

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 1st December 2024



Services for Sunday 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

10.00 am (Ch) Advent Sunday Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion, with Baptism –
Max Eagle

10.00 am (Li) Posada Service

5.30 pm (Wh) Advent Carol Service



Services for Sunday 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer

6.00 pm (Sp) Carol Service



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, **29th 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



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

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/>

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.wcfchoir.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.