Across the Downs

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

Sunday 1st September 2024



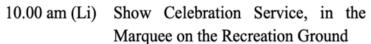
Services for Sunday 1st September 2024 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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 8th September 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity





10.00 am (Ch) Airborne Forces Commemorative

Service 0n 80th 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 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

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

Wednesday 4th September

Thursday 5th September

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

Church Room

Friday 6th September

4.00 pm (Li) Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members

always welcome. Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089

Saturday 7th 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 28th.

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 26th September, at 7.00 pm in St Catherine's Church, Littleton Friday 27th September, at 7.00 pm in St Mary the Less, Chilbolton

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Could <u>you</u> organise a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **27 September** or a date that suits you? Get your fundraising kit at: 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 6th 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 7th 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.

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





Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Crawley 15th September at 11am

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service on 15th 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 18th 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

22nd 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:

4th September – 2-6pm – Littleton Memorial Hall

5th September – 4-8pm – Weeke Community Centre.

You can sign up to attend on their website.

Chair-based Yoga in Crawley Free taster session – 10th 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

Boaz Family Fun Day Donkey and Dog Walk and Fun Run – 5k and 10k! Saturday 28th 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, 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.