

Southern Voices – Remembrance Concert

Popular, local, chamber choir, Southern Voices, present a poignant and beautiful concert of HOPE: **SONGS OF FAREWELL** on **Saturday 8 November, 7.30pm** in **St Paul's Church, Winchester**. On the eve of Remembrance-Sunday the programme is centred around **Hubert Parry's** six *Songs of Farewell*, texts from the British Isles celebrating and reflecting on the tremendous loss of life during WW1 as only Parry can.

HOPE is at the heart of this concert and each piece has been selected to be reflective and optimistic.

The choir and Musical Director, Jamal Sutton, hope to welcome you and that you will be both moved and uplifted.

Tickets £18 are on sale: www.southernvoices.co.uk or telephone 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply). Registered charity 1086868

Remembrance Concert

Alresford Community Choir are performing a Remembrance Concert this year on **Saturday 8th November** in St. John's Church, New Alresford. Several residents of Sparsholt, Crawley & Littleton sing with this Choir. This is not a Remembrance Service but a Concert in memory of times past and people we will not forget. There will be songs such as *Lord Thou Hast Been Our Refuge* and *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*, as well as less solemn pieces such as *The Bold Grenadier*, *La Mer* and *Moon River*.

Tickets £10 available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir or call 01962 776476 (Sally Wesley). **RETIRING COLLECTION** in aid of the Royal British Legion and SSAFA The Armed Forces Charity.

Chilbolton Soup Lunches,

Chilbolton Village Hall, Every Monday from 6th October to 8th December

The soup is served at 12 noon. *A small donation is requested.*

EVERYONE WELCOME.

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.

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 19th October 2025

Services for Sunday 19th October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness



Services for Sunday 26th October 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship

Prayer for the Week – *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Readings: Genesis 32: 22-31
Luke 18: 1-8

2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5
Psalm 121

Remembrance Drum Head Service ATR (Winchester)

Sunday 9th November 2025 at 10.45 am – Sir John Moore Barracks, Littleton

The Army has invited the Benefice to the Drum Head service at ATR in Winchester. Attendance lists are now in the church for you to sign, as the Army requires (in advance) 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 start arriving by **10.15 am** in order to get through security and seated in good time for the start of the service at 10.45am.

Please don't forget that everyone attending will need to bring some form of **photo ID** (passport/driving licence, etc).

Quiet Day for All Saintstide

6 November, 10am – 4pm, The Wessex Centre, Winchester Cathedral

This day offers space and peace, with the opportunity to detach from our busy-ness, get quiet, refresh, and recreate. Just bring a packed lunch, and no phone! The day will be led by Canon Dr Peter Lippiett, a retired GP and Anglican priest.

To book your place (limited to 20) please contact Emma Sajo (email: emma.sajo@winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

Christmas Presents for Residents of Westholme Nursing Home

Could you donate a Christmas gift for someone residing in care?



Westholme would like presents for their residents who would not normally receive gifts. Suggested items: slipper socks, confectionery, biscuits, personal care items such as shower sets, shaving sets, nail polish of hair accessories.

Please leave in the box in St Catherine's church or contact Kate Fletcher (Anna Chaplain) on 07784 539151.



Christmas Cafe and Crafts

Thursday 11th December 10.00 – 12.00 noon

Littleton Memorial Hall



Our Christmas Café is the perfect place to meet friends and make something Christmassy to take home. Do come and join us .

Any cash donations made will go to the Boaz Project.

Email for more details: annachaplain@downsbenefice.org.uk

DIARY

Monday 20th October

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

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

Tuesday 21st October

7.30 pm (Li) Littleton House Group. *Contact Carol Coleman for further details (01962 881886)*

Wednesday 22nd October

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 23rd October

9.30 am (Ch) Chilbolton Home Group. *Contact Charlotte on 01264 860831 for further details*

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room

Friday 24th October

11.30 am (Wh) Funeral – David Phillips

1.00 pm (Li) Interment of Ashes – Sheila Harris

Saturday 25th October

Benefice Office Closure

Please note that the Benefice Office will be closed from 5.00 pm, Wednesday 22nd October until 9.00 am, Wednesday 29th October. If you need to get in touch urgently, then do leave a message on the office phone as these will be accessed daily, or contact your church warden (details in parish magazines).

'Getting to Know You'

Sunday 19th October, 10.00 am, Littleton Church Room

Do come and join us for coffee and a chat in the Church Room this Sunday morning (and each first and third Sundays of the month), and hear someone tell us a bit about themselves- where they were brought up and went to school- what they enjoyed or hated at school- what they were good at; how they came to make choices about their work path; what they enjoy as leisure activities. We will simply sit in a circle (no tables) and anyone can ask a question.