

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 21st July 2024



Services for Sunday 21st July 2024

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion
- 10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship
- 6.00 pm (Li) Benefice Service of Peace and Wholeness



Services for Sunday 28th July 2024

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship
- 10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship



Prayer for the Week – *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6 Ephesians 2: 11-end
 Mark 6: 30-34; 53-end Psalm: 23

DIARY

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

9.30 am (Sp)

School Leavers Service

12 noon (Wh)

Burial – Ann Hopkins. *The family would welcome attendees from Chilbolton and Wherwell.*

Wednesday 24th July

10.00 am (Li)

Holy Communion

Thursday 25th July

4.15 pm (Li)

Prayers for those on the Benefice prayer list, Littleton Church Room

Friday 26th July

2.00 pm (Sp)

Burial – Geoffrey Blake

4.00 pm (Li)

Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members always welcome. *Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089*

Saturday 27th July

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 for an Away Day on Saturday September 30th. They will be looking at where God has led us so far, where He might be leading us for the future, and how we might get there!

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.

Borrowed Breath – Art Exhibition by Laurence Edwards

Winchester Cathedral, 6th September – 5th November

This Autumn, sixteen sculptures by artist Laurence Edwards from his leaf collection will be on view, including new pieces which have been created especially in response of Winchester Cathedral. No booking required, entry included with day entry ticket or annual pass.

Banns of Marriage

(Wh) James Buckley & Hayley Claiden

3rd Time of Reading

Date for your Diary!

St Catherine's Autumn Bazaar

Saturday 12th October, from 10 – 11.30 am, Littleton Church Room

Once again, we will be holding our Autumn Bazaar this October, selling plants, cakes, jams and chutneys, books and bric-a-brac, so do put the date in your diaries.

If you are going to be making jams, jellies, marmalade or chutneys over the next couple of months then do put a few jars aside for us! Also, please begin to think about what plants you may be able to grow or divide from your gardens so that we have a good array of goods to sell on the day.

To donate (or promise) items or help on the day, please contact Carol Ward (01962 883185, carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk).

Andover Food Bank

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 0930 to 1230, or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets.

If you prefer or, if you find it more convenient, you can also make monetary donations to the Andover foodbank. These donations can be in the form of cash, cheque, standing orders and can be gift aided. All details can be found on our website www.andover.foodbank.org.uk

Licensing of Revd Lisa Rodrigues

Revd Lisa Rodrigues, who many of you will have met while she supported us during our interregnum, is to be licenced to her new parish St Thomas the Apostle, on **Monday 29th July at 7.30pm.**

She has invited any parishioners from The Downs Benefice who are able to come. The address is St Thomas the Apostle Church, Church Road, Woolton Hill, Newbury, RG20 9XQ.

Please could you let Caroline in the Benefice Office know if you would like to come: office@downsbefice.org.uk / 01962 880 845

**Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Ride+Stride 2024,
Saturday, 14th September**



The day is an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. You can be sure the sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

As a participant your sponsored journey on Saturday 14th September between as many churches as you wish can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, houseback, canoe, classic car or bus, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnham. As there are over 400 due to be open, you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, an all should offer your group a warm welcome.

See: <https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

The Boaz Project needs you!

This August, The Boaz Project will be running a stand at C4fFest 2024, the amazing 3 day festival created by Chris Evans to help raise funds for children's charities, which takes place at Laverstoke Park Farm, Overton.

In order to make the weekend a success, Th Boaz Project is looking to build a strong team of volunteers who are happy to give up a few hours in their day to help man the stall and run the planned creative craft competition. In return volunteers will receive free event parking, 2 adult day passes and the opportunity to enjoy performances from some of the UK's best artists, bands and DJs.

If you are free on **Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th August** and would like to help Boaz, have incredible crafting skills and a good sense of humour, then get in touch! Email: admin@boazproject.co.uk or call 10962 761749.

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.