

Across the Downs

*Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
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Sunday 20th April 2025



Services for Sunday 20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

- 10.00 am (Ch) Easter Family Communion
- 10.00 am (Cr) Easter Family Service
- 10.00 am (Li) Easter Family Communion
- 10.00 am (Sp) Easter Family Communion
- 10.00 am (Wh) Easter Family Communion



He is risen!

Services for Sunday 27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

- 09.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship
- 10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship
- 4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

Prayer for the Week – *Easter Sunday*

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Readings:	Acts 10: 34-43	1 Corinthians 15:19-26
	John 20: 1-18	Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24

DIARY

Monday 21st April – Easter Monday, Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April

Wednesday 23rd April

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

7.30 pm Benefice Council Meeting, in Crawley Church Room

Thursday 24th April

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room

Friday 25th April

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

Saturday 26th April

Please note

The Benefice Office will be closed from 5.00 pm Thursday, reopening 9.00 am Tuesday 22nd April.

Revd Kevin and Lorna will be on holiday from 21st April to 13th May.

Please could you contact the Benefice Office (office@downsbenefice.org.uk / 01962 880 845) with any requests, queries or concerns during this period.

*****Change to regular service patterns*****

Following the decision to start Sparsholt's HC Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am, it has been agreed that, from 1st May, the following regular service pattern will start:

1st Sunday of the Month, 10.00 am: Chilbolton Holy Communion, Crawley Morning Worship

3rd Sunday, 10.00 am: Chilbolton Morning Prayer, Crawley Family Communion

The purpose is to allow Kevin to spend more time at the churches, and less in the car! The services will still start at 10am, and these changes will be for a 6-month trial period.

Banns of Marriage

(Cr)	William Butler & Sarah Dando	3rd Time of Reading
(Cr)	Stephan Grainger & Rebecca Smith	3rd Time of Reading

Meditations at Wherwell Church

This Spring and early Summer, we have decided to bring you a selection of the ‘best of’ some of our previous meditations. You may already have attended one of these, but they are definitely worth another go! We have decided to schedule these meditations a little later in the year, in the hope that the warmer weather will make the meditations more enjoyable.

One big difference is that this year, at the kind invitation of Caroline Hervey-Bathurst, we will be holding the June mediation in All Saints, Little Somborne, a beautiful Saxon church on a private estate that is rarely open to the public - a very special opportunity to see this gem. Directions will be available to anyone who wants to attend by emailing anna@stefanlipa.co.uk.

The meditations begin at 6pm and run for just over half an hour, and are followed by refreshments and time to chat.

18 May	Julian of Norwich, anchoress and theologian. 1343 – after 1416
15 June (at Little Somborne)	George Herbert, poet and priest. 1593 – 1633
20 July	Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident. 1906 – 1945

Julian of Norwich Meditation Meetings

These take place at 4pm every Friday. A prayer or reading is followed by up to 30 minutes of silent meditation, with tea and biscuits afterwards. We generally finish by 5.30 pm. Contact Sheila Trussler on 10962 881089.

Save the Date – Thy Kingdom Come 2025

29 May – 8 June

Join in with the 10th year of the global ecumenical prayer movement, Thy Kingdom Come. There will be special anniversary content available alongside inspiring prayer resources and videos. More information to follow at a later date.

Space in the City

Four Talks Reflecting on Walking the Wessex Way

30 April – 21 May, 12.30 pm, St Lawrence Church, Winchester

‘Space in the City’ are holding weekly talks reflecting on ‘Walking the Wessex Way’, Bishop Philip’s vision for our diocese of Serving, Loving, Learning and Growing. Speakers include Revd Richard Carter, Canon Angela Tilby, Will Howard and Revd Canon Dr Peter Lippiett.

For more details see: www.spaceinthecity.org.uk

GoLD Garden and Craft Fair

Wednesday 7th May, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Upper Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy

A great day out in a beautiful private garden. Come along for gardening inspiration and fantastic shopping with plant nurseries, artisan & homeware products, fashion accessories & delicious foods

Food and drink available in the marquee. Parking available on site. Sorry, no dogs permitted. Entrance £7

Young Lives vs Cancer

Bridge Tea

Thursday 15th May, 2-5 pm, Crawley Village Hall

£80/table. Raffle. To book a table please email amandabayford@gmail.com
(01962 776732)

Trinity Big Sleep Out

Friday 16 May, 6pm

Join us for a night under the stars in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral. Sleep out in home-made cardboard shelters and enjoy local food and entertainment while raising money and awareness for those facing homelessness. Every penny you raise in sponsorship will go back into Trinity’s services, offering long-term, positive change. Family event, £6/child; £12/adult. Register at www.trinitywinchester.org.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.