



BUBBLE CHURCH
A service for all young families

Dates for January & February

11th January
25th January
8th February
22nd February

Starting at 4pm @ St Mary's the Less, Chilbolton



Young Lives vs Cancer

Quiz Night

Friday 30th January 7-10 pm
Crawley Village Hall

Come and enjoy a fun quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. Licensed bar. Raffle

Tickets £20. Seating will be in tables of 6, but no need to book a full table.

To book your tickets and for more details, please email
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Christians Against Poverty Coaching Course

Andover Parish are pleased to be running another 3 week CAP Money Coaching Course. A perfect opportunity as a new year starts to give your finances a MOT. Money Coaching has been designed by CAP, drawing on over 25 years of experience helping tens of thousands of people take control of their finances to bring a money management course that really works. It's a free service that is designed to empower people with the knowledge, skills, tools and confidence to better manage their finances. It is for anyone; from seasoned budgeting experts to those struggling to get to grips with the spending, from those with a 6 figure salary or those managing week to week.

Tuesdays from 1pm-3pm at St Mary's Church Centre - starting on 20th January. Sign up using the link below

[CAP Money Coaching Course \(20-Jan-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

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 11th January 2026

Services for Sunday 11th January 2026

The Baptism of Christ

10.00 am (Ch)	Morning Prayer
10.00 am (Li)	Family Communion
4.00 pm (Ch)	Bubble Church (see back page)



Services for Sunday 18th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.30 am (Sp)	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Ch)	Morning Worship
10.00 am (Cr)	Holy Communion
3.00 pm (Li)	Service of Peace and Wholeness (see over)

Prayer for the Week – *The Baptism of Christ*

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Matthew 3: 13-end

Acts 10: 34-43

Psalm 29

Talks at St Lawrence Church, Winchester

A series of talks by Professor Jerry La Sala will take place at 11.00 am, following the 10.00 am coffee mornings on the first Friday of the month.

6th February Mysteries of the Calendar

6th March The Antikythera Mechanism: A 2000-year-old
Astronomical Computer

A retiring collection will be taken for the **Winchester Food and Basics Bank**.

Andover Foodbank

The Andover Foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Andover Foodbank over the past few weeks. We are, as always, incredibly grateful and appreciate your continued support.

We currently have very low stocks of the food and non-food items listed below and would appreciate any donations:-

Tinned Meat, Long Life Milk, Tinned Fruit, Tinned sweetcorn,
Laundry pods, Cleaning spray

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 0930 to 1230 or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets.

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 at 10.00 in Littleton on that day, do please join us in the Church room at 10.00 am. *Gemma and Tony Wootten.*

Chilbolton Soup Lunches

The Chilbolton Soup Lunches resumed on Monday 5th January at 12.00, in Chilbolton Village Hall. Homemade soup, freshly made bread, tea and biscuits served at 12.00 each Monday. We welcome a small contribution towards costs. Everyone welcome. There are a number of residents from both Wherwell and Chilbolton who would welcome attending if transport were available. Can you help with transport? Please contact Jayne 07976 249632.



DIARY

Monday 12th January 2026

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

Tuesday 13th January

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

Wednesday 14th January

Thursday 15th January

12 noon (Li) Interment of Ashes - Jean Carswell
2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room.

Friday 16th January

Saturday 17th January

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 6.00 pm. We hope you will be able to join us for this contemplative service.

BCP Holy Communion, St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt

Please note that the BCP Holy Communion Service that takes place at St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on the third Sunday of every month has changed its start time. It will start at **8.30am** (not 9.00am) from **18th January 2026** and every third Sunday thereafter.