

The Orchestra Session

The First Movement

Saturday 21 November 2026 at 7.30pm

Chapel, Hospital of St Cross, Winchester

The programme includes music by Bach, Pachelbel, Vivaldi, Mendelssohn and Dvořák.

The Orchestra Session brings together professional string musicians to perform together and be properly paid for their work. Supporting music education is also an important part of the project, with a fixed proportion of every ticket sold going to music-education charities.

Tickets £23 (£12 concessions)

www.theorchestrasession.com

Soup Lunch in Chilbolton Village Hall

Mondays from 5th October to 7th December, from Midday. Homemade soup, freshly made bread, tea and biscuits. Local lifts available.

Contact Jayne on 07976 249632 for further information.

Everyone welcome – an opportunity to enjoy lunch and socialise in the community!

Soup makers always welcome to join the current team.

Trinity Winchester

Concert by Nick Ferretti, winner of Germany's Got Talent Live

Friday 16th October, 7 pm, The Pumphouse Winchester

Enjoy an evening of outstanding live music with Nick Ferretti. Renowned for soulful performances and exceptional musicianship, Nick will perform in support of Trinity, with all funds raised helping us to continue our work with people experiencing homelessness and vulnerability.

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 October 2026

Services for Sunday 11th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am	Family Communion at Littleton
10.00 am	Harvest Festival, in Sparsholt
10.00 am	Harvest festival in Wherwell
4.00 pm	Bubble Church in Chilbolton



Services for Sunday 18th October

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) in Sparsholt
10.00 am	Morning Worship in Chilbolton
10.00 am	Holy Communion in Crawley
6.00 pm	Benefice Service of Peace and Wholeness

Prayer for the Week – *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 25: 1-9	Philippians 4: 1-9
	Matthew 22: 33-end	Psalms 23

Banns of Marriage

(Ch) Daren Salmon & Eloise Yard

2nd Time of Reading

Andover Food Bank

So far this year the Foodbank has supported 4700 people in our community with over 40,000 meals and other essential items. As we leave summer behind and autumn fast approaches, we're asking you to support Andover Foodbank. Harvest is an important time for us as we build our stock levels ahead of the busy winter period, and your donations make a real difference to the families and individuals in our community who are struggling to afford food and other essentials.

Harvest list: Tinned meat meals, tinned/instant potatoes, tinned spaghetti/soups, tinned fruit/veg, rice, pasta sauce, rice pudding/custard, breakfast cereals, biscuits.

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 09.30 to 12.30 or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets.

Christian Aid in South Sudan

Our Harvest Appeal now is supporting the struggling farmers of South Sudan.

Here is an opportunity to hear from South Sudan partners directly - **Wednesday 14 October**, 7 pm, St Francis Church, Salisbury SP1 3PN. Free, but please book at caid.org.uk/Roadshow.

Peter and Maggie have 2 places for lift if wanted? 07376929615/ 07972555212

Littleton Lunch Club

Littleton Lunch Club still needs a few volunteer drivers to collect guests and take them home afterwards, or to act as a reserve driver. Please contact the Benefice Office if you are able to help.

The lunch club is held at 12.30pm on the 1st Friday of the month (except in September when it is the 2nd), in Littleton Church Room.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026

Littleton Memorial Hall Car Park

Saturday October 24th, 9 am – 4pm.

Please give your support. Cash or card!



DIARY

Monday 12th October

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| 9.30 am | Sparsholt School Harvest Festival |
| 10.00–11.30 am | St Catherine's Toddler Group in the Church Room.
<i>Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886</i> |
| 2.30 pm | Wherwell Home Group. <i>Contact Susan Ansell, 01264 860775</i> |

Tuesday 13th October

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| 7.00 pm | Sparsholt Home group. <i>Contact Jemma Mack on 07984 203698</i> |
| 7.30 pm | Littleton house group. <i>Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886</i> |

Wednesday 14th October

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| 10.45 am | Wherwell School Harvest Festival |
| 2.00 pm | Wherwell Prayer Meeting – <i>Dancing Ledge</i> |
| 3.00 pm | Crawley house group. <i>Contact Felicity Gillibrand, 01962 776293</i> |

Thursday 15th October

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| 3.00 pm (Wh) | Wedding – Jasper Barrington Galloway & Harriet Asher |
| 4.15 pm | Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in Littleton Church Room |
| 5.30 pm | Crawley PCC Meeting |

Friday 16th October

Saturday 17th October

Dates for your diary!

Sat 21 November, Charity Gift Fair, 10.30 - 16.30 hrs, Crawley Village Hall Admission £1 (adults).

Sunday 22nd November, 11.15am St Catherine's Patronal Festival service followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the church room

Sunday 29th November, 11.00 am – Benefice Family Communion in Crawley, followed by Bring and Share lunch.