

different dimension

Day with a difference

The previous day had been different, to say the least. In the city a politically sensitive trial had taken place with the connivance of authorities and local leaders. One of the judges, caught in the dilemma of pleasing his political masters or the local people, had given in to the popular voice and passed a death sentence on an innocent man.

When the merciless execution took place, only hours later, the sky darkened and strange disturbances took place as if the cosmos itself was deeply disturbed.

Man with a difference

Who was the man condemned to death in such an unjust way? He was just a local teacher, preacher, healer and miracle worker; to look at like any other man, except that he was completely different. His wisdom, compassion, incisiveness and magnetism set him apart and thrilled ordinary people. But local leaders felt threatened by his popularity.

So he had to go.

When the time came they hurried his trial along at night when most were sound asleep. No credible witnesses were called, no valid accusations made. No crime, capital or other, was alleged. He himself had said he would lay his life down and had the power to take it up again. His own narrative was more important to him than theirs.

Death with a difference

Finally he was nailed to a wooden cross, verified dead, and buried. So the authorities could relax, sort of. The only slight anxiety was his nonsensical promise to come back to life. But then dead men don't rise, so what could possibly go wrong? His tomb was in lock-down with military guards in place to prevent his friends or followers stealing his body and claiming he was alive again. Which he couldn't be.

Things could only get better. But they got worse.

The next morning the tomb lay open and empty. People began to report sightings and meetings with him. Nobody could find his dead body, nor ever has. Friends and followers were at first alarmed, then exhilarated, and finally



transformed people who began to change the world around them. They found themselves to be witnesses to what one lawyer later called 'the best-attested fact of history' – the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead.

Us with a difference

Where does it leave all of us? It is widely accepted that Jesus has influenced the course of human civilisation for good more than anyone else in history. And it is widely experienced that people who focus on Jesus and have dealings with him find a door opened to an amazing God of love they hadn't expected to know. And a depth of peace they are thrilled to discover.

True or false?

Unless of course it's all make-believe, untrue.

In this case the apostle Paul said, Christians are 'the most pitiable people' having built their lives on a lie. Truth or lie? There's nothing in-between. Further, logic suggests that if it is true for some, it should be true for all. So none of us in Denmead or the wider world is beyond the reach of the life and hope Jesus offers.

For all the advance and advantage that science has brought us in the Western world, all that it has explained and improved, it cannot tell us why we are here or where we are going. Repeatedly it seems to be Jesus who lived, died and rose from the dead who gives the transforming, satisfying answers we need when we come to him with an enquiring and open mind.

I have come that you may have life in all its fullness, is his promise.

Happy Easter, Denmead!

John Byrne

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



All Saints Church Services

Sunday 7th April: 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 11.15am Annual General Meeting
& Annual Parochial Council Meeting
followed by Bring and Share lunch.
- 6.00pm Healing Service

Sunday 14th April: Palm Sunday

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

Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 15/16/17th April

- 7.30pm Reflection and Holy Communion

Thursday 18th April: Maundy Thursday

- 11.00am Chrism Service at Portsmouth Cathedral
- 7.30pm Holy Communion and Foot Washing

Friday 19th April: Good Friday

- 10.00am CTD Walk of Witness followed by
- 12.00noon Lent Lunch
- 2.00-3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 20th April

- 3.30pm Messy Church

Sunday 21st April: Easter

- 6.00am Dawn Service on the Village Green, then
breakfast at Church Hall
- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Mission slot
- 6.00pm NO SERVICE

Sunday 28th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Communion
- 6.00pm Evensong

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 chapel.

ALL SAINTS DENMEAD EASTER SERVICES

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY - 14TH APRIL

8.00AM HOLY COMMUNION
9.30AM FAMILY PRAISE
6.00PM EVENSONG

HOLY WEEK - 15TH - 20TH APRIL

MON /TUE/WED 7.30PM REFLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION
MAUNDY THURSDAY 11.00AM CHRISM SERVICE

7.30PM AT PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL
FOOT WASHING AND COMMUNION
GOOD FRIDAY 10.00AM WALK OF WITNESS
STARTING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
12 NOON LENT LUNCH (CHURCH HALL)
2.00-3.00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EASTER SATURDAY 3.30-5.30 PM MESSY CHURCH (CHURCH HALL)

EASTER SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

6.00AM DAWN SERVICE ON THE VILLAGE GREEN
FOLLOWED BY BREAKFAST IN THE CHURCH HALL
8.00AM HOLY COMMUNION
9.30AM PARISH COMMUNION
6.00PM NO EVENING SERVICE

All Saints Church AGM

All Saints Church will hold its AGM (Annual General Meeting) and APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 7th April at 11.15am in church, followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. Everyone is welcome to this meeting and it is hoped that you will come and contribute to the life of All Saints or just learn more about what goes on and stay for lunch and chat afterwards. **The 2018 Annual Report** is available to read now by following the link on the church website: www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk. There is a church copy to peruse on the information table at the back of church, or if you prefer a hard copy to take home please ask for one at the Church Office.

We welcome nominations for election to the PCC (Parochial Church Council)

Being a member of the PCC gives you the opportunity to have your say in shaping and growing our church. Nominees must be over 16 years of age, actual communicants, and on the Electoral Roll of this Parish for at least 6 months. If you fulfil those requirements and would like to join us please speak to Revd Emma or one of the Churchwardens for further information and an application form.

Pastoral Care and Home Visiting

If you are lonely, sick or housebound or would just like someone to visit you for a chat and a cuppa, All Saints has a confidential Pastoral Care Team that can help.

Please phone the Church Office on 9226 8757; if the answerphone is on leave a message and we will phone you back.

Karen Gaskin, Pastoral Care Team Leader and Revd Emma.

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.

Free Coffee & Cake!



Return your Christian Aid envelope
and enjoy free coffee/tea and cake!

DATE: Sat May 19th

WHERE: All Saints Church Hall

TIME: 9.30am to 12 noon

If unable to join us, but you would like to donate, please
return your envelope to All Saints Church Denmead
during the week 14th - 19th May.

Thank you

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Denmead Church Flower Club

Table-Top Sale

Goods for sale include PLANTS, bric-a-brac, woodcraft items, books, handmade fabric items, preserves, good quality china, vintage clothes

Saturday 27th April 2019

10.00 am – 12 noon

All Saints' Church Hall

Admission charge: 50p (children free)

There are still a few tables available, £10 large, £5 small, from Carolyn Keyzor on 023 9235 1209 or keyzors2@ntlworld.com

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

*The Church of the Sacred Heart and St Peter the Apostle
356 London Road, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO7 7SR*

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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.



The Band Of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood

They're back!

The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood makes a significant contribution to the Naval Service and wider UK interests. It provides musical



support to commemorative events and veterans' parades in London and throughout the South Coast. Its concerts raise funds for Service charities and it performs for events both on a national level and for local communities... and this year we warmly welcome the Band back to All Saints Denmead!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of superb music ranging from classical pieces to military band favourites, and the finalé of the concert will be the presentation of an award to the successful candidate from the MI Conductors' course.



Tickets cost £15 each including wine and finger buffet during the interval, and are available from the Church Office (open Mon-Fri mornings) or download an order form from the church website www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk.

Last year's concert tickets sold out within three weeks, so don't delay in buying yours!



Barnard's Restaurant

Barnard's (opposite the Church) will once again be open exclusively for pre-concert dinners from 5pm that evening. Relax and enjoy a 2-course meal with coffee before strolling across the road to the concert. Places are limited and booking is essential.

Call Barnard's Restaurant on 023 9225 7788 to reserve a table.

Denmead Rowans Support Group Presents

SPECIAL SILVER COFFEE MORNING CRAFTS and GAMES



April 13th 10 to 12

All Saints' Church Hall Denmead

Smartie Box competition

Special Silver Games for all

GREEN BOX OPENING

Free Entry, Donations Appreciated Thank you!

Email Trish on patricia.bailey333@gmail.com to book a table

The Special Silver Coffee Morning is to support the Rowans 25th Anniversary Appeal

Games, crafts, coffee, cakes and bric a brac.

The green boxes will be opened. Smartie tubes containing 5 pence coins will be weighed and entered into the competition. the heaviest will win. Please start saving and come along and enjoy the fun.

Kew Gardens Trip

We are now taking bookings for the trip to Kew Gardens on May 17th.
email patricia.bailey333@gmail.com

Rowans
Hospice

Film Night at the Denmead Community Centre

27th April – Widows

Widows is the story of four women with nothing in common except a debt left behind by their dead husbands' criminal activities. Set in contemporary Chicago, amid a time of turmoil, tensions build when Veronica (Viola Davis), Alice (Elizabeth Debicki), Linda (Michelle Rodriguez) and Belle (Cynthia Erivo) take their fate into their own hands and conspire to forge a future on their own terms.

All eyes, however, are on Viola Davis, whose determined intensity powers the whole movie, and radiating a soulful humanity that's the stuff of screen acting at its zenith. Intelligent, engrossing and fiercely emotional.

Widows is a sinewy treat that seamlessly intertwines close-up character studies, big-picture politics and audaciously reimagined heist-movie riffs.

If you would like to receive our electronic newsletter detailing the events and activities held at the Community Centre, just visit our website www.denmeadca.com and click "join the email list".

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 9th of April, 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, Prof. John Hoar, will give a presentation entitled 'A Beekeepers Tale'

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 Twinning Association

Travel the world

Recently we travelled around the world, not in 80 days but in an evening, tasting wines and sampling the foods. Our travel guide was Janine, recently of Discover Wines and now running Tippy Events.

More than 80 people enjoyed wines from six countries, each accompanied by substantial canapes from those countries which included New Zealand, South Africa, Australia, Italy, France and Spain.



We all left at the end of the evening knowing much more about different wines

and foods from those countries; a great evening.



Our Big Quiz

By the time that this edition reaches homes, we shall have held our sixth annual Big Quiz. The serious competitors are already studying hard, I'm sure, but for the rest of us we'll count on lucky questions. Together with a fish and chips supper, I'm sure that the 80 people we're expecting will have a fun evening.

Visiting France

We are looking forward to our annual meeting with our French twins from Saint Georges Les Baillargeaux, near Poitiers. It's our turn to visit them and over 40 people from Denmead will be heading south in late May for a long



weekend there. We've bought our ferry tickets and now we are sorting our post-Brexit things like health insurance, driving licence etc. Pas de problème! More on this visit later.

We are always looking for new members to join us. Interested? Then contact Patrick Binks 9226 2912.

Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our March meeting we welcomed Deborah Wheeler to talk about the Whitchurch Silk Mill.

The mill was originally an iron depository and producer of small iron items before becoming a silk mill. Being built on the River Test the water wheel ran the looms until recently. Silk hanks are imported from China and are processed and woven at the mill. Deborah passed round samples of the various types of weaving produced and the cocoon from which silk is obtained. A cocoon contains one mile of usable silk filament.

The competition for a silk item was won by Anita Lemmon with Joan Elliott second. The monthly flower of the month was won by Angela MacNee with Janet Pearce second.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Edith Barge who was a valued member until poor health prevented her from attending. We have a permanent reminder of Edith in the beautiful early WI Badge she recently gave the institute.

We continue our monthly lunch dates and this month will meet at The Horse and Jockey on Tuesday 16th at 12.30pm. The Spring Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th at the Memorial Hall. We will again be taking part in the County Darts Competition this year and also the County Quiz and the Skittles competition.

Future plans include a visit to the Poppy Factory on Wednesday 22nd May and a trip on Chichester Canal on Monday 16th September when we will be able to use the Communicare minibus to take us to Chichester.



This month's meeting on Wednesday 3rd will include a talk by Don and Kim Tocher on the Work of the Portsmouth Street Pastors. The competition is for an item from Portsmouth.

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. Recent visits have been to Jane Austen's House and 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.)

Joan Downing (9226 5458)

Denmead Conservative Branch

Our next event will be a Wine Tasting on Friday 12th April at the Denmead Church Hall at 7pm. Janine Pert will introduce five wines which will be accompanied by an Easter menu at a cost of £20.

Booking form and details from the Secretary, Mrs Valerie Brown, Shrover Hall, Anmore Lane, Denmead PO7 6HN

Telephone 07590 206621

*Janet Nobes
Assistant Secretary*

Pray for our nation!

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling for every parish and diocese to hold their local MPs, politicians and the members of the Government and civil servants in their prayers.

Their concerns are for the social divisions, which “feel more entrenched and intractable than for many years”, and also for “the divisions within the major political parties, which are stifling the emergence of a hopeful and viable vision for the common good in our communities.”



You are what you think about

Negative thoughts can actually harm you, physically. In a recent study by the universities of Exeter and Oxford, it was found that if you listen to that critical inner voice, you will end up with an increased heart rate, consistent with feelings of being under threat and distress.

On the other hand, positive thoughts have the opposite effect. Those in the study who were encouraged to be kind to themselves when things went wrong, reported more self-compassion, connection with others, and had feelings of relaxation and safety.

No wonder that Paul urges us: “Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4: 8,9)



Easter Peace: it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart. – *Anon*

There's nothing better than a good friend, except a good friend with chocolate...

– *Linda Grayson*

Denmead Horticultural Society

www.denmeadhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk

In March Lesley Chamberlain's talk was about the famous garden made in a chalk quarry at Highdown near Worthing. It was bought by Frederick Stern in 1909 and he spent the rest of his life there. On his death in 1967 the estate was left to the people of Worthing and the house was sold off becoming at one time a notorious night club, more recently a hotel and tea room which were taken over last year and closed for refurbishment.

Lesley's pictures took us on a tour of the gardens – features include the quarry garden with cascading Himalayan Musk roses, two small ponds, a rose garden with pergola, a bank planted with hellebores, a cherry walk under-planted with spring bulbs and many rare and unusual trees. Stern supported plant collecting expeditions and introduced many new plants and hybrids to horticulture working on peonies, snowdrops, roses, magnolia, buddleja, berberis, bearded iris and eremurus many of which can be seen in the garden today. Frederick Stern was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour by the Royal Horticultural Society and was knighted for his services to horticulture. He proved that a garden can be successful on pure chalk and I can recommend a visit to

Highdown to see the national collection of the plants he introduced, enjoy the views from Highdown Hill above the garden and hopefully a cup of tea from the refurbished tea room.

On 2nd April Martyn Cox will talk on *Clever Ways to Grow Edibles*. He is an award winning gardening journalist and author who has contributed to many BBC Gardeners World and RHS books and writes a regular newspaper column. He has a small north facing garden in Southsea and will show us that we can all grow fruit and vegetables whatever size space we have. 7.30pm in the Church Hall, visitors welcome, £2.

Come to the Spring Show on Saturday 6th April to enjoy the Spring flowers and produce, plant stalls, tea and cakes and have a go on the chocolate tombola, open from 1 – 4pm.

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



Denmead Horticultural Society

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SPRING SHOW

Saturday 6th April 2019

to be held in

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL

Hambledon Road, Denmead, PO7 6NN

Opening 1pm -

Admission 50p

Children under 14 – free

PLANT STALLS,

CAKES,

CHOCOLATE

TOMBOLA



*Schedules in Parkers & on website
- what could you enter?*