

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

Sunday 20th October 2024



Services for Sunday 20th October 2024

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion with REME

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship

6.00 pm (Li) Benefice service of Peace and Wholeness



Services for Sunday 27th October 2024

Last Sunday after Trinity- Bible Sunday

8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship

6.00 pm (Wh) Autumn Reflection (see over)



Prayer for the Week – *Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity*

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 53: 4-end

Mark 10: 35-45

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Psalm 91: 9-end

DIARY

Monday 21st October

10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886.*

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

Tuesday 22nd October

Wednesday 23rd October

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 24th October

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice prayer list, Littleton Church Room

Friday 25th October

12 noon (Wh) Funeral and Burial – Ernest Rowles

4.00 pm (Li) Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members always welcome. *Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089*

Saturday 26th October

1.30 pm (Sp) Wedding – Alexander Morris & Laura Craig Harvey

2.00 pm (Cr) Blessing of Vows of Marriage – Tom and Claire Mapham

Chilbolton Christmas Tree Festival

St-Mary-the-Less - Early December

I am hoping to arrange a Christmas Tree Festival in Chilbolton church this year. It will be at the beginning of December. (date to be confirmed).

I am hoping as many village groups as possible will be able to take part, a real community activity. So far, about fifteen village organisations have expressed an interest.

More details to follow.

Jenny Seddon

Thank you!

A very big thank you to all who contributed to the Autumn Bazaar in Littleton last Saturday - those who donated items for sale, those who volunteered on the day and those who attended. The sum of approximately £1100 was raised, to go towards church funds. The winner of the magnificent luxury hamper was Sarah Flood.

Autumn Reflections

Wherwell Church is delighted to bring you another series of reflections on the lives of great historical characters and subjects who have made a difference to the world. This Autumn, we will look at Christina Rossetti, George Mueller, and Lesslie Newbiggin. Do come along and be inspired. The Reflections will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty to forty-five minutes of readings and music; and followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat.

27 October George Mueller, Evangelist, orphanage director. 1805-1898

24 November Christina Rossetti, Poet. 1830-1894

15 December Lesslie Newbiggin, Theologian, missionary. 1909-1998

Remembrance Drum Head Service ATR (Winchester)

Sunday 10th November 2022 at 10.50 am

Sir John Moore Barracks, Littleton

The Army has invited the Benefice to the Drum Head service at ATR in Winchester, preceded by coffee. Attendance lists are now in the church for you to sign, as the Army requires the names of all those attending as well as the make, model, colour and registration of any vehicle which will be driven onto the base.

Please be on the base by **10.30 am** for the start of the service at 10.50 am, or earlier if you wish to have a coffee first.

Archbishop's Visit to Winchester - "Share your Story"

25th – 27th October

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby will be visiting the Winchester Diocese over the weekend of 25th – 27th October. The focus for the weekend will be on "sharing your story".

Archbishop Justin will be visiting a number of different places across the weekend, sharing his own story and listening to others. He will be out and about with the Street Pastors on **Friday 25th** and will lead Morning Prayer at 8.00 and Eucharist at 8.30 in Winchester Cathedral on **Saturday morning**.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024

Littleton Memorial Hall Car Park

Saturday 26th October, 9am – 4pm. Please give your support. Cash or card!

Coram Beanstalk

Coram Beanstalk is a national charity with fifty years' experience of helping children to grow a love of reading.

We have recently had a number of new schools in Winchester partner with us and we are looking for a few people we can train to become reading helps and support in these schools. We provide all the training via zoom as well as a DBS check. Please get in touch if you are interested:

Kerry.ward@corambeanstalk.org.uk

Andover Food Bank Christmas Boxes and Hampers

The foodbank is once again giving additional support to those in need at Christmas by providing gift boxes for children and Christmas food bags/hampers. Details of both projects are available on our website.

Alternatively, please consider making a financial donation. £15 helps us produce an exciting box of gifts and £30 provides a bag full of Christmas food. You can donate online or by any method you prefer.

Food and non-food items which are in immediate need are:

Tinned Ham, Custard, Gravy Granules/Stuffing, Jam/Marmalade, Christmas Biscuits, Coffee, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrushes

www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk

Vacancy for an Anna Chaplain, St Catherine's Church, Littleton

Seeking to develop our ministry amongst the older members of our community further, we appointed our first Anna Chaplain in 2022. The position is now vacant and we are now looking to the appointment of a new part-time (16 hrs/week), paid Anna Chaplain.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people and their relatives and carers. It supports the wellbeing of people of all faiths or none, and encompasses a wider role within the community as an advocate and champion of the contribution older people make to society.

For more details please contact: office@downsbefice.org.uk.

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk, or telephone 01962 883185, by 12.00 noon Thursday at the latest. **If you would like to receive future editions of the newsletter by email, please contact me on the above address.** Thank you.