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

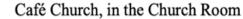
Sunday 6th October 2024



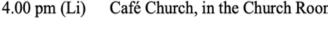
Services for Sunday 6th October 2024 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity



10.00 am (Ch) Harvest Festival 10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion











Services for Sunday 13th October 2024 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity



10.00 am (Li) Family Communion 10.00 am (Sp) Harvest Festival 10.00 am (Wh) Harvest Festival

Prayer for the Week – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Michaelmas)

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 2: 18-24 Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12 **Readings:**

> Mark 10: 2-16 Psalm 8

DIARY

Monday 7th October

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

Tuesday8th October

Wednesday 9th October

Thursday 10th October

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

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

Church Room

Friday 11th October

1.30 pm (Sp) Wedding – Christian Jacobs & Bianca Rodriguez

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

always welcome. Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089

Saturday 12th October

10 – 11.30 am (Li) Autumn Bazaar, in the Church Room (see opposite)
7.00 pm (Sp) Sparsholt Harvest Supper, Memorial Hall (see opposite)

Karis Kids Summer Camp Tea

We are pleased to report that we have returned safely from our adventures at the 2024 Karis Kids Summer Camp in Uganda - thank you for all your prayers and good wishes.

We know that many of you are keen to hear about our trip, and so we shall be hosting a tea party at **3pm on Sunday 13th October in Littleton Church Room**, when we shall be sharing photos, videos, and news of St Paul's Church, the camp, and all our families. All are welcome, whether you are currently a Karis supporter, or just wanting to find out more about the camp, the charity, or life in Kampala.

Michael and Carol Coleman

Wherwell Auction of Promises

Saturday 19th October, 7.00 for a 7.30 pm start

The money raised will be used to support the work of the Parish Church and to repair the fabric of Wherwell Church building.

For catering purposes, please pre-book. Tickets £10 to include supper from *Lou at* jockandlouby@googlemail.com

Harvest in Sparsholt

12th October – Sparsholt's Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall - 7 for 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from the Shop.

13th October - Sparsholt's Harvest Festival - in the Church - 10am.

Harvest goods brought to the Church will be donated to the Winchester Beacon (formerly the Nightshelter). A list of goods needed will be in the Church Porch





St Catherine's Autumn Bazaar



Saturday 12th October, from 10 - 11.30 am, Littleton Church Room

Once again, we will be holding our Autumn Bazaar this October, selling plants, cakes, jams and chutneys, books and bric-a-brac, so do come along!! And spread the word!

Donations of jams, jellies, marmalade or chutneys together with plants, homemade cakes or biscuits will be much appreciated so that we have a bounteous array of goods to sell on the day. We will be raffling a 'luxury hamper' during the sale and so, if baking, making preserves or gardening is not your prowess then please consider a donation of a food item for the hamper. Contact Carol Ward (883185)

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 Rosetti, 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 Rosetti, Poet. 1830-1894

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

Chilbolton Christmas Tree Festival - St-Mary-the-Less - Early December I am hoping to arrange a Christmas Tree Festival in Chilbolton church this year. It will be at the beginning of December. (date to be confirmed).

I am hoping as many village groups as possible will be able to take part, a real community activity. Details to follow. Jenny Seddon

The Beacon Winchester, Supporters' Evening

Thursday 10th October at the Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester

The evening is an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we are working together to bring hope and change to the lives of people experiencing homelessness in Winchester. It will also be a chance to discover more about the new leadership at The Winchester Beacon and our plans for the coming season.

Arrive from 6.30pm for light refreshments, ready to take seats at 7pm.

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.

Gift boxes need to be delivered to the foodbank by Friday 8th November 2024 and hampers by Sunday 24th November 2024. This enables us to ensure that the items can be given to clients discreetly by care workers in good time before Christmas. 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

Please could you let us know by 18th October if you will be donating gift boxes or hampers to the foodbank this year.

www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk

Christian Aid – a call to prayer

As we approach the one year anniversary of the 7th October attacks on Israel, we encourage you to join us online for a time of prayer and silence. Together, we can pray for all those who grieve the lost and we can pray for peace and wisdom to prevail.

Monday 7^{th} October, 8.00 - 9.00 am

www.christianaid.org.uk/events/gaza-appeal-vigil

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.