

Karis Kids - Christmas Gifts for Uganda

This year's Christmas party for our link families in Kampala will take place on Thursday 11th December. This is always a joyous occasion, with hundreds attending from all the member churches – for details of last year's party, visit <https://bit.ly/4qOpLEc>

The cost of hosting the party, with food, music, cake, has already been covered, so all that remains are the gifts for the families, sometimes the only Christmas gift they will receive. The cost is £16 per family, which in the past has provided sugar, soap, tea, moisturiser, and sometimes a live chicken! If you feel you would like to contribute towards this cost for our link families, please visit <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18848> before the end of November.

Let's give our amazing families a Christmas to remember!

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

Trinity Winchester AGM

Wednesday 19th November, 7.00 pm

Bradbury House, Durngate Place

After the standard AGM, there will be a presentation by Trinity's Counselling Lead, Emma Micklewright and Jason Healy, Trinity's Recovery Lead. Light refreshments will be available.

Please register attendance – contact Trinity Winchester, 01962 842827

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 9th November 2025



Services for Sunday 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

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| 10.45 am (Li) | Remembrance Service at Sir John Moore Barracks |
| 10.50 am (Ch) | Remembrance Service |
| 10.55 am (Cr) | Remembrance Service at the War Memorial |
| 10.55 am (Sp) | Remembrance Service at the War Memorial |
| 4.00 pm (Ch) | Bubble Church |



Services for Sunday 16th November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent

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| 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 – *Remembrance Sunday*

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings:	Job 19: 23-27a	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5; 13-end
	Luke 20: 27-38	Psalms 17: 1-9

Boaz - Join Us for an Evening of Christmas Carols

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for our **Christmas Carols Evening on Friday 5th December** — a simple, heartwarming way to mark the season together.

Join us from **6 pm** for **hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies** before we start at **7 pm sharp**. Please allow a little extra time for parking, as some spaces will be off-site at our *Park and Ride* car park.

We'll be joined once again by the **Salvation Army Brass Band from Andover** and the **Barton Stacey Village Choir**, leading us through traditional carols and festive favourites. Members of **Boaz** will also be retelling the **nativity story** — **with a new twist!** Please book your parking at <https://www.boazproject.co.uk/>

Winchester Hospice 'Light Up a Life'

Monday 1st December, 6 -7.30 pm, Christchurch Winchester

Our annual remembrance service is open to everyone to remember the lives of cherished loved ones who will not be with us this festive season. The service combines carols, readings and performances, and is followed by refreshments.



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

We would love to hear from anyone who could help us on the day, or bake us a cake! Please get in touch with Kate, email above.

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 or hair accessories.

Please leave in the box in St Catherine's church or contact Kate Fletcher (Anna Chaplain) on 07784 539151, **by the end of November**.

DIARY

Monday 10th November

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 11th November

10.55 am (Li) Act of Remembrance, at the War Memorial

11.00 am (Wh) Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial with Wherwell school *(who will be processing down to the War Memorial)*

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 12th November

Thursday 13th November

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

Friday 14th November

Saturday 15th November

Chilbolton and Wherwell Christmas Posada 2025

Mary and Joseph are searching for a place to stay - can you help? Be a part of this heavenly family tradition by offering them refuge for a single night in December and documenting your experience in a scrapbook. Children, grandchildren and adults alike are invited to keep one of the sheep and bring it along to the Chilbolton Crib Service at St. Mary the Less Church at 4pm on Wednesday 24th Dec where they can be reunited with the rest of the flock. Please join us for this wonderful family nativity service, it's simply not to be missed!

To sign up to receive the Posada please contact Janie Painter janie.painter@yahoo.com or 07980 002235.