

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

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**Services for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

***Fourth Sunday before Lent***

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer



**Services for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

***Third Sunday before Lent***

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



## **Prayer for the Week – *Fourth Sunday before Lent***

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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:**                      Isaiah 6: 1-8                      1 Corinthians 15: 1-11  
    Luke 5: 1-11                      Psalm 138

# DIARY

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

## Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

## Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February

## Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

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

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

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

## Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February

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## Bubble Church!

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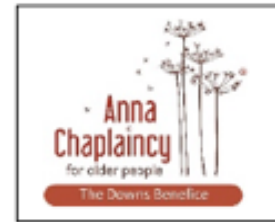
Bubble Church is coming to Chilbolton, **Sunday 23rd February**, at 4.00 pm!  
Bubble Church is a Sunday church service especially for babies, toddlers, and young families. It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, coffee-food-fuelled, 30-minute kids and families' adventure.

Here's the deal: you turn up 10 mins before it starts for a snack and a coffee, then you'll be guided to a 'bubble', and you and your little ones will share in 30 mins of song, story, puppets, and prayer.

## Our Churches' Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

Date	Day	Time	Parish	Venue
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sunday	11.15am	Littleton	Church Room
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday	7pm	Sparsholt	
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday	7pm	Chilbolton	Church
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday	7.30pm	Wherwell	
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday	6pm	Crawley	Church Room

**Vacancy for an Anna Chaplain,  
St Catherine's Church, Littleton**



Seeking to develop our ministry amongst the older members of our community further, we appointed our first Anna

Chaplain in 2022. The position is now vacant and we are looking to the appointment of a new part-time (16 hrs/week), paid Anna Chaplain.

The Anna Chaplaincy is a pioneering role offering spiritual support to older people and their relatives and carers. It supports the wellbeing of people of all faiths or none, and encompasses a wider role within the community as an advocate and champion of the contribution older people make to society.

[www.annachaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.annachaplaincy.org.uk)

For more details please contact: [office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk).

**Closing date for applications: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Revision of Electoral Rolls**

Please note that the Electoral Rolls have to be revised this year prior to the APCMs. This means that all names must be removed from the existing roll and new application forms must be submitted by everyone who wishes to remain on the roll.

**Littleton** - The formal notice of revision is now on the church notice board, and I shall be sending copies of the application form to everyone on the current roll who has provided an email address. If we do not have your email address, or if you have changed your address recently, or if you do not have access to email then please contact me directly. Bryan Harris, Electoral Roll Officer, Phone 01962 807361 - email address: [bryanharris@cantab.net](mailto:bryanharris@cantab.net)

**Sparsholt** - For further details and application forms please contact Sally Wesley on 01962 776476; [sally.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com)

**Change of Service Time**

From **Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**, the 8.00am BCP Holy Communion Service at St. Stephen's, Sparsholt will move to start at **9.00am**. This change of time for the Service is a 6-month trial. Similarly, the BCP Holy Communion Service in Wherwell on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month will move to **9.00 am**, starting **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. This will not affect the Services in the other Churches in the Benefice.

## Lent Groups – The Book of Ruth

Host/ Hostess	Day	Time	Address	Contact details
Michael & Carol Colman	Tuesday evening	7.30 pm	Littleton	<a href="mailto:Carolcoleman123@hotmail.com">Carolcoleman123@hotmail.com</a> 01962 881886
Susan Ansell	Monday	2.30 pm	Wherwell	Via the Benefice Office – 01962 880 845 – <a href="mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk">office@downsbenefice.org.uk</a>
Jemma Mack and Mark Himbury	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Sparsholt	<a href="mailto:jemmamack@hotmail.com">jemmamack@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:mark@markhimburydesign.co.uk">mark@markhimburydesign.co.uk</a> 07956 371433
Charlotte Nash	Thursday	9.30 am	Chilbolton	Via the Benefice Office – 01962 880 845 – <a href="mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk">office@downsbenefice.org.uk</a>
Felicity Gillibrand	Monday	4.00 pm	Crawley	Via the Benefice Office – 01962 880 845 – <a href="mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk">office@downsbenefice.org.uk</a>

Starting the week commencing **2<sup>nd</sup> March** for **6 consecutive weeks**.

Meeting every week in 5 different locations across the Benefice to look at the book of Ruth. The groups are following the same material.

**Please contact the leader of the group you would like to join for the 6 weeks for catering and planning purposes.** *If you are unable to attend your chosen group for a particular week, you are encouraged to attend another group for that week, so you don't miss out.*

**See you there!**

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Benefice Office email [office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk) 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.