

# Watershed moments...

Every generation has its watershed moments, events that divide time and make the 'after' somehow different than the 'before'. For millennials, 9/11 stands out as the prime example. For Gen Xers, perhaps it is the fall of the Berlin Wall or the O.J. Simpson trial, and for baby boomers, maybe the assassination of JFK.

But did you know that for all churches Pentecost Sunday marks a more impactful, era-defining, watershed moment than all the aforementioned events combined?

## Rediscovering Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is a day where Christians for nearly two millennia have celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on God's people. This year Pentecost Sunday falls on Sunday June 9th.

Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter. For the early disciples they had encountered the risen Jesus; for forty days Jesus had spent time with them, but then he ascended into heaven and the disciples were left on their own again. The disciples remained gathered together in an upper room in Jerusalem not knowing quite what to do. Then ten days later, as they were marking the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Holy Spirit descends upon them. The disciples hear wind and see flames on one another; and then find they can speak different languages as they are filled with the Spirit. At first sight, some think they are drunk, but the Apostle Peter tells the crowd they are full of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples receive an amazing gift, a person, God himself comes to inhabit them. The Holy Spirit comes as love and truth to dwell in their hearts. The Spirit makes sense of the mystery of the Christ they have encountered and enables them to share that mystery with others, so that they too will believe and be transformed.



## A New Era

From this momentous day, the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit begin to tell others about Jesus, travelling far and wide, they establish communities of faith, what we now call the church. Pentecost is the birth-day of the global church. The start of a new era.

Pentecost is the watershed moment for all who confess the name of Christ, since 'no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit' (1 Corinthians 12:3). Nothing more important has happened since then. No world wars, no technological inventions, no sporting events, nothing – no, not even one.

## The Spirit's coming grants us assurance, hope and identity

More than sorting us according to millennial, Gen X, or baby boomer, the Spirit's advent tells Christians that we belong to an eternal order, not a by-gone era or a fleeting phase. We are citizens of a coming kingdom with no expiration date and no geopolitical boundaries, but nevertheless, we at present groan to go home – as exiles living in a foreign but fading empire (Romans 8:22-23).

Pentecost is as every bit of a gospel event as Jesus' ministry and miracles, death and resurrection. The Spirit's coming grants us assurance, hope and identity as much as a bloody cross or an empty tomb. The gift of the Holy Spirit is part and parcel of Christ's work on behalf of His people.

## Happy Birthday All Saints!

The Holy Spirit didn't come just once and that was it. Rather, the Holy Spirit is in and with the church today. The Holy Spirit continues to fill Christians today, inspiring them, encouraging them, helping them to love, and giving them boldness to pass on the good news of Jesus.

This Pentecost Sunday, All Saints will celebrate Pentecost – a bit like a birthday – we will share cake and sing Happy Birthday at our morning services. I'm also encouraging everyone to wear something red, a symbol of the fire and the Spirit.

# All Saints Church Services

## *Sunday 2nd June: 7th Sunday of Easter*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 11.30am Private Baptism
- 6.00pm Healing Service

## *Sunday 9th June: Pentecost THY KINGDOM COME*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion & Mission Slot
- 1.00pm **BIG PRAYER PICNIC  
AT PORTCHESTER CASTLE**
- 6.00pm NO EVENING SERVICE

## *Saturday 15th June*

- 3.30pm Messy Church

## *Sunday 16th June: Trinity Sunday*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise with Baptism
- 6.00pm Taizé Service

## *Sunday 23rd June: 1st Sunday after Trinity*

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

## *Sunday 30th June: 2nd Sunday after Trinity*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion
- 6.00pm Compline

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.

## **Next Messy Church**

**– Saturday 15th June 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](http://www.allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/messy-church)

or from Revd. Emma Racklyeft 023 9226 2647

**There will be no Messy Church during July and August.**

**It will resume on Saturday 21st September**





## THY KINGDOM COME

### **Thy Kingdom Come – BIG Prayer Picnic**

Then after our morning services, I'd encourage you to come along to the BIG prayer picnic 1-4pm at Portchester Castle. This is an opportunity to join with other churches from across the Portsmouth, south-east Hampshire and Isle of Wight area for an open-air ecumenical prayer and worship celebration.

For more information please see page 11 or visit:  
<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/thykingdomcome/>

This is opportunity to pray that God's Kingdom would come in our area, bringing healing, change and transformation. So please come along if you can - I will be there with a big banner for All Saints; come and find me and we can sit together.

With every blessing,

***Emma***

*Revd Emma Racklyeft – Vicar at All Saints*

## **From the Registers**

### **Baptisms**

Sunday 12th May     Eleanor Taplin

### **Weddings**

Saturday 11th May     Jackie Croucher and Philip Baigent

## Easter Commemorations

Good Friday was marked by a walk around the village – with a series of reflections on the suffering and death of Jesus.

Then at 6am on Easter Sunday morning – as the sun rose – we celebrated the Rising of the Son....



... followed by Breakfast!



JOIN WITH CHURCHES ACROSS PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE & IOW

# THE BIG PRAYER PICNIC



## Portchester Castle Sunday 9th June, 1pm to 4pm

Concluding 10 days of prayer, this open-air ecumenical prayer and worship celebration calls churches together from the whole of the Portsmouth area to pray that people would come to know Jesus.

Come from your morning Pentecost Day service to join with many churches from all over south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to eat, pray and worship together.

### 1pm to 2:30pm

The big prayer picnic with fun for families and a variety of prayer tents to visit.

### 2:30pm to 4pm

The main prayer and worship event drawing us all together as one.

More details at [portsmouth.anglican.org/thykingdom](http://portsmouth.anglican.org/thykingdom)

## How long could you make £60 last?

That is the latest challenge from Children's Society (*one of our Mission Partners at All Saints*), as they seek to highlight the plight of many poor people.

Children's Society says: "Imagine the worst week. Your car needs repairs, your boiler has broken, you need to get the groceries in, but you have only £60 left until you get paid next week. Can you make it last?"

If you would like to test yourself, to see how you would manage, take the quiz at [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/news-and-blogs/our-blog/difficult-decisions-in-a-crisis?](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/news-and-blogs/our-blog/difficult-decisions-in-a-crisis?)

Behind the quiz, however, the Children's Society is deadly serious. "Low wages, poor housing and public service cutbacks have left many families struggling. They have to make impossible choices every single day. One bit of bad luck quickly leads to families not being able to afford the basics.

"To make matters far worse, the council-run emergency funds that used to be there to support vulnerable families are at risk, and have disappeared altogether in some areas, leaving people with nowhere to turn."

If you can help, go to [www.childrenssociety.org.uk/](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/)

## Why we are turning to soap bars

It's official: we are buying more soap bars these days. And that is a good thing.

It is all a part of the major consumer backlash against unnecessary plastic waste. More and more of us want eco-friendly versions of our everyday needs. Thus, we have 'bags for life', loose fruit and veg, and now – bars of soap.

Liquid soaps took off in the 1990s and was marketed as more hygienic than barred soap. But since then, numerous scientific studies have found this to be myth. And in the meantime, hundreds of millions of plastic bottles full of soap have been used once – and thrown into the environment.

Whereas with a bar of soap, once it is gone, it is really gone.

*The data on soap sales was researched by Kantar Worldpanel.*

## Do you admit to going to church?

"In the US you have to be religious to be elected, in the UK you increasingly have to pretend not to be." So says Fraser Nelson, editor of *The Spectator*. In a recent newspaper article\* he pointed out in the UK, "an MP is quite at liberty to talk about their faith, but they ought to realise it comes at a cost to their credibility.

"This is a side effect of the ongoing collapse of religiosity in Britain. Polls show that barely a quarter of us now profess faith in God or a 'spiritual higher power'."

Fraser Nelson continues: "As churchgoing becomes rarer, it is seen as stranger. More suspect. This increases the incentives to cover up one's faith and treat it like a dirty secret. So, we end up with two self-reinforcing forces: the decline of people going to church – and the decline of churchgoers willing to admit it."

He concludes that: "To be Christian in Britain today is to navigate your way through one of the fastest religious changes in the history of these islands."

*\* From a recent article in the Daily Telegraph, 'The decline of religion accelerates when Christians hide their faith', by Fraser Nelson, 30.03.19*

## Forthcoming Events at the

# Denmead Community Centre

### Denmead Film Night 29th June – Green Book

When Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen), a bouncer from an Italian-American neighborhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali), a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on “The Green Book” to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with racism, danger as well as unexpected humanity and humour – they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime. Winner of 3 Oscars – Best Motion Picture, Best Supporting Actor (Ali) and Best Screenplay

### Proms In The Park – Saturday 13th July

The eighth annual Proms in the Park, with four hours of great music, will take place on Saturday 13th July in the grounds of the Community Centre, The Old School, School Lane, Denmead so put it in your diary now! The Denmead Training Band will start the event at 5:15 pm and get everyone in the mood with the famous Denmead Brass taking over as the main band later in the evening. As in previous years, they will be playing all your favourite tunes from Tom Jones numbers to Rule Britannia. **Enthusiastic audience participation will be positively encouraged - it's going to be fun!**

Food and drink will be on sale in the form of oven baked pizzas with fine wines and soft drinks, but proms-goers are welcome to bring their own picnic too. There is ample free parking on site. Don't miss out on this very enjoyable family event!

Tickets are on sale now and are available from Denmead Community Centre and several outlets in the heart of the village. Call 023 9225 6132 to reserve your tickets; cost £6 per head, however young children accompanied by an adult come free. Proms in the Park is supported by two local businesses, Southdowns Funeral Services and Jeffries Estate Agents.

*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](http://www.denmeadca.com) and click “join the email list”.*



## Denmead Village Association

On opening the meeting, the Chairman invited Edna Goodman to introduce the Denmead Fitness Trail, leaflets for which were available at the meeting.

He then reminded the meeting that the Association had agreed to finance a new bench in the eastern part of the village. The Parish Council agreed, and our cheque was sent in January. In February we were told by the Parish Council that the bench would be placed in either Goodman Field or Harvest Field. We decided that we did not want this, and the Council is now discussing the return of our money.

With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council thought that this should be revised, but they have consulted Winchester City Council.

Patricia Stallard then advised the meeting that the large green box on the new development in Carpenters Field is the electricity substation; further questions about the box would have to be addressed to the utility company. The Chairman has been told that it will be screened by trees and shrubs.

The Chairman then introduced our speaker, Christine Bury, to tell us a Tale of Two Abbeys. These are Netley Abbey and Titchfield Abbey. Both were built as monasteries; both have been family homes, and both are now ruins. Netley Abbey

dates from 1239 and Titchfield Abbey from 1222, and both were founded by the then Bishop of Winchester. Henry III was a great patron of Netley Abbey, the heart of which is the Chapter House, where all the business took place. The Abbot's house was nearby but separate from the Abbey.

At Titchfield Abbey the monks lived communally but also worked as Parish Priests. Entrance to the abbey was strictly controlled. Richard II and Henry V passed through Titchfield Abbey, and King Henry VI married there. Titchfield suffered badly in the black plague and in the 1300s a huge proportion of the residents died.

The monks at both Netley and Titchfield lived quietly for 300 years until Henry VIII and the dissolution. Over time both abbeys became private residences, with substantial changes being made, and later both fell into disrepair.

***If you are not already a member of DVA, why not join us? The next meeting will be on Friday 20th September when Ian Limb will tell us the story of Portsmouth Water; this meeting will also be our Annual General Meeting. The annual subscription is £3, and our meetings are held in All Saints Church Hall at 7.30pm, but you would be very welcome to come initially as a guest. For further information email [dvatreasurer@btinternet.com](mailto:dvatreasurer@btinternet.com) or visit our website.***

Denmead Rowans Support Group  
invite you to join us for



## TEA @ Three

Tea and cake in the garden

Horseshoe Cottage, Furzeley Corner, PO7 6TS

(please come even if it is raining – we can go indoors)

**June 13th 3pm**

no tickets needed. donations of cake and money welcome

**This year we are making an extra special effort to raise funds for the  
SILVER JUBILEE APPEAL**

**for the refurbishment of Rowans in its 25th year.**

contact Trish on 07947611699 or [patricia.bailey333@gmail.com](mailto:patricia.bailey333@gmail.com)

for more information

## 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 a new venue, 'The Hogs Lodge, Gravel Hill, Clanfield, PO8 0QD.



The next meeting will be held on the 11th of June, 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, Dr. Darren Gowers, will give a presentation entitled 'Journeys in Biology - the World of Genes and Genomes'.

If you would like further information on the Probus Club, please contact our Secretary, Peter Quine, on 079 2662 0530 or by e-mail to [peterpia1989@outlook.com](mailto:peterpia1989@outlook.com)

## Denmead Afternoon WI

The institute held its Annual Meeting in May to which we welcomed WI Adviser Annette Bradshaw.

We elected our Officers and Committee and discussed Resolutions for the National Annual Meeting to be held in Bournemouth this month. Pauline Jones stood down as President and was thanked for leading our meetings for the past two years. Janet Pearce was elected as President and Rosemary Simpson and Pam Pilbeam and are continuing as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We were pleased to welcome Janet Reed and Elaine Lewis to the Committee as Ruth Giles and Joan Spooner retired due to family commitments.

The Financial Report and Committee's Annual Report were presented and adopted. The institute voted in favour of both the resolutions (concerning poor rural bus services and women's cervical smear tests) and asked our delegate to vote accordingly at Bournemouth. The Competition Cup and Flower Cup were won by Joan Elliott.

Annette Bradshaw then reminded us that the Four Values of The WI in the Constitution are Fellowship, Truth, Tolerance and Justice.

We are taking part in the County Darts Competition this year and also the County Quiz this month and the Skittles competition in August.

This month's meeting on Wednesday 5th will include a talk by David Standing on "Cottage Gardening".

The competition is for a Flower Arrangement in an Egg Cup.

*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.*

*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 Evening WI

After some very interesting and enjoyable meetings between January and May we now start the next year. A change of committee with a new president and secretary, plus several others joining the remaining members of last years' committee are in place.

Several members of our WI have kindly offered help in any way they can but because of other commitments are unable to join the main committee. The committee members would like to thank them for their kind support and help.

We are now looking forward to another interesting time with the following talks:

- June – The Mormons - New Forest to Salt Lake City – by Gill Southwell.
- July – The History of Knitting – by Joyce Meader
- August – we are having a light hearted evening, playing 'New Age' Kurling followed by a supper.

Also the members of the Bere Forest Group which we belong to have been taking part in playing darts. They are holding a 'Quiz Evening' in June which will then be followed by a 'Skittles Evening' in August where members from the six WI's join together competing against one another in light hearted fun evenings.

This is just a taste of things to come with other speakers listed to take us up to Christmas.

Watch out for our notices which are pinned up around the village in various locations.

*Denmead Evening WI meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Guests would be most welcome and can attend up to 3 meetings free of charge. The WI offers women the opportunities to make friends, learn new skills, and campaign on wide-ranging issues. We are a relaxed and welcoming group where you can enjoy interesting speakers, lunches, craft, outings and much more.*

*Ring 023 92 261234 should you require any further information.*

## Denmead Horticultural Society

[www.denmeadhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk](http://www.denmeadhorticulturalsociety.btck.co.uk)

Last month Peter Liverman's talk on Alpines and Succulents began with a tour of the mountainous regions of the world and pictures of exquisite tiny plants flowering in the most hostile environments. These conditions give us a clue to growing them as these plants can tolerate cold but not wet, they are low growing to protect them from strong winds and put roots deep down into scree or crevices in the rock to find moisture. There are 3500 species of alpine plants from many different families including trees, shrubs, bulbs and familiar plants such as violas, primulas, crocus, gentians, saxifrage and orchids.

Alpines are well suited to growing in pots and troughs where they can be given perfect conditions. The container should be raised on pot feet or blocks to allow water to drain freely, the base covered with a mesh to prevent small particles blocking the drainage holes then a layer of grit before adding the compost. This is a mixture of John Innes No



2 or 3 mixed with grit, sand and leafmould or composted bark to make a really free draining mixture. Once the plants have been added more grit is used around the plants to keep the leaves dry. Rocks can be included and pieces of slate or tile used on edge to form crevices. Peter showed us many creative ideas for displaying the plants such as those in the alpine area at Wisley and Alpine Garden Society displays at major shows.

Leesa Barrett brought a lovely selection of plants from her Leesa's Not Just Alpines nursery. She grows over 300 varieties of alpine plants including 100 named varieties of sempervivum and a selection of cottage garden perennials. She reminded us that succulents such as agave, sempervivum and sedum are hardy but aeonium, kalanchoes and echeveria need protection from winter frost.

On 4th June our evening meeting is a Q & A session on Gardening with Native Plants. Andy and Angela Ward of Butterfly Cottage Garden Plants at Cheriton will answer our questions on what to grow to attract butterflies and pollinating insects to our gardens. They grow a range of old fashioned 'good doers' including native plants and will bring a selection for sale. 7.30pm in the Church Hall, visitors welcome, £2.

*Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642*

## Useful Local Contact Numbers

**Health Centre: 023 9223 9630**

**The Registrar of Births and Deaths: Appointments Only. Telephone: (01489) 894044**

**General Visiting, and Help in Bereavement – please contact Church Office: 9226 8757**

**Age Concern Hampshire, Village Agent: Lin Powell  
07791 012 304**

**Denmead Community Care Group: (COMMUNICARE) 023 9223 9630**



**Denmead Community Centre: 9225 6132**

**9am - 3pm, Monday-Friday**

**Memorial Hall Bookings:**

**Mrs S Thomas, 9235 5993**

**Police Contact No: 08450 45 45 45**

**Burial Ground enquiries: 9224 7947**

**Denmead Parish Council: 9224 7947**

**Winchester City Council 01962 840222**