

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
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Sunday 3rd November 2024



Services for Sunday 3rd November 2024 *Fourth Sunday before Advent – All Saints*

- 10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer
- 10.00 am (Cr) All Saints' Service
- 4.00 pm (Li) All Saints' Service
- 6.00 pm (Sp) All Saints' Service



Services for Sunday 10th November 2024 *Remembrance Sunday*

- 10.50 am (Li) Remembrance Drum Head Service, Sir John Moore Barracks (see over)
- 10.50 am (Wh) Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
- 10.55 am (Cr) Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
- 10.55 am (Sp) Remembrance Service at the War Memorial

Prayer for the Week – *Fourth Sunday before Advent – All Saints*

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9 Revelation 21: 1-6a
 John 11; 32-44 Psalm 24: 1-6

DIARY

Monday 4th November

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

Tuesday 5th November

Wednesday 6th November

Thursday 7th November

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

Friday 8th November

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

Saturday 9th November

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.

Sparsholt Music

Our next concert is in Sparsholt Village Hall at 3 pm on **Sunday 24th November**. Tickets are available in advance only, see www.sparsholtmusic.org

Parish Magazine Deadline

A reminder that copy for the December and January edition of the Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt Parish Magazine should be submitted by **12 noon, Friday 8th November** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine.

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.

Westholme Care Home, Harestock Rd

The staff are looking for help to make this Christmas a special time for their residents. They are inviting the community to make up small boxes containing toiletries or small practical gifts for the residents.

There will also be a Christmas raffle on December 20th and donations of prizes are sought for this. All money raised will go towards residents' activities.

Any donations please give to reception or to Honey Jose Cardozo

Chilbolton Christmas Tree Festival

This will be held in St Mary the Less Church Chilbolton on **Saturday 7th December** and **Sunday 8th December** from 11am to 3.30pm. Tea, coffee and cake will be available, and visitors will be asked to donate towards church funds. Many village organisations have expressed an interest in taking part and it is hoped this will be a joyful beginning to the Christmas celebrations.

Everyone is invited to come along and admire the different Christmas trees displayed.

Trinity Winchester

Annual General Meeting and Supporters' Evening

Wednesday 7th November at 7.00 pm

Bradbury House, Durngate Place, Winchester

After the standard AGM, there will be short presentations about our work over the last year, we will share updates on project Kanga, and you will get to hear first-hand from one of Trinity's clients. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register your attendance: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/trinity-winchester-agm-2024-tickets>

Wherwell History Group Winter Season of Talks by Zoom

Christmas – A Festive History

Friday November 15th at 8.00 pm

In a fascinating, entertaining and uplifting presentation, Andy Thomas uncovers the intriguing background to the festive season. From the ancient midwinter celebration of light to the marking of the birth of a messiah, mid-December has long been a time for rituals and rejoicing.

WHG events are free to members - guests are welcome (£5 per event)

To make a booking, enquire about membership or download our programme for 2025, please visit www.wherwellhistory.com

Charity Gift Fair

Saturday 16 November

10.30 - 16.30 hrs, Crawley Village Hall. Admission (adults) £1.00

Here is everything you could want for a great gift shopping experience on your doorstep, with a wide range of unique artisan crafts for the home and garden, home textiles, contemporary art, greetings cards, and delicious edibles all on offer.

The Fair is a non profit making event, supporting charities nominated by the stallholders themselves. Refreshments are available all day and light lunches will be served between 12.00-14.00 hrs.

Visit [Facebook.com/CrawleyCharityGiftFair](https://www.facebook.com/CrawleyCharityGiftFair) for more information.

“Shalom in the Land – Making Peace Through Reconciliation” Talk

12th November, Online, 7.30 pm

Hazelnut Community Farm, who are partnered with A Rocha UK, are hosting an online event with Rosie Hopley to discuss the power of land for peace and reconciliation in our communities.

See: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shalom-in-the-land-making-peace-through-reconciliation-tickets

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.