

# Across the Downs

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

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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### Services for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### *Third Sunday of Easter*

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion, followed by  
APCM in the Church Room

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer

6.00 pm (Wh) Meditation on the life of Joan of Arc  
(see back page)



### Services for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

#### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship



### **Prayer for the Week – *Third Sunday of Easter***

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:** Acts 3: 12-19  
Luke 24: 36b-48

1 John 3: 1-7  
Psalm: 4

# DIARY

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

### Space in the City

“I’m not religious, but I am spiritual, vicar”, by Revd Michael Jackson, a retired Anglican priest

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April** at 12.30 pm, in St Lawrence’s Church, Winchester

The first of six talks on the theme ‘**Spiritual**’, exploring spiritual traditions that have shaped lives and religious practice over the centuries and how they still influence our flourishing today. Entrance free, donations welcome.

### Sparsholt Churchyard Cleanup

There will be a Churchyard Cleanup at St. Stephen’s, Sparsholt on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** from 10.00am to 1.00pm. All volunteers warmly welcomed with their garden equipment (gloves, secateurs, etc.). Elevenses and lunch will be provided.

### Southern Voices, 1984 – 2024 - Celebrating 40 years of Choral Excellence Come and Sing!

Southern Voices are inviting local singers to come and sing with them in a choral workshop as part of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May** at St Paul’s Church, Winchester. The workshop costs £20, including music. Please buy your ticket at: <https://www.southernvoices.co.uk/ComeAndSing>

## ***Banns of Marriage***

(Ch) Anthony Dawson & Beth Pettigrew

2nd Time of Reading

### **Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2024**

All church members are invited to attend their APCM to hear reports of the year completed, to elect church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives and to discuss issues of importance to our church families. Agendas and annual review reports will be available prior to the meetings for your consideration – please contact PCC secretaries.

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
St Mary's Crawley	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May*	7.00 pm**
<i>St Mary the Less</i> Chilbolton	<i>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></i> <i>April</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>
St Catherine's Littleton	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11.30 am***
St Stephen's Sparsholt	Tuesday 23rd April	7.30 pm
St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm

\*Note change of date

\*\*Preceded by drinks and canapes from 6.00 pm

\*\*\* Following the morning service

### **New Wine 2024**

**25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July**, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Revd Kevin and Lorna are going to New Wine this year in July and would love others in the benefice to join them there. You would need to book your own place but, if you book under 'Downs Benefice', then you will be allocated a camping space together with Kevin and Lorna. This will be a wonderful chance to share fun and fellowship together at this vibrant Christian family festival.

### **Reflections on Great Lives – Wherwell Church**

Wherwell Church is delighted to bring you another series of reflections on the lives of great historical characters and subjects who have made a difference to the world. Do come along and be inspired. The Reflections will be held at 6 pm in the church, lasting for around thirty to forty-five minutes of readings and music; all to be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat.

**14 April**          Joan of Arc, Patron Saint of France. Died 1431 AD  
**19 May**            Angels

### **Winchester Cathedral Organ Festival**

**From 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Hear our newly-restored organ put through its paces!

The Organ Festival's opening concert at 6.30 pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April will start with Olivier Latry, named 'titular organist' at Notre-Dame in Paris at the age of 23. Latry is an accomplished, thoughtful and adventurous musician, exploring all possible fields of the organ music, with an exceptional talent as an improviser. This promises to be a spectacular evening of music. Book online, call 01962 857 275 or book in-person at the Box Office inside Winchester Cathedral.

On selected Sundays, Evensong will be preceded by a short informal recital given by organists with a close connection to the Cathedral. All are welcome to join from 3.00 – 3.20 pm in the Quire. There is no entry cost for these informal recitals.

### **GoLD Garden Craft Fair**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

Upper Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy

Entrance £5. Ample parking available on site. Sorry, no dogs.

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

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto: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.