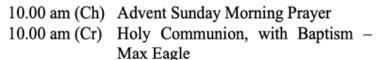
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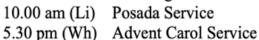
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## Sunday 1st December 2024



# Services for Sunday 1st December 2024 First Sunday of Advent





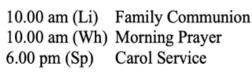








## Services for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent





## Prayer for the Week -First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

Luke 21: 25-36 Psalm 25: 1-9

## **DIARY**

#### Monday 2nd December

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

#### Tuesday 3rd December

#### Wednesday 4th December

#### Thursday 5th December

2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice prayer list, Littleton

Church Room

#### Friday 6th December

9.30 am (Sp) Sparsholt School Christingle Service – *Private service*,

for school only

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club Christmas Lunch

4.00 pm (Li) Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members

always welcome. Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089

#### Saturday 7th December

#### **Community Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 12th December 12.00 for 12.30pm

Festive lunch, pudding and drinks Served at Chilbolton Village Hall

Everyone welcome – an opportunity to socialise amongst the community of both Chilbolton and Wherwell.

Please book a place by contacting Jane Brown  $-01264\,860726$  or Charlotte Nash  $-01264\,860831$ . We kindly ask for a small donation.

### St Stephen's, Sparsholt Patronal Festival

Blow away the Xmas excesses with a special Benefice Service on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> **December at 10:00** when we shall enjoy the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion sung to the traditional setting by John Merbecke (1549). An Introit will be sung along with the Anthem "What Child is This?" Thomas Hewitt-Jones and popular hymns including "Praise my Soul the King of Heaven" and "How shall I sing that Majesty". The organist will be Anthony Burns-Cox.

For further details please contact John Wesley (01962 776476)

## **Christmas Services**



Day	Date	Time	Place	Service
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Ch	Advent Sunday Morning Prayer
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Li	Posada
Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm	Wh	Advent Carol Service (following Fayre)
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Sp	Carol Service
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Ch	Carol Service
Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Cr	Carol Service
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Cr	Arqiva Carol Service
Thur	19 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Wh	Wherwell School Carol Service
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Wh	Carol Service
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Sp	Christmastide Prayers and Readings
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6pm	Li	Carol Service
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Ch	Crib Service (with Wherwell)
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Li	Crib Service
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Sp	Crib Service
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Sp	Midnight Service
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Ch	Family Christmas Service
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Cr	Family Christmas Service
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Li	Family Christmas Holy Communion
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Sp	Family Christmas Service
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Wh	Family Christmas Service
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Sp	Patronal Festival (Sung Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer)

### Winchester Hospice Light up a Life Service Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/

#### Winchester City Festival Choir

## Christmas Concert Wednesday 18 December 8.00 pm

Littleton Memorial Hall, The Hall Way, Littleton
Carols spiced with Purcell, Vivaldi, Schubert and Bach. Ticket includes mulled wine and mince pie. Tickets in advance from Deidre Wratten (880462) or on the door £7.50.

www.wefchoir.org

#### **Arqiva Carol Service**

The annual Arqiva Carol Service is planned for **Wednesday 18 December** at 12:30 in St. Mary's parish church; all are welcome. The organisers say, "... it would be lovely to see people from Crawley and the wider Benefice community attending."

# 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.