

# Giving something up for Lent?

It's the time of year when people might ask: 'What are you giving up for Lent?' Some of us may reply 'chocolate' or 'alcohol', seeing Lent as an opportunity to improve our health (and waistlines). Others give up something they enjoy in order to help others – for example we may give up our daily coffee on the way to work in order to save the money to help someone less well off than ourselves. Or we may go to a 'hunger lunch' in order to think about those who don't have enough to eat.



Lent has always been a period of self-denial and penance in the Church year – which is why Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day comes before Ash Wednesday. On Shrove Tuesday, all the rich foods of the household (such as butter and eggs) would be used up before the Lenten fast.

Traditionally, Lent was also the time of the Church's year when candidates were prepared for their baptism on Easter Day. They would be expected to undertake a period of study and teaching before their baptism. Today, we might go to a study group or focus more on prayer during Lent.

Lent is a time of getting ready for Easter. Churches, including All Saints, look different in Lent. You will notice the colour purple and an absence of flowers and decorations – representing sorrow and penitence. It's a big contrast when Easter Day arrives, when the colourful decorations come out, there's lots of celebration, 'Alleluias' and joyful music!

The 40 days of Lent echo the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tempted and tested to his very limits, in preparation for his earthly ministry. We are told in Luke's account that Jesus 'ate nothing at all during



those days, and when they were over, he was famished.' (Luke 4.2). He must have been sorely tempted to take up the devil's invitation to prove he was indeed God's Son by turning dusty desert stones into bread - but he didn't give in.



This Lent, I'd encourage you to do two things.

Firstly, join with us as we read and study 'Living Faith' by Krish Kandiah. You can either read this book individually at home, or you can join a lent study group and share with others. More information on this book follows on page 7.

Secondly, I'd encourage you to look at [www.40acts.org.uk](http://www.40acts.org.uk).

Here you will find 'The Generosity Challenge' which launches on the 6th March. You can sign up as an individual and then every day during Lent you'll be sent an email with a short reading, reflection and a challenge to make a difference. Each challenge is a simple task that encourages us to practise radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline. This is a great resource and can be used with children.



With every blessing this Lent,

*Revd Emma*

## **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.*

# All Saints Church Services

## *Sunday 3rd March: Sunday next before Lent*

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

## *Weds 6th March: Ash Wednesday*

- 7.30pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

## *Sunday 10th March: 1st Sunday of Lent*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Family Praise with Baptism
- 11.00am Baptism
- 6.00pm Evensong

## *Saturday 16th March*

- 3.30pm Messy Church

## *Sunday 17th March: 2nd Sunday of Lent*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Mission slot
- 6.00pm Informal Service

## *Sunday 24th March: 3rd Sunday of Lent*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am All Age Communion
- 11.30am Baptism
- 6.00pm Evensong

## *Sunday 31st March: 4th Sunday of Lent & Mothering Sunday*

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Parish Communion with Wedding Blessing
- 11.30am Baptism
- 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 chapel.



“I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians of England.” *John Wesley*

God never made a promise that was too good to be true. *D L Moody*

Man’s way leads to a hopeless end – God’s way leads to an endless hope. *Anon*

Denmead Church Flower Club

# Table-top Sale

Various goods for sale, including plants, bric-a-brac, wood craft, books, vintage clothes, preserves

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**10.00 am – 12 noon**

**All Saints' Church Hall**

Admission charge: 50p (children free)

*There are still some tables available*

*£10 large, £5 small*

023 9235 1209 or [keyzors2@ntlworld.com](mailto:keyzors2@ntlworld.com)

## Easter Lilies For All Saints'

As we approach Easter if anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost of the lilies in memory of loved-ones please contact the Church Office, 023 9226 8757



## From the Registers

### Weddings

Friday 22nd February

Simon Holland and Jennifer Goldsmith

### Funerals

Thursday 14th February

Mrs Jean Buckle

Wednesday 20th February

Mrs Betty Kemp

# Lent 2019

During Lent this year Christians across Denmead will be studying 'Living Faith'.

This special Lent book invites each of us to travel back in time to stare intently at the cross of Jesus. It encourages us to take time to explore the rich tapestry of meaning that surrounds this central and most defining moment in history.

Over six studies, consider the final words of Jesus on the cross, as recorded in the Gospels. Each of these sayings is a unique invitation to connect with God. This book encourages us to discover another level of living faith as you hear and respond to Jesus' gracious words, which welcome us: to forgiveness, to service, to hope, to adoption, to empathy and to trust.

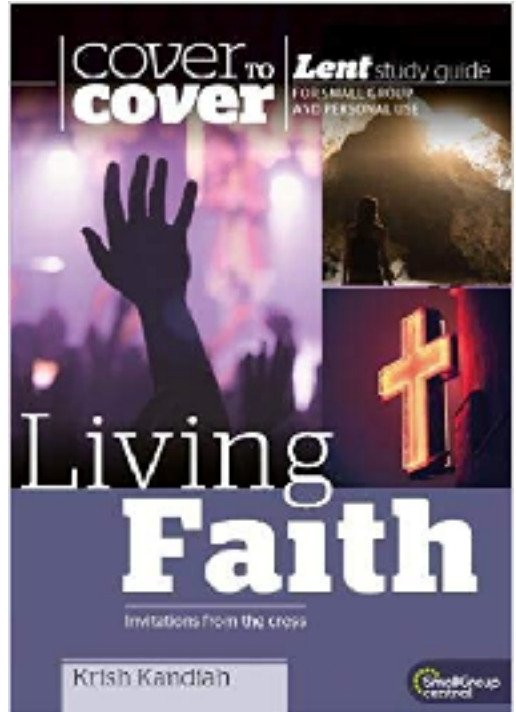
In Denmead we are forming a couple of Lent groups which will meet once a week, for six weeks, to share together, consider the questions the book presents and pray for each other. Both the book and the Lent groups are open to all.

If you would like to read the book, please come and pick a copy up from the back of All Saints church and there you will find a sign-up sheet for the different groups with details about time and location. Any questions do speak to Revd Emma or ask at All Saints Parish Office (9226 8757).

As we read this book together may we grow in our faith, trust and commitment to follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

With every blessing,

*Revd Emma (on behalf of Christians Together in Denmead)*



## All Saints Men's Group

### Programme for March and April

Sat 30th March 8.30am Breakfast, Heath Room

Phil Bowles – Culture and faith on both sides of the Pond

Mon 8th April, 7.30pm Ten Pin Bowling

All men are welcome to our events. Further details from:

Mike Barge 023 9226 8565 denmeadbarges@aol.com

John Byrne 023 9225 3621 byrne.jv@gmail.com



*Just enjoyed a very good breakfast...*

### Next Messy Church Dates –

### **Saturday 16th March and Saturday 20th April 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





### **DABS 2019 – STOP PRESS!**

The dates for DABS 2019 have just been set – we will be going on a Jungle Jamboree at Denmead Junior School from Tuesday 12th August to Friday 16th August.

We look forward to seeing the children of Denmead there. Application forms will be delivered through your letterbox during June.

## **Sacred Heart Catholic Church**

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

### *Parish Priest:*

*Rev Mgr Canon Jeremy Garratt  
(023) 9226 2289  
shspa@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk  
www.waterlooville-catholic.org.uk*

### **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.*



## A Notable Anniversary...

**It was 25 years ago, on 12 March 1994, that the first 32 women priests in the Church of England were ordained.**



It happened in Bristol Cathedral, and Bishop Barry Rogerson ordained them in alphabetical order; so Angela Berners-Wilson was considered the very first woman to be ordained. The daughter of a priest, *she is now chaplain at the University of Bath and Prebendary at Wells Cathedral.*

The youngest was Karen MacKinnon, now spiritual care manager at Southampton Hospital.

The legality of the ordination was challenged unsuccessfully in the courts by Anglo-Catholic the Rev Paul Williamson. Ten years later, one in five priests was a woman.

The first Anglican province to officially permit the ordination of women was Hong Kong and Macao in 1971. Florence Li Tim-Oi had been unofficially ordained there in 1944.

The idea of women priests began to be discussed in the 1920s. In 1978 a meeting chaired by Dame Betty Ridley agreed to set up what eventually became the Movement for the Ordination of Women (MOW).

**Of the 542 candidates entering training this year, more than half (274) are women, which is 19 per cent more than last year – a record rise.**

## 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.



## BBC to run a 'Year of Beliefs'

**The BBC is going to 'shine a light' on faith and spiritual values in Britain today by running a year of programmes dedicated to religion and ethics.**

The move comes a year after the BBC promised to 'raise our game' in the way that it treated religion. That promise followed a year-long review of its religious and ethics output.

**So what series should we look out for? Here are just some:**

On BBC 1, **Earth's Sacred Wonders** will look at the rituals and monuments of faith around the world; **Medical Ethics** will be a documentary filmed at Great Ormond Street Hospital; and **Pregnant and Platonic** will be a documentary on people who have children without being in a romantic relationship.

On BBC 2, **Inside the Vatican** will show a year in the life of the Vatican community, including Pope Francis; and the popular **Pilgrimage** series will return.

The Bishop of Repton, the Rt. Revd. Jan McFarlane, who chairs the Sandford St Martin Trust, welcomed the BBC's plans. Especially "bringing issues of faith, belief and ethics to as wide an audience as possible."

## Rebels with knitting needles

**Apparently the young are rebelling again – this time, it seems, against the digital age.** A recent study of 18-to-21-year-olds found that 83 per cent prefer to read a printed book rather than a tablet. They are also discovering the joys of knitting, fishing, and fruit picking, doing crosswords, and gardening.

Privilege Insurance, which conducted the research, said it was great to see the younger generation "defy stereotypes and expectations."

## Denmead Horticultural Society

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

Kate Bennett and Eleanor Waterhouse started our year with an excellent talk about their experience of Gardening for Television on the Big Allotment Challenge. When they arrived at the walled garden at Mapledurham House they were given one of nine identical 10m x 12m weed free plots, each with its own greenhouse. The top layer of soil had been removed and replaced with compost and it turned out to be very poor with no worms, not even a slug. They resorted to adding more compost, feeding with lots of tomato fertiliser, SB Plant Invigorator and their secret ingredient: llama poo.

Kate and Eleanor planned their plot with a colour theme and a central feature of sweet peas but were disappointed to find as the series went on that the way contestants grew their crops was less important than the challenges set in each episode. They beat Alex and Ed's giant carrots by digging their entire crop of much smaller roots to find three matching ones, they learnt that they shouldn't have trimmed the roots of their radishes and how to massage their runner beans to make them straight. Most of the flower arranging challenges were new to them and they had to devise their own preserves recipes to avoid copyright problems. Other frustrations were not being able to do anything unless a camera crew was with them, and there was a lot of waiting around.

**Don't  
forget the  
Spring  
Show is on  
6th April...**

However they made it to the final episode having won several Best in Show challenges including dahlias, gladioli, onions and aubergine. They enjoyed their experience although it was hard work and most of what they did to grow the crops was lost in the editing – we all enjoyed their entertaining talk.

On 5th March our speaker is Lesley Chamberlain and her talk is Highdown Gardens – secrets of a great chalk garden. 7.30pm in the Church Hall, visitors welcome, £2.

Don't forget the Spring Show is on 6th April, schedules are in Parkers or download from our website.

*Liz Williams, 023 9226 9642, [liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:liz@greensleeves.eclipse.co.uk)*



Denmead Rowans Support Group

### **Beetle Drive**

March 27th, Memorial Hall, at 7.30

Admission £2 Tea, biscuits and a raffle.

All welcome to this fun evening. No experience necessary!

### **Rowans Silver Jubilee Appeal Spring Fair.**

Special Coffee Morning, table games and Craft Sale

April 13th at All Saints Hall, from 10 to 12

Bring your green collecting boxes to be counted.

Bring your SMARTIES tubes too.

There will be a prize for the Smarties tube with the most 5 pence pieces.

To book a sales table contact Trish 07947 611699

### **Coach Trip to KEW**

May 17th

Details from Jan on 07425 172211

*Denmead Evening WI*

## **Spring Fayre**

**30th March - 10 - 12noon**

**All Saints Church Hall**

*Tables can booked for this event at the cost £10 - payable in advance*

Contact Gill Lancashire 02392261234 or Marilyn Farrow 02392262418

## Denmead Village Association

Peter Ambrose the Chairman welcomed members and visitors to the Association's meeting on Friday 18th January at the Denmead Church Hall.

He explained the recently updated SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment) which listed sites around the Denmead village boundary that the owners had put forward for potential development; it did not give planning permission.

He informed members that Mrs Melody Jones had taken over as the DVA Treasurer from Mrs Janet Nobes, who was retiring from that post.

He introduced the speaker Mr Graham Bryant who skilfully took members through the fascinating journey of the history of the astronomical events that affected human history.

He gave many examples of the sun, stars, planets and the moon, the tides and the eclipses affecting history of the World.

After the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments provided by the Committee.

Visitors are always welcome at the Open Meetings, and membership is £3 per

annum: enquiries for membership should be made to the new Treasurer Mrs Melody Jones 92 269211 | melodyjones@internet.com She also has the stocks of the local history books, tea towels and notelets.

The next Open Meeting will be held on Friday 15th March, at All Saints Church Hall at 7.30pm, when the speaker Jane Jeffares will talk on the Work of a Winchester Cathedral Guide.

*Janet Nobes*

## Denmead Afternoon Women's Institute

At our February monthly meeting members were pleased to welcome again Julie Gallaher from the Hampshire Trading Standards. Julie works for the Safeguarding Team who look after victims of crime including doorstep crime and phone and internet scams. Recent scams have included repeat letters from firms informing recipients they had won large sums of money if they bought their expensive goods.

Phone scams included callers trying to sell expensive remedies for common ailments such as arthritis. Doorstep crimes include residents being charged extortionate prices for repairs, often being asked to withdraw money from their bank to pay cash on the spot. Julie

explained that phones are now available to block such calls. The internet is a fantastic development but is a hotbed for criminals. Email scams include requests for personal information which can be used to empty bank accounts, and dating scams.

Julie explained that her department supported victims of crime and where a bank was considered negligent in not questioning withdrawal of large sums they would help the victim to recover their money.

The monthly flower of the month was won by Dee Smith with Joan Elliott second. Congratulations were given to Carol Godson on recently winning the crossword puzzle in the WI national magazine.

We continue our monthly lunch dates and this month will meet at The White Hart on Tuesday 26th at 12.30pm. The Spring Group Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th April 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 .

This month's meeting on Wednesday 6th will include a talk by Deborah Wheeler on Whitchurch Silk Mill. The competition is for a silk item.

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 Film Night

**30th March – Puzzle**

### Denmead Community Centre

Suburban housewife Agnes (Kelly Macdonald) is given a jigsaw puzzle for her birthday. She pops it open in a free moment and quickly puts together all 1,000 pieces. Then she takes it apart and does it again. Realizing instantly that she has a unique skill set, she travels into Manhattan to get more puzzles, stumbling upon a flyer looking for a puzzle competition partner:

This brings her into the world of Robert (the charming Irrfan Khan), a wealthy puzzle king looking for a doubles partner. He instantly sees the potential, and not only in Agnes' ability to put pieces together: He sees her for the funny, smart, beautiful person she hasn't been able to express to too many people. And then things get complicated...

*If you would like to receive our new 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".*

## Probus Club March 2019

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 12th of March, 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](mailto:peterpia1989@outlook.com).