

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 13th April 2025



Services for Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

10.00 am (Li) Palm Sunday Family Communion

10.00 am (Sp) Palm Sunday Family Service with
Procession

10.00 am (Wh) Palm Sunday Family Service

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



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



Prayer for the Week – *Palm Sunday*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

Liturgy of the Palms: Luke 19: 28-40 Psalm 118: 1-2; 19-end

Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50: 4-9a Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 22: 14 – 23:end Psalm 31: 9-16

DIARY

Monday 14th April

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Easter Holy Communion

Tuesday 15th April

2.00 pm (Ch) Funeral, followed by burial – Ed Farrand

Wednesday 16th April

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

2.30 pm (Wh) Funeral – Brenda Headley

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

6.00 pm (Sp) Holy Communion

6.30 pm (Ch) Maundy Thursday Supper (see below)

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

12.00 noon (Li) Good Friday Meditation

3.00 pm (Ch) Good Friday Meditation

Saturday 19th April – Easter Saturday

12.00 noon (Wh) Funeral – William de Segundo

Chilbolton Maundy Thursday Supper 17th April, 6:30 pm

Preceded by a short reflection and Holy Communion.

To be held at Dancing Ledge, courtesy of Michael and Joyce Payne. Numbers are limited, please get in touch with Lesley Kent, tel: 860584 if you would like to come.

*****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	2nd Time of Reading
(Cr)	Stephan Grainger & Rebecca Smith	2nd Time of Reading

Easter in The Downs Benefice



Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

Littleton – 10am – Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Sparsholt – 10am – Palm Sunday Service starting with a Procession

Wherwell (with Chilbolton) – 10am - Palm Sunday Service

Chilbolton – 4pm – Palm Sunday Bubble Church

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

Chilbolton & Wherwell – Holy Communion and Supper (See opposite)

Sparsholt – 6pm - Holy Communion

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

Littleton – 12 noon – Good Friday Meditation

Chilbolton (with Wherwell) – 3pm – Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday

Chilbolton – 10am – Easter Family Communion

Crawley – 10am – Easter Family Service

Littleton – 10am – Easter Family Communion

Sparsholt – 10am – Easter Family Communion

Wherwell – 10am – Easter Family Communion

Palm Sunday Crosses at Chilbolton

Palm crosses will be available in the porch for anyone who would like one and is unable to get to the service in Wherwell at 10.00 am.

Easter Lilies in Chilbolton and Wherwell Churches

Chilbolton – Donations towards the festival arrangements as a tribute to remember a loved one can be forwarded to Jane Brown (01264 860726) or any PCC member.

Wherwell – We are delighted that we will, once again, be purchasing some lilies with which to decorate our lovely church at Easter. Anyone wishing to make a contribution should contact Phyllis Harding, who has kindly offered to collect the donations. Jo Baughen (01264 860319)

Easter Decoration St Catherine's Church

Easter decorating will take place **on Saturday morning 19th April** at 9.30 am. If anybody would like to bring greenery or garden flowers in yellow or white, please drop off in named buckets of water the previous evening, so they get a good drink!

Thank you in advance. Fiona

Myanmar earthquake – Christian Aid

Christian Aid - the British churches' aid agency - is immediately in action with local partners in devastated Myanmar:

- **Releasing emergency funds**
- **Assessing the damage:** and looking to scale up in the coming days.
- **Lack of vital services:** enabling access to critically disrupted water, power and basic foods critically disrupted.
- **Community-led emergency response:** offering food parcels, water kits, shelters and cash for essential supplies.
- Anything you can give will be gratefully accepted and carefully used

<https://give.christianaid.org.uk/donate/CAM-009805>

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