

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
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Sunday 27th October 2024



Services for Sunday 27th October 2024 *Last Sunday after Trinity- Bible Sunday*

8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship
10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship
6.00 pm (Wh) Autumn Reflection (see over)



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

Prayer for the Week – *Last Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday*

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-11 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5
 John 5: 36b-end Psalm 19: 7-end

DIARY

Monday 28th October

10.00–11.30am (Li) No St Catherine's Toddler Group – **Half Term**. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886.*

Tuesday 29th October

Wednesday 30th October

5.30 pm (Cr) Crawley PCC Meeting

Thursday 31st October

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

Friday 1st November

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

Saturday 2nd 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@downsbenefice.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.

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.

27 October George Mueller, Evangelist, orphanage director. 1805-1898

24 November Christina Rossetti, Poet. 1830-1894

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

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.

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.

“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

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

Andover Food Bank Christmas Boxes and Hampers

The foodbank is once again giving additional support to those in need at Christmas by providing gift boxes for children and Christmas food bags/hampers. Details of both projects are available on our website.

Alternatively, please consider making a financial donation. £15 helps us produce an exciting box of gifts and £30 provides a bag full of Christmas food. You can donate online or by any method you prefer.

Food and non-food items which are in immediate need are:

Tinned Ham, Custard, Gravy Granules/Stuffing, Jam/Marmalade, Christmas Biscuits, Coffee, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrushes

www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk

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.

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.