

# Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of  
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023**



## Services for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### *Second Sunday of Advent*

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Carol Service

6.00 pm (Sp) Carol Service

6.00 pm (Wh) Meditation on the life of Leonard  
Cheshire (see over)



## Services for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### *Third Sunday of Advent*

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

4.00 pm (Ch) Carol Service

6.00 pm (Cr) Carol Service

6.00 pm (Li) Carol Service

### **Prayer for the Week – *Second Sunday in 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.

<b>Readings:</b>	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3: 8-15a
	Mark 1: 1-8	Psalm 85: 1-2: 8-end

# DIARY

## **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

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

4.00 pm (Li) Mission Support Group meeting, 10 Vernham Rd, Weeke

## **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

2.15pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion service

## **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

1.10 pm (Cr) Aqiva Carol Service

## **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice prayer list, Littleton Church Room

6.00 pm (Wh) Wherwell School Carol Service

## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

4.00 pm (Li) Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members always welcome. *Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089*

## **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Christmas Concert – A Festival of Choirs**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00 pm, Winchester Cathedral**

Come and hear festive Christmas music sung by Winchester Cathedral's world famous Choral Foundation and guests. The Winchester Cathedral Choral Foundation is comprised of nearly 100 singers across the Boys' Choir, Girls' Choir, Lay Clerks and Junior Choir. This year the choirs are also joined by Stanmore Primary School and the Hampshire Youth Orchestra Brass Ensemble.

Book online <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/book-online/245601>, call 10962 857275, or book in-person at the Box Office inside Winchester Cathedral.

### **Autumn Meditations at Wherwell Church**

*Today!*

Do come along to our final meditation of this year and hear about the life of Leonard Cheshire. The meditation will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty minutes, and will be followed by refreshments.

**10 December** Leonard Cheshire: decorated RAF pilot, philanthropist, 1917 - 1992



### **Downs Benefice pre-Christmas Services**



<i>Day</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Service</i>
Sun	10	10.00 am	Wh	Carol Service
Sun	10	6.00 pm	Sp	Carol Service
Mon	11	10.00 am	Li	Toddler Group Christmas Nativity
Thurs	14	6.00 pm	Wh	Wherwell School Carol Service
Sun	17	4.00 pm	Ch	Carol Service
Sun	17	6.00 pm	Cr	Carol Service
Sun	17	6.00 pm	Li	Carol Service
Sun	24	4.00 pm	Li	Crib Service
Sun	24	4.00 pm	Sp	Crib Service
Sun	24	4.00 pm	Wh	Crib Service
Sun	24	11.30 pm	Sp	Midnight Communion Service

### **Winchester Beacon – Donate Dinner**

This Christmas, across our four sites, we will provide accommodation and support to twenty-two people experiencing homelessness. We need your help to provide festive home-cooked meals. Could you contribute to our 12 Days of Christmas shopping list to get meals on plates? We are asking people to pledge their support through donation of an item of food needed for our residents' Christmas meals.

To see the list of items and how to donate, please see:

<https://winchesterbeacon.org.uk/news/feed-people-experiencing-homelessness-this-christmas/>.

**A Merry Little Christmas**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm**



The beautiful Winchester College is the setting for a festive programme of close harmony carols, performed by Cantores Episcopi in the candlelit chapel, in aid of the Trinity Centre. [www.trinitywinchester.org.uk](http://www.trinitywinchester.org.uk). Tickets from £20.

Enjoy your favourite Christmas carols followed by mince pies and mulled wine in College Hall. An evening that guarantees to get you into the Christmas spirit!



**Christmas with Southern Voices**  
**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 pm**



Southern Voices, directed by Jamal Sutton, present their annual Christmas Concert, once again in the stunning, medieval setting of the Chapel of St Cross in Winchester.

Alongside ever-popular congregational carols, complete with choral descants, the choir will sing a wonderful package of Christmas delights. There will be seasonal favourites with some fabulous stocking fillers thrown in – and maybe even the odd cracker!

Tickets £18. Online at [www.southernvoices.co.uk](http://www.southernvoices.co.uk) or telephone 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply). Or at the door

**Andover Food Bank**

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated in the past few weeks. As always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

This week, the Andover foodbank is in need of the following food and non-food items:-

Biscuits, Tinned Meat, Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Chocolate Bars, Jam, Coffee, Dishcloths, Deodorant, Cleaning Spray, Washing Up Liquid. Toilet Rolls

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.