

### Peace and Wholeness service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, Littleton

During the winter months, the services due to be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@wcfchoir.org)

### Views from the Manger

An evening of carols and poems with Andover Chamber Choir

**7pm, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk)



### Christmas Cafe and Crafts

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



### Services for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

#### Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion  
4.00 pm (Ch) Carol Service  
6.00 pm (Cr) Carol Service  
6.00 pm (Sp) Carol Service

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December), 7.30pm, 2 Valley Road, Littleton.

### Christmas Services in the Downs Benefice

Day	Date	Time	Place	Service
<b>Second Week of Advent</b>				
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Littleton	Posada
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Sparsholt	School Nativity
<b>Third Week of Advent</b>				
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Chilbolton	Carol Service ( <i>With Wherwell</i> )
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Crawley	Carol Service
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Sparsholt	Carol Service
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Sparsholt	School Kaleidoscope
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Wherwell	School Carol Service
<b>Fourth Week of Advent</b>				
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6pm	Littleton	Carol Service
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>				
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Chilbolton	Crib Service ( <i>with Wherwell</i> )
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Littleton	Crib Service
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Sparsholt	Crib Service
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Sparsholt	Midnight Service
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>				
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Chilbolton	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Crawley	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Littleton	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Sparsholt	Family Christmas Service
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Wherwell	Family Christmas Service
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Sparsholt	Patronal Festival ( <i>Sung Holy Communion, BCP</i> )

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## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 am (Sp) Sparsholt School Nativity

## Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.