



Harvest in the Downs Benefice



Chilbolton Harvest Festival taking place TODAY!

Crawley Harvest Festival Service is at 10am on **Sunday 4th October**. Donations will go to Winchester Beacon.

Littleton Harvest Festival is at **10.00 am on Sunday 27th September**. Donated goods will be shared between Winchester Beacon and the Basics Bank. Lists of requested items are available on the font. A box will be left at the back of the church for your donations if you are unable to get to the service.

Sparsholt Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 11th October** at 10.00am. Donations will go to The Winchester Beacon. A list of goods that they would like/consider necessary will be posted in Church and outside the Village Shop in due course. The Harvest Supper will take place at Sparsholt Memorial Hall on Saturday 10th October at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are now available to buy at the Village Shop.

Wherwell's Harvest Festival is on **Sunday, 11th October** at 10am with a collection in aid of Andover Food Bank.

Christian Aid Harvest Appeal 2026

As we celebrate our harvests with giving to such excellent local causes, may we spare a thought (or more?) for the struggling farmers of South Sudan who are the object of this year's Christian Aid Harvest Appeal?

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal>

Driving Ukraine

Presentation of her experience on Convey 58 given by Hazel Still

Wednesday 7th October – 6pm – Stockbridge Town Hall

Tickets £12 on door or

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/hazelduncaninukraine/2370326>

All proceeds to Driving Ukraine

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 20th September 2026



Services for Sunday 20th September Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 8.30 am | Holy Communion (BCP), in Sparsholt |
| 10.00 am | Harvest Festival, in Chilbolton, followed by Harvest lunch |
| 10.00 am | Holy Communion, in Crawley |
| 6.00 pm | Peace and Wholeness, in Littleton |



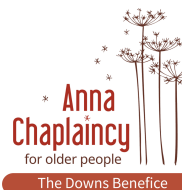
Services for Sunday 27th September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9.00 am | Holy Communion (BCP) at Wherwell |
| 10.00 am | Harvest Festival, in Littleton |
| 10.00 am | Pet service, in Sparsholt |
| 4.00 pm | Bubble Church, in Chilbolton |

Prayer for the Week – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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:	Jonah 3: 10- 4:end	Philippians 1: 21-end
	Matthew 20: 1-16	Psalms 145: 1-8



AUTUMN COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Thursday 24th September, 10.00 – 12 noon
Littleton Memorial Hall



Drop in between 10am and noon for tea, coffee, cake, chat and good company!
Everyone welcome.



Charity Bingo Night with a Raffle

Saturday 3rd October - from 8pm

Wherwell Home Guard Club

***HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED GOES TO ST PETER & HOLY CROSS
ORGAN RESTORATION FUND***

You need to book a place (closing date 25th September) by contacting Sandie:
s.bastable@sky.com

St Catherine's Autumn Sale



Saturday 10th October, from 10 – 12 noon, Littleton Church Room

Once again, we will be holding our Autumn Bazaar this October, selling plants, cakes, jams and chutneys, so do come along!! And spread the word! We will also be running a stall selling pre-loved children's toys, games and books.

Donations of jams, jellies, marmalade or chutneys together with plants, homemade cakes or biscuits will be much appreciated so that we have a bounteous array of goods to sell on the day.

We will be raffling a 'luxury hamper' during the sale and so, if baking, making preserves or gardening is not your prowess then please consider a donation of a food item for the hamper.

To donate (or promise) items or help on the day, please contact Peggy Ormston:
peggy.ormston@gmail.com; 01962 883682, or Clive Thompsett for hamper donations:
clive.thompsett@icloud.com; 01962 885039.

DIARY

Monday 21st September

10.00–11.30 am St Catherine's Toddler Group in Littleton Church room.
Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886
2.15 pm Flowerdown Holy Communion
2.30 pm Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in Sparsholt Church

Tuesday 22nd September

2.15 pm Westholme Holy Communion
3.00 pm Interment of Ashes – Rosemary & Christopher Greaves –
Chilbolton Churchyard
7.15 pm Littleton PCC meeting, in the Church Room

Wednesday 23rd September

10.00 am Holy Communion, in Littleton
1.30 pm Wherwell Prayer Meeting – *Dancing Ledge*

Thursday 24th September

9.30 am Chilbolton morning home group
10.00 – 12 noon Autumn Community Café, Littleton Memorial Hall
4.15 pm Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in Littleton Church Room

Friday 25th September

Saturday 26th September

3.30 pm Interment of Ashes – Timothy Bennett, Sparsholt Churchyard

Sunday 27th September

11.00 am Interment of Ashes – Constance Sweet – Wherwell Churchyard

Liberty Choir – Autumn 2026 Launch in HMP Winchester

Liberty Choir is a full-circle charity whose work starts and end in the community.

www.libertychoir.org

Each week volunteers go into prison to sing alongside the prisoners, helping bring positive change to their lives through the power of song. When the prisoners are released they are supported by the same volunteers, wider Liberty Choir team and their network of community partners.

Interested in volunteering? No knowledge of music is required.

Meet the charity founders and learn more

Thursday 1st October – 6.30pm – Deane House, Sparsholt.

Please RSVP to jane frazer16@hotmail.com