

# Across the Downs

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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012

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## Happy New Year



### Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 *The Second Sunday of Christmas*

- 10.00 am (S) Benefice Service – St Stephen's  
Patronal Festival  
3.00 pm (S) Baptism of Sophie Hardcastle



### Services for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012 *The Baptism of Christ*

- 8.00 am (S) Holy Communion  
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#### **Prayer for the Week – *The Second Sunday of Christmas***

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Readings**      2 Chron. 24: 20-22      Acts 7: 51-end      Matt. 10: 17-22

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## **Farewell from Stuart**

I would like to thank you all for welcoming me and the family into your lives over the past three and a half years it has be a joy and a privilege. I finish my time here at Christmas and start in HMS Drake in January.

Over the past couple of weeks I have been able to say goodbye and thank you to the benefice, the schools, the separate churches and many of you. We have been greatly touched by people's sincere words, cards and generosity. We will treasure these memories and they have and will be a great source of comfort and support in the future. I know that I go to serve with the members of our Armed Forces with your blessing.

Thank you and until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Reverend Stuart Rason

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## **Can you Help?**

**Volunteers are needed for help with the regular monthly services held at the Flowerdown and Westholme nursing homes.** The service at Flowerdown is a communion service, lasting about an hour and a half, and it takes place at 2.30 pm on the third Thursday of the month. The Westholme service of hymns and a reading is simpler and shorter (less than an hour) and takes place on the first Wednesday of each month, also at 2.30 pm. Our neighbours in these residential homes really value and enjoy their monthly contact with the church, but we do need more volunteers to help on the day. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Brown on 01962 888593 or 07766 702027, or via the Benefice Office. Thank you.

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4.15 pm (L)

Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer list

8.00 pm (S)

Sparsholt Housegroup *Please contact Elizabeth (01962 776287) to confirm venue*

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30 am (L)

Holy Communion

2.30 pm (L)

Westholme Service

8.00 pm (L)

Mid-week Housegroup at 2 Valley Road, Littleton. *New members always welcome. Contacts: Michael and Carol Coleman 01962 881886*

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

10.15 am (W)

Funeral of Adrian Liddell at Basingstoke Crematorium, followed by Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's at 2.00 pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

10.45 am (W)

Funeral of Charles Daubney at Salisbury Crematorium, followed by interment of ashes at St Peter's at 3.30 pm

12.30 pm (L)

Luncheon Club in Church Room

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

8.00 am (C)

Saturday Breakfast Group. *Please 'phone Phil Payne (01962 776316) for details*

### **Benefice Office Hours at New Year**

The office will be closed on Monday 2nd January 2012.

Normal hours will resume on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

If you have any urgent matters which cannot wait until the office is open, please ring Reverend Juliet Montague at The Rectory on 01962 881898.

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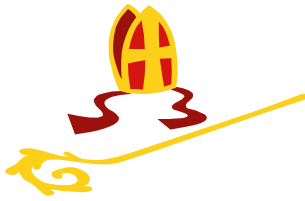
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### **Time to Re-Cycle Your Used Postage Stamps**

Christmas is the time of year when many of us receive the majority of our stamped post. If you would like to take a few moments to usefully re-cycle these stamps, please give them to Margaret Fowkes (either in person, or via the Benefice Office), who collects them to raise money for Kidney Research. Thank you.

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10.00 am (Ch) CW Holy Communion  
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### **Junior Confirmation Preparation Course**

Starting this evening, 8th January, 6.00 - 7.00 pm, in the Church Room, Littleton, we will be running a confirmation course for young people in the Benefice. Any young people wishing to consider confirmation, or who would like to discuss issues around faith and the church but as yet are uncertain about confirmation, are welcome to join us. The Confirmation Service is planned for Sunday 20th May at 4.00 pm. For further details please contact Carol Ward (01962 883185).

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7.30 pm (L) St Catherine's Mission Support Group at 10 Vernham Road,  
Weeke

8.00 pm (C) The Home Group at Westfield House, Crawley

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

11.45 am (S) Funeral of Maud Tee at Basingstoke Crematorium

4.15 pm (L) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer list

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 am (L) Holy Communion

8.00 pm (L) Mid-week Housegroup at 2 Valley Road, Littleton. *New members always welcome. Contacts: Michael and Carol Coleman 01962 881886*

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

4.00 pm (S) Julian Meeting at Clareholme, Sparsholt

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January

2.00 pm (L) Wedding of Daniela Bradu and Benjamin Bell

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### Thank You

The Winchester Nightshelter have asked me to thank the congregation of St Catherine's for all the Christmas gifts donated - all much appreciated - Gina Bruce

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- 10.00 am (C) Fifth Sunday Benefice Service – Thanksgiving for all involved in the Health Service

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### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

4.15 pm (L) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer list

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

9.30 am (L) Holy Communion

11.00 am (S) Interment of ashes of Maud Tee

7.00-7.30 pm (L) Candle-lit Meditation

8.00 pm (L) Mid-week Housegroup at 2 Valley Road, Littleton. *New members always welcome. Contacts: Michael and Carol Coleman 01962 881886*

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January

2.30 pm (Ch) Private funeral of baby Jack Trevor

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January

4.00 pm (S) Julian Meeting at Clareholme, Sparsholt

7.30 pm (L) Karis Kids presentation in Littleton Church Room (*see back page for details*)

### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

7.30 pm (S) Burns Night Celebration in Sparsholt Memorial Hall (*see below for details*)



The Friends of St. Stephen's, Sparsholt  
**BURNS NIGHT CELEBRATION**  
Escape the Winter's Gloom and join us for  
an Evening of Good Company  
and Traditional Hospitality  
on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
at 7.30pm in The Memorial Hall

Tickets: £15.00 from Sparsholt Village  
Shop

or call Ian Hay 01962 776468.

Dress: 'A Tartan Twist'

### Winchester City Festival Choir Concert, Conductor Graham Kidd

**Saturday 28th January 2012**

St. Swithun's School Performing Arts  
Centre at 7.30 pm

Alison Hill (soprano), Carris Jones  
(mezzo soprano), Nick Madden  
(tenor), Tim Dickinson (bass)  
Schubert Magnificat D486, Mozart  
Lytaniae de BMV K.109, Pergolesi  
Stabat Mater (excerpts), Britten Hymn  
to the Virgin, Tavener Song for  
Athene, Haydn 'Maria Theresa' Mass.  
Tickets £14 (adults) £7 (children &  
students) from the Theatre Royal  
(01962 840440);  
[www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk](http://www.theatre-royal-winchester.co.uk),  
from choir members, or at the door  
(cash or cheque only).

## **Karis Kids**

Karis Kids is a Christian organisation, started in 2007 by Tim and Pippa Peppiatt who lived in Littleton until very recently, which brings hope to children orphaned by AIDS in Uganda. The Downs Benefice has an opportunity to become involved in a new outreach of the work of Karis Kids, linking up with the parish of St Paul's in Kampala. We hope to establish and develop this link in the New Year, and support financially a minimum of five families to care for orphaned children, together with a Karis community worker from St Paul's. The method of giving is flexible, so that individuals, families, housegroups or PCCs can make a joint commitment to monthly giving. All that is required is a combination of people who have a heart for Karis Kids. A meeting has been arranged for **Friday 27th January, at 7.30 pm in the Church Room, Littleton**, where you will be able to hear more about the work of Karis Kids and have a chance to put your questions to Tim and Pippa. We hope that many will be moved to support this inspiring work. Please come, listen and be prepared to become involved in whatever way you can. For further information please contact Carol Ward (01962 883185).

## **The Long Day Out 2012**

28th January 2012 is the start of Homelessness Week and **Trinity Winchester** in partnership with **Winchester Churches Nightshelter** and **The Hyde Tavern** is challenging locals to spend a day on the streets of Winchester to see how long they can last with nowhere to go and with very little money in their pockets.

For more information visit [www.thelongdayout.info](http://www.thelongdayout.info)

Neville Semple from Littleton is joining this *Long Day Out*. He would greatly appreciate seeing your support as it all goes to Trinity – which is doing great work and really needs financial support at present. To sponsor him please sign the form at the back of St Catherine's Church or contact Neville on [neville@thehallway.plus.com](mailto:neville@thehallway.plus.com). If you would like to join Neville in taking part in this sponsored event, he would be delighted!

## **Assisted Dying - A Christian Ethical Perspective**

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# Across the Downs

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

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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## Service for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012 *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple*

10.00 am (C) Fifth Sunday Benefice Service –  
Thanksgiving for all involved in  
the Health Service



## Services for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012 *The Third Sunday before Lent*

10.00 am (C) Morning Worship  
10.00 am (L) Family Communion  
10.00 am (S) Family Communion  
10.00 am (W) Common Worship, with Holy  
Communion  
4.00 pm (Ch) Evensong



### **Prayer for the Week – *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple***

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Readings**

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Luke 8: 26-39

In our parishes we welcome everyone to our altars during Communion. Communicant members of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion and others are invited to receive a blessing.



## Lent Study Groups

This Lent we have chosen to follow a five session course looking at the Beatitudes (otherwise known as the Sermon on the Mount). The principles embodied in the Beatitudes are very challenging for us today, and I hope that this course will encourage us all to examine our lifestyle in the light of Jesus' radical teaching and to live out these 'kingdom values' now.

We plan to run the course through the house groups, with some additional groups as necessary. The study book (Life Attitudes by Robert Warren/Sue Mayfield - 2010) costs £4.99, so if you are interested please contact the Benefice Administrators (01962 880845) who will order them. If you are already a member of a house group you may want to continue with them, or perhaps enjoy a change. If you have specific time requirements eg a group that meets during the day please tell Vanessa or Maggie. They will also ask for your email address/'phone number so that we can keep you updated. So that the books arrive in time please could you place your order through the Benefice Office by 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012. I am hoping that you will enjoy this opportunity to meet and share with people from around the Benefice. We plan to come together for the launch of the series on Shrove Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> February) in Crawley Village Hall, for a pancake party, starting at 7.30 pm and we would be grateful for any volunteer pancake makers! I look forward to seeing you all there.

With love,  
Juliet Montague

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### **The Kentwood Show Choir**

singing for disability charity Enham

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, 7.30 pm at 'The Lights', Andover

T: £12.50 P: £13.50 C: £10. 01264 368368

The Kentwood Show Choir performed in Chilbolton a few years ago, an outdoor concert that got moved to the village hall due to rain. Many in the

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9.30 am (L) Holy Communion

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### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

3.00 pm (L) Funeral of Monica Edmonds, followed by cremation at Salisbury Crematorium at 4.00 pm

6.30-9pm Poverty and Homelessness Week 2012 – WCNS Evening in Winchester Discovery Centre *see back page for details*

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

12.30 pm (L) Luncheon Club in Church Room

4.00 pm (S) Julian Meeting at Clareholme, Sparsholt

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

8.00 am (C) Saturday Breakfast Group. *Please 'phone Phil Payne (01962 776316) for details*

10 am – 1 pm (C) St Mary's Church and churchyard clean-up *see opposite*

## Afternoon Tea at *The White Lion, Wherwell*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 3 pm  
and every first Monday in the month  
ALL are welcome (regardless of age!)



### Sing Song Tea Party

Wherwell Village Hall

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2.30 pm

Songs from the 40's and 50's  
accompanied by Ray Blazdell

All are welcome Admission £2.50

Need transport? Ring 01264 860635

# WINCHESTER CHURCHES NIGHTSHELTER

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL  
HOMELESSNESS WEEK EVENT

THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY  
in the Performance Hall of Winchester Discovery Centre

## “Tackling the Problems of Homelessness”

- “The New Holistic Approach to Substance Misuse” – news of the service model here in Winchester from the Lead Recovery worker at Spencer House - Anne Johnson
- “Homelessness in Winchester, a Council Perspective” - updates from the Head of Strategic Housing at Winchester City Council - Andrew Palmer
- “The Value of Counselling Support at the Nightshelter “ - how talking can help - from our Counsellor - Steve Cavalier

Doors open at 6.30 pm  
Event to start at 7.00 – 8.30 pm

R.S.V.P. 01962 862050 or email [admin@wcns.org.uk](mailto:admin@wcns.org.uk)

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