

# Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of  
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell  
Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

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### Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

#### *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room



### Services for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

#### *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10.00 am (Li) Show Celebration Service, in the Marquee on the Recreation Ground

10.00 am (Ch) Airborne Forces Commemorative Service On 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Operation Market Garden -  
**Stonefield Park, Martins Lane, Chilbolton, SO20 6BL**

**Arrive by 10.00am**

Lord Lieutenant, representing HM the King, arrives 10.30am

Red Devils Parachute Drop 11.00am

Service begins 11.30am



### **Prayer for the Week – *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity***

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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:**

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2; 6-9

James 1: 17-end

Mark 7: 1-8; 14-15; 21-23

Psalm 15

# DIARY

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

12.30 pm (Ch) Interment of the Ashes of Christopher Appleby

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Downs Benefice Vision for our future**

Members of the Ministry team, Benefice Council and PCCs for the five parishes will be meeting together with Revd Kevin on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember those attending in your prayers, praying for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and a clear vision for our future ministry here in the Downs Benefice.

There will be two opportunities to gather together in prayer just before the event, to which everyone in the benefice is invited and encouraged to attend:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, at 7.00 pm in St Catherine's Church, Littleton

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, at 7.00 pm in St Mary the Less, Chilbolton

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Could you organise a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **27 September** or a date that suits you? Get your fundraising kit at:

[www.coffeeregister.manmillan.org.uk](http://www.coffeeregister.manmillan.org.uk)

## **Parish Magazine Deadline**

A reminder that copy for the October and November edition of the Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt Parish Magazine should be submitted by **12 noon, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine.

**Littleton and Harestock Show**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 12 noon – 5.00 pm**

There will be an excellent craft show this year as well as the traditional village fete games, dog gymkhana,, tombola and grand raffle, together with food and drink outlets.

Star performers at the show will include the 60ft Chicken Band, the Military Wives Choir, 'Jelvis' and Punch and Judy Shows amongst other attractions.

You can go online to enter the traditional flower show competitions with classes for both adults and children including vegetables, flowers, fruit, craft, art, cookery, poetry, photography and preserves. See [www.lhshow.org.uk/flower-show](http://www.lhshow.org.uk/flower-show).

Do then join us on the **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00 am, for the  
**Show Celebration Service**, in the Marquee



**Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Crawley**  
**15<sup>th</sup> September at 11am**

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service on 15<sup>th</sup> September and will be celebrating the event by making donations to **The Winchester Beacon**. The Service will include the baptism of Ted Healey. Drinks and canapes afterwards!

If you would, very kindly, wish to make a donation to the Beacon, there is a list of items on their website:

<https://winchesterbeacon.org.uk/ways-you-can-give/donate-goods/>

However, they have particularly requested kitchen and toilet rolls, instant coffee, tinned custard, biscuits, tinned fish, and orange or blackcurrant squash.

Donations may be left in the large box in the Church. Any questions to Alick Kay 0788 4292293.

**Zack Stephens Violin Concert**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm, Wherwell Church**

Another opportunity to hear talented Zack Stephens play works for unaccompanied violin.

Tickets £17, under 18s free.

Information and tickets at: [www.zackstephensviolin.com](http://www.zackstephensviolin.com)

**22<sup>nd</sup> September** will be **Sparsholt's Pet Service on the Green** in **Woodman Close at 10am**. Come and enjoy a festive celebration of our pets. Please bring your pets (or a cuddly toy) and a chair to sit on.

### **Sir John Moore Barracks, Flowerdown**

The Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) are presenting their plans for redeveloping the barracks site on:

**4<sup>th</sup> September** – 2-6pm – Littleton Memorial Hall

**5<sup>th</sup> September** – 4-8pm – Weeke Community Centre.

You can sign up to attend on their website.

### **Chair-based Yoga in Crawley**

**Free taster session – 10<sup>th</sup> September – 10.15am – Crawley Village Hall**

A seated and sit-to-stand, adapted yoga programme for mid-life and older adults with modifications offered for a wide range of conditions. Also ideal if you're recovering from ill-health or injury.

The key benefits of this programme are to: encourage fluid breathing and postural alignment; improve fine motor skills; strengthen your muscles; increase your flexibility, balance and mobility, and reduce pain; improve mental, social and emotional well-being; and promote independence.

After trying a taster class, you can make an informed decision about whether you'd like to sign up for a course at Crawley this autumn.

Everybody, including complete yoga beginners, is welcome.

Free parking on site

[www.nurtureyouyoga.com](http://www.nurtureyouyoga.com)

### **Boaz Family Fun Day**

**Donkey and Dog Walk and Fun Run – 5k and 10k!**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Dog and donkey walks from 10.00 am.

All abilities welcome! Whether you like pootling around, listening to live music, walking your dog, ambling with donkeys, exercising your children or simply kicking back with a nice coffee and a piece of cake then this is the day for you. Come out to the beautiful countryside, take a deep breath and decompress.

Hot food, prizes, live music, games.

Register for free parking and medals.

Collect bibs from 12 noon, run start time 1.00 pm.

To register for the 5k or 10k trail run please complete the form on our website:

<https://www.boazproject.co.uk/>

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.