

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 24th September 2023



Services for Sunday 24th September 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Harvest Festival

10.00 am (Sp) Pet Service (*on The Green, Woodman Close*)



Services for Sunday 1st October 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Ch) Harvest Festival

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

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



Prayer for the Week – *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Jonah 3:10 – 4: end

Matthew 20: 1-16

Philippians 1: 21-end

Psalm 145: 1-8

DIARY

Monday 25th September

10.00–11.30am (Li) Littleton Church Toddler Group Harvest Celebration.

Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886

Tuesday 26th September

Wednesday 27th September

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 28th September

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

Friday 29th September

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

Saturday 30th September

9.30 am (Cr) Prayer for our benefice and interregnum (see below)

Prayer for our Benefice, the interregnum and a new incumbent

The next gathering to pray for the interregnum will be 9.30-10.30am on **Saturday 30th September** in Crawley Church Room. In the meantime, you are invited to form small prayer groups in each parish, even two or three people, who will commit to pray together. In addition, there are some prayer resources at the back of each of the churches should you wish to pray individually in the peace and quiet of our holy places.

Autumn Meditations at Wherwell Church

We are delighted to bring you another series of meditations on the lives of three well-known characters: two saints, and one who may well deserve to be known as such. Do come along and be entertained by the stories of their lives. The meditations will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty minutes, and will be followed by refreshments.

8 October St Ambrose: theologian, statesman, Bishop of Milan. Died 397 AD

5 November Mother Teresa: Catholic nun, founder of the Missionaries of Charity. 1910 – 1997

10 December Leonard Cheshire: decorated RAF pilot, philanthropist, 1917 - 1992

Chilbolton Harvest Festival

Sunday 1st October, 10.00 am

We are thrilled that Bishop David is coming to lead our Harvest Festival. Families, friends, everyone is very welcome to join this joyful celebration.

We will be supporting the Andover Crisis Centre. Gifts of fresh produce and non-perishable food, tinned food, pasta etc. are welcome. Please bring donations to the church on Sunday 1st October or drop off at church on Saturday 30th September. Fresh produce will be auctioned following the service and proceeds will be given to the Crisis Centre.

Chilbolton Harvest Lunch will be held following the service, at 12.30 pm in Chilbolton Village Hall. Everyone welcome. To reserve a place please phone Lesley on 01264 860584 by 24th September. There is no charge for the lunch, voluntary donations welcome.



St Catherine's Autumn Bazaar



Saturday 7th October from 10.00 - 11.30 am

Do come to our sale of plants, preserves and cakes in Littleton Church Room. We are hoping for a fantastic array of goods to purchase.

Should you wish to donate any jams, chutneys, plants, bric-a-brac or cakes they would be most welcome. Early October is the right time of the year to divide your perennials, so please label them up with their name and colour if possible.

Please deliver donations to:

Jams and Chutneys: Shirley and Michael Lupton, 83 Main Rd

Plants and Bric-a-Brac: Eryl Thompsett, Windsmere, New Rd

Cakes: direct to the Church Room from 9.00 on the day, or pre-deliver to Carol Ward, 7 Dale Close.

Churchyard Clear Up

St. Stephen's, Sparsholt

7th October - 10am to 1pm

Bring gardening tools - hot drinks and lunch provided.

Revd Jax' Licensing Service in her new Benefice

Tuesday 26th September – 7pm

St Edmund's, Kingsbridge

All are most welcome to come.

The Benefice Office will be closed from after lunch on Tuesday until the afternoon of Wednesday (27th) to allow the Benefice Administrator to attend.

Winchester Cathedral, 'Justice for All'

Monday 2nd – Sunday 8th October

A week of events (talks, workshops) where law meets life in partnership with the University of Winchester, ending on Sunday (Law Sunday) with a service at 11.00 am of celebration of all those who work in Law and Order to which everyone is welcome.

See: www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/justice-for-all

Winchester Cathedral

Be a Chorister for an Afternoon

Saturday 11th November from 2.15 pm.

This free afternoon event is open to any boy in Year 3 (aged 7 or 8) who would like to learn more about life as a Chorister at Winchester Cathedral. As part of the event, you will spend the afternoon singing with the Cathedral's Music Director, and there will also be an opportunity to visit the Organ Loft, try on a cassock and sing Evensong with the current choristers. Parents are warmly invited to join the Cathedral Music Department for refreshments throughout the day, and to learn more about the Choristers' unique opportunities and meet the team who take great care of them at The Pilgrims' School.

Note that boys need to obtain a place at The Pilgrims' School to be a Chorister.

To book a place and for further information about the Choristers, please email: choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

Winchester Purple Night Walk

In aid of Winchester Hospice

Saturday 14th October, 6.30 pm

We are delighted to be hosting our very first Winchester Purple Night Walk! A fun, vibrant 6km walk through south Winchester taking place on the evening of Saturday 14 October. The walk is open to all abilities and will take around an hour to complete - ideal to take part in with friends, family, colleagues or on your own! Together, we'll dress up in purple and light up the night as we show our support for Winchester Hospice!

<https://winchesterhospice.com/our-events2/2023/10/14/winchester-night-walk>

Please send all items for Across the Downs to the Benefice Office: email office@downsbenefice.org.uk or telephone 01962 880845, by 12.00 noon Thursday at the latest. **If you would like to receive future editions of the newsletter by email, please contact the office on the above address.** Thank you.