



# DIARY

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

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

## Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

## Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

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

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jockandlouby@googlemail.com)

### **Harvest in Sparsholt**

**12<sup>th</sup> October – Sparsholt’s Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall - 7 for 7.30pm.**

*Tickets are available from the Shop.*

**13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and hampers by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> October if you will be donating gift boxes or hampers to the foodbank this year.**

[www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk](http://www.andoverfoodbank.org.uk)

### **Christian Aid – a call to prayer**

As we approach the one year anniversary of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00 – 9.00 am**

[www.christianaid.org.uk/events/gaza-appeal-vigil](http://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](mailto: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.