



# DIARY

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

## Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

7.30 pm Benefice Council Meeting, Crawley Church Room

## Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

11.30 am (Li) Funeral and Burial – Isaiah Jacob

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

## Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

*Today!*

### Karis Kids Summer Camp Tea

We are pleased to report that we have returned safely from our adventures at the 2024 Karis Kids Summer Camp in Uganda - thank you for all your prayers and good wishes.

We know that many of you are keen to hear about our trip, and so we shall be hosting a tea party at **3pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October in Littleton Church Room**, when we shall be sharing photos, videos, and news of St Paul's Church, the camp, and all our families. All are welcome, whether you are currently a Karis supporter, or just wanting to find out more about the camp, the charity, or life in Kampala.

*Michael and Carol Coleman*

### Wherwell Auction of Promises

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start

The money raised will be used to support the work of the Parish Church and to repair the fabric of Wherwell Church building.

For catering purposes, please pre-book. Tickets £10 to include supper from *Lou* at [jockandlouby@googlemail.com](mailto:jockandlouby@googlemail.com)

### **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 Rosetti, 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 Rosetti, Poet. 1830-1894

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

### **Remembrance Drum Head Service ATR (Winchester)**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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"**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby will be visiting the Winchester Diocese over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> and will lead Morning Prayer at 8.00 and Eucharist at 8.30 in Winchester Cathedral on Saturday morning.

### **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. Details to follow. Jenny Seddon

### **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](mailto: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.

**Gift boxes need to be delivered to the foodbank by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and hampers by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.** This enables us to ensure that the items can be given to clients discreetly by care workers in good time before Christmas. 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

**Please could you let us know by 18<sup>th</sup> October if you will be donating gift boxes or hampers to the foodbank this year.**

[www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk)

### **The Brickworks**

Many of you will know of the Brickworks charity supporting educational and healthcare projects in South Sudan, and which was set up by John and Poppy Spens when they lived in Winchester. John and Poppy have recently led a small team on a visit to Yei and will be sharing news of this, and the projects supported during the last year, in a Zoom meeting on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.30 – 8.30 pm. If you would like details of the link so that you can join this, please contact Carol Ward (email as below).

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto: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.