

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 12th October 2025



Services for Sunday 12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Sp) Harvest Festival

10.00 am (Wh) Harvest Festival

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



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

Prayer for the Week – *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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: 2 Kings 5: 1-3; 7-15c
Luke 17: 11-19

2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Psalm 111

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).

Winchester Cathedral Law Week Festival

10th – 18th October

This year's Law Week Festival is a mix of services, talks and performance with a focus on how societal perceptions of crime and criminality often lack awareness or rapidly become outdated – frequently shaped by the media and political agendas.

See www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/law-week-festival for the full programme and tickets.

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)

Boaz Quiz Night

Saturday 15th November, 7.30 – 10.00 pm

Come put your knowledge to the test at Andy's Quiz Night! Teams of 4-6 can book online to secure a spot. It's just £3.00 per person to enter. Cash prizes, a raffle and a heads/tails game awaits. You may bring your own alcohol to enjoy during the evening. All proceeds support the Boaz Project.

To book your place email cat@boazproject.co.uk

DIARY

Monday 13th October

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

2.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell House Group. *Contact Susan Ansell for further details (01264 860775)*

Tuesday 14th October

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

7.00 pm (Sp) Sparsholt House Group. *Contact Jemma Mack for further details (jemmamack@hotmail.com)*

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

Wednesday 15th October

7.30 pm Benefice Council, Crawley Church Room

Thursday 16th October

10.45 am (Wh) Wherwell School Harvest Festival (*private*)

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

5.30 pm (Cr) Crawley PCC Meeting

Friday 17th October

9.30 am (Sp) Sparsholt School Harvest Festival (*private*)

Saturday 18th October

Sunday 19th October

11.00 am (Sp) Interment of Ashes – David Vandeleur

Lunchtime Concert, Winchester Cathedral

Tuesday 28th October, 1.15 pm

Tom Jesty will be performing in a lunchtime concert with violinist Vanessa White. Their programme includes works by Ravel, Tchaikovsky and Amy Beach. Tickets are free with admission to the cathedral.

Flowerdown Care Home Open Day

Saturday 25th October

Contact 01962 383143 to book an appointment and find out how we can help you or a loved one. Flowerdown Care Home, Harestock Rd, Winchester