

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 24th November 2024



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 – Christina Rossetti
(see over)



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

Prayer for the Week –*Sunday next before Advent – Christ the King*

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10; 13-14 Revelation 1: 4b-8
John 18: 33-37 Psalm 93

DIARY

Monday 25th November

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

1.15 pm (Ch) Funeral – Sydney Smith

Tuesday 26th November

Wednesday 27th November

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 28th November

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

Friday 29th November

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

Saturday 30th November

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 Rossetti, 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 Rossetti, Poet. 1830-1894

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

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)

December Advent and Carol 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
Sun	22 nd	10.00am	Wh	Carol Service
Sun	22 nd	10am	Sp	Christmastide Prayers and Readings
Sun	22 nd	6.00pm	Li	Carol Service

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."

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!

For more details about Karis Kids, please visit <https://www.kariskids.org/downs>

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/>

Andover Food Bank Christmas Appeal

We are still collecting for our Christmas food Hampers, with all donations needing to be with us by the **end of November**. We have had a great response to our 12 days of Christmas appeal, but are still urgently in need of the following items:- STUFFING, SAVOURY CHEESE BISCUITS/CRACKERS, CRISPS (multipacks x6) and MINCE PIES (long dates please – 25th December onwards).

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 0930 to 1230 or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets.

If, instead of goods, you wish to make a financial donation - £30 provides a bag full of Christmas food. You can donate online or by any method you prefer.

www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk

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.