Peace and Wholeness service, 3rd Sunday of the month, Littleton During the winter months, the services due to be held on January 18th and February 15th will take place at 3.00 pm instead of 6 pm. We hope you will be able to join us for this contemplative service.

Winchester City Festival Choir

A European Christmas

Thursday 11th December, 7.30 pm, St Paul's Church, Winchester

To include Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio, Mendelssohn Vom Himmel hoch and European Carols. Tickets £20 to include a festive drink.

Email: secretary@wcfchoir.org

Views from the Manger

An evening of carols and poems with Andover Chamber Choir 7pm, Saturday 20th December

St Mary's Church, Andover

Tickets £18 on the door, £15 in advance, under 16s free. Refreshments included. Available at The Lights Andover (in person and on-line) and through choir members. Proceeds in aid of Andover Food Bank

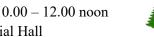
www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk



Christmas Cafe and Crafts

Thursday 11th December 10.00 – 12.00 noon

Littleton Memorial Hall



Our Christmas Café is the perfect place to come and have a coffee and cake, meet friends and even make something Christmassy to take home if you wish. Any cash donations made will go to the Boaz Project.

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

Do come and join us! Everyone, all ages, 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 7th December 2025



Services for Sunday 7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion 10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Li) Posada







Services for Sunday 14th December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

4.00 pm (Ch) Carol Service 6.00 pm (Cr) Carol Service

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Prayer for the Week – Second Sunday of Advent

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 11: 1-10 Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12 Psalm 72: 1-7; 18-19

Advent Bible Study

You are invited to join the Littleton House Group as we journey with some of the characters in the Christmas story. There will be 2 further sessions (Tuesday 9th and 16th December), 7.30pm, 2 Valley Road, Littleton.

Christmas Services in the Downs Benefice				
Day	Date	Time	Place	Service
Second Week	of Advent			
Sunday	7th	10am	Littleton	Posada
Friday	12^{th}	9.30am	Sparsholt	School Nativity
Third Week o	f Advent			
Sunday	14 th	4pm	Chilbolton	Carol Service (With Wherwell)
Sunday	14 th	6pm	Crawley	Carol Service
Sunday	14 th	6pm	Sparsholt	Carol Service
Monday	15 th	2pm	Sparsholt	School Kaleidoscope
Thursday	18 th	6рт	Wherwell	School Carol Service
Fourth Week	of Advent		<u> </u>	
Sunday	21st	6pm	Littleton	Carol Service
CHRISTMAS	SEVE		<u> </u>	
Wednesday	24 th	4pm	Chilbolton	Crib Service (with Wherwell)
Wednesday	24 th	4pm	Littleton	Crib Service
Wednesday	24 th	4pm	Sparsholt	Crib Service
Wednesday	24 th	11.30pm	Sparsholt	Midnight Service
CHRISTMAS	S DAY			
Thursday	25 th	10am	Chilbolton	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 th	10am	Crawley	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 th	10am	Littleton	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 th	10am	Sparsholt	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 th	10am	Wherwell	Family Christmas Service
Sunday	28 th	10am	Sparsholt	Patronal Festival (Sung Holy Communion, BCP)

DIARY

Monday 8th December

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 9th December

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Christmas 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 10th December

Thursday 11th December

10 am – noon (Li) Christmas Café and Crafts, Littleton Memorial Hall

Meeting Room. All welcome (see over)

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

Church Room.

Friday 12th December

9.30 am (Sp) Sparsholt School Nativity

Saturday 13th December

9.30 am (Cr) Advent Prayer Gathering, Crawley Church room (see

below)

Advent prayer gathering - all welcome!

Take a break from the busy-ness of Christmas preparations, and join us for a time of rest and reflection on the true "reason for the season".

9.30-10.30am, **Saturday 13th December**, Crawley Church Room

Getting to Know You

December looks very busy on the "getting together" front, so "Getting to know you" will take time out now until **January 18th**, when, if you would like to have a chat and a cup of tea, as there is no other gathering in Littleton on that day, do please join us in the Church room at 10.am.

Gemma and Tony Wootten.