

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 17th November 2024



Services for Sunday 17th November 2024

Second Sunday before Advent

- 8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion with Baptism –
Wilbur Dyke
10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship
6.00 pm (Li) ~~Service of Peace and Wholeness -~~
Cancelled



Services for Sunday 24th November 2024

Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King

- 8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship
11.15 am (Li) St Catherine's Patronal Festival
*(followed by Friends of St Catherine's
lunch)*
6.00 pm (Wh) Autumn Reflection (see back page)



Prayer for the Week – *Second Sunday before Advent*

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3 Hebrews 10: 11-14; 19-25
Mark 13: 1-8 Psalm 16

DIARY

Monday 18th November

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

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

Tuesday 19th November

Wednesday 20th November

Thursday 21st November

11.30 am (Wh) Thanksgiving Service - Richard Jukes

2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice prayer list, Littleton Church Room – *note change of time*

7.30 pm (Li) Littleton PCC Meeting

Friday 22nd November

2.00 pm (Li) Interment of Ashes – James Retter

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

Saturday 23rd November

5.30 pm Confirmation Service, Winchester Cathedral – Scott Findlay. All welcome

Service of Lament and Prayer, Winchester Cathedral

Sunday 17th November, 5.30 pm

You will be aware that on Thursday last week the Makin Review into the Church's handling of the John Smyth case was published, culminating in the news of Archbishop Justin's resignation.

On Sunday evening at 5.30 pm, there will be a service of Lament and Prayer in the Lady Chapel at Winchester Cathedral, during which prayers will be said in lament for the failings of the Church to properly safeguard the vulnerable. Bishop Philip and Dean Catherine will be leading the service, to which everyone is most welcome.

As part of our commitment to learning the lessons of the Review, we will be taking time to come before God in penitence and faith.

Please note: Our service of Peace and Wholeness in Littleton has been cancelled to enable attendance at this service.

Confirmation Service

Saturday 23rd November, 5.30 pm

Everyone is warmly invited to Scott Findlay's confirmation at Winchester Cathedral at 5.30pm on Saturday the 23rd November. Scott is a member of our Chilbolton Church community.

St Catherine's Patronal Festival

Our Patronal Festival is on **Sunday, 24th November**. The service starts at 11.15 am and is followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the Church Room. Please email or telephone if you are planning to join us for the lunch.

(simonkingston55@gmail.com; 01962 880903)

Karis Kids - Christmas Party in Uganda

This year's Christmas party for our link families in Kampala will take place on Thursday 12th December. This is always a joyous occasion, with hundreds attending from the six member churches – for details of last year's party, visit <https://bit.ly/40sI9aL>

The cost of hosting the party, with food, music, cake and a gift for each family, sometimes the only Christmas gift they will receive, is £37.50 (or £30 plus Gift Aid) per family. If you feel you would like to contribute towards this cost for our link families, please visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18848> before the end of November. Let's give our amazing families a Christmas to remember!

Fundraising party in Winchester

We love a good party here in the UK too, so at 8pm on Friday 22nd November, Winchester Vineyard is hosting a Fundraiser party, with a bar, live music, a quiz and an auction of promises, all for just £10!

To get your tickets, visit <https://winvin.churchsuite.com/events/5yeqchss>

For more details about Karis Kids, please visit <https://www.kariskids.org/downs>, or speak to Carol Coleman (Littleton), Downs Benefice Co-ordinator

Boaz Nativity and Carols

Get ready for a heartwarming Christmas celebration at Boaz (Hill Farm) on **Friday, 6th December 2024!** We kick off the festivities with hot chocolate and mince pies, served from **6pm** in the Boaz barn.

Winchester Hospice Light up a Life Service

Monday 2nd December, 6 pm

Christchurch, Winchester

At this time of year, we start looking towards Christmas and, for many, someone we cherish may be missing round the dinner table. To remember them, we invite you to join us at our Light up a Life service as we come together to celebrate the lives of those no longer with us. You can light up the life of your loved one by making a dedication and attending our special service featuring carols and prayers as well as minced pies and a warming drink for all.

<https://winchester-hospice-light-up-a-life-2024.raiselysite.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.

24 November Christina Rosetti, Poet. 1830-1894

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

Help for the Christmas Tree Festival

7th & 8th December, Chilbolton Church

I am looking for volunteers from the church community to help in different ways. I need people to be in the church to welcome visitors etc. There is a rota with hourly slots for both days. I also require cakes (various) to serve to people attending this event. Please contact me on 01264 861164 or 07305 622243 if you can help in any way.

Thank you, Jenny Seddon

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.