

Getting to Know you

Amid torrential rain today I wonder if anyone would like to brighten up our next meeting (**Sunday 2nd November**) by talking about their favourite holiday destination. Is your holiday centred around relaxation in the sun with a good book, walking coastal paths, taking a retreat “time out” or engaging the grandchildren in things new?

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10am we are in the Church Room at Littleton and would like to share stories of times past. It is a gathering that anyone can take part in and is particularly useful for those with hearing aids as it is one conversation we all can take part in.

Gemma Wootten

Remembrance Concert

Alresford Community Choir are performing a Remembrance Concert this year on **Saturday 8th November, 7.30 pm**, 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.

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 2nd November 2025



Services for Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints' Day

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| 10.00 am (Ch) | Holy Communion |
| 10.00 am (Cr) | All Saints' service |
| (2.00 pm (Wh) | Private Baptism – Bertie Bussell) |
| 4.00 pm (Li) | All Saints' service |
| 6.00 pm (Sp) | All Saints' service |



Services for Sunday 9th November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

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| 10.45 am (Li) | Remembrance Service at Sir John Moore Barracks (see over) |
| 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 |

Prayer for the Week – *All Saints' Day*

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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: Daniel 7: 1-3; 15-18
Luke 6: 20-31

Ephesians 1: 11-end
Psalm 149

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).

The Friends of St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt Remembrance Sunday 9th November

Around the UK organisations, families and individuals will mark this day with parades, church services and social gatherings. In Sparsholt the Friends of St Stephen's are arranging a lunch at the Plough, during which there will be a short presentation to remind us of the villagers who went to war and those who didn't return. Tickets available from the village shop. All are welcome.

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.



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 3rd November

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

Tuesday 4th November

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

Wednesday 5th November

4.00 pm (Cr) Crawley House Group. *Contact Felicity Gillibrand for further details (fgillibrand@btinternet.com)*

Thursday 6th November

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

2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room. **Please note change of time**

Friday 7th November

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the church room

Saturday 8th November

12.30 pm (Wh) Interment of Ashes – Richard Headley

Parish Magazine Deadline

A reminder that copy for the December 2025 and January 2026 edition of the Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt Parish Magazine should be submitted by 12 noon, **Friday 7th November** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine.

Funeral of Peter Highfield (Littleton)

Peter Highfield's funeral is on Tuesday 4th November. His daughter writes: "We are having a private, family cremation at Test Valley Crematorium at 12.00pm. Then a service of celebration of his life at Chesil House at 2.30pm. The service at Chesil House is for all friends to come to share our celebration of Dad's life.

If you could let it be known that friends from the community are so very welcome, it would be much appreciated."