of the Japanese art of Kokedama. This has become popular as a way of displaying house plants and involves wrapping the roots in a ball of moss bound with string. If you would like to learn or improve do come along to this friendly group and find out what they have planned for the year.

Liz Williams



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As items of upholstered seating furniture are likely to contain pollutants which do not break down, the Council is required to divert these items from landfill and dispose of carefully, incinerating to generate electricity. Residents are asked to avoid breaking up seating, as this increases the potential for material to escape into the environment - please ensure any loose material, such as coverings, are bagged for disposal at an HWRC.

Information on the range of upholstered seating items now needing to be segregated for specialist disposal can be found on the [waste prevention and recycling pages](#) on the Council's website: hants.gov.uk

Help to keep you warm

As more people feel the impact of rising energy costs, HCC is reminding those struggling to heat their homes that help is available. Residents can call the 'Hitting the cold spots' phoneline for advice on temporary heating and first-time central heating to arranging home visits and

sourcing boiler repair funding.

Cold homes can lead to health problems in the young, vulnerable and elderly. For some unaffordable bills or a broken boiler can push them into a situation where they can no longer adequately heat their homes. Anyone who finds themselves in need of help, should call our 'Hitting the cold spots' helpline on 0800 804 8601 (9.00am - 5.00pm, Monday - Friday), open to all Hampshire residents. Some services have eligibility criteria and advisors will discuss the best solution for each caller. Since the start of Hitting the Cold Spots in 2011, over 6,600 households have benefitted from the advice and so far this year, over 760 Hampshire households have received support.

Tree Planting

In Oct 2019, it was recognised that climate change is the biggest threat and the single most important driver of change within the County. In response, the Council declared a Climate Emergency and embarked on reaching net zero carbon by 2050 and build resilience to a 2-degree Celsius temperature rise.

It's been recognised that trees play an important role in carbon removal and



so HCC produced a Tree Strategy, committing to planting a million trees in Hampshire. Subsequently, The Hampshire Forest Partnership (HFP) has been devised to deliver HCC's Tree Strategy. It's been developed to ensure that the project is a collective effort from various partners; a combination of public and third

sector across Hampshire as well as residents, businesses, schools and the wider community.

Launched in November, with the planting of 1,300 trees creating a mini-forest near Petersfield, part of our aspiration to plant five mini forests in various sites. A tree tracking tool has been developed using an ArcGIS system, enabling us to capture all tree planting activity in Hampshire and will credit our partnership and all those that have contributed to planting a million trees in Hampshire. It's currently being tested with our partners and internally within HCC. A map will be available publicly to show the tree planting across the County providing a visual aid enabling residents to take ownership of their contributions.

A webpage is now live <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryside/our-work/hampshireforestpartnership> to involve the community and we hope to plant more mini forests, local sites include -

Portchester Tree Planting @ the castle - date tbc

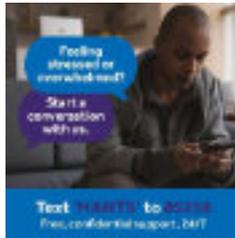
Over 50 trees to be planted at Castle Avenue with areas to be improved for pollinators by leaving unmown sections. Local community group The Little Ladies will be helping with planting.

Staunton Farm - HCC Countryside Park - dates tbc

A new tree trail is being developed with the planting of 107m hedgerow comprising 535 trees. Management of a small neglected woodland is to be part of a new area opened up with trails.

If you would like to discuss a potential planting site contact Emily Roberts at treeplanting@hants.gov.uk

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