

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



Services for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
*The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Luke the Evangelist)*

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Ch) Evening Prayer



Services for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
*The Last Sunday after Trinity*

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship



**\*\*Please note that, during current coronavirus restrictions, all seats must be booked via the Benefice Office: 01962 880845\*\***

## Prayer for the Week – *Luke the Evangelist*

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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 16: 6-12a                      2 Timothy 4: 5-17  
                  Luke 10: 1-9                                Psalm 103

### ***Banns of Marriage***

(Sp) Christopher Craig Harvey & Sophie Forrest 3rd Time of Reading

### **Opening of Churches**

The Churches in The Downs Benefice are currently open for individual prayer at the following times:

- St Mary the Less, Chilbolton 9 am – 4pm, Sundays
- St Mary's, Crawley 10am – 4pm, Wed and Sunday
- St Catherine's, Littleton 10am – 4pm, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> October
- St Stephen's Sparsholt 10am – 4pm, Wed and Sunday
- St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell 10am – 4pm, Sundays

Please see the benefice website [www.downsbenefice.org](http://www.downsbenefice.org) for the new programme of services for September and October.

**All seats for services must be booked via the Benefice Office: 01962 880845**

**Face coverings are required by law to be worn.**

### **The Vine Trust Bookshop**

The Vine Trust bookshop on Bridge Street, Andover has expanded their opening hours and are now open: Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 4pm; Wednesday all day 10 am to 4pm; Thursday all day 10 am to 4 pm; Friday all day 10am to 4pm.

In addition, for October they will be open on two Saturdays: Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 am to 12 noon and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9.30 am to 2.30 pm.

### **Mission Aviation Fellowship**

This year MAF celebrates 75 years of our life-changing mission to bring help, hope and healing to some of the most isolated people in the world. We had planned a series of events to mark the occasion with you and, together, give thanks for God's magnificent provision over the decades. Many of our plans have not been possible owing to coronavirus restrictions, but there is still much that we can share.

As part of our Week of Prayer (1 – 8 November) we plan to include some thanksgiving and celebration events online and we hope you will be able to join us.

Please visit [www.maf-uk.org/75](http://www.maf-uk.org/75) for updates and more information on how you can take part.

# DIARY

**All regular meetings, groups and special events remain cancelled across the Benefice**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30 am Benefice Morning Prayer (on Zoom, please contact Charlotte Nash: [charlotte@cjnash.com](mailto:charlotte@cjnash.com))

The Benefice Office will be **closed from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** for Annual Leave.

In event of an emergency, please call the Rector, **Revd Jax Machin**, on **07761 055 228**.

**Please do visit our website:** [www.downsbenefice.org](http://www.downsbenefice.org) where you can find streamed services, letters and reflections from Revd Jax, prayers, daily readings, Kids Corner and so much more – all updated daily.

## Trinity Winchester

Trinity Winchester will open a new chapter in its 34 years of supporting homeless and vulnerable people in the Winchester District by providing accommodation onsite for the first time. UnderOneRoof@trinity will provide 12 'flatlets' for people who are rough sleeping repeatedly. Residents will be offered individualised, person-centred support to help them get their lives back on track and move towards successfully living independently. Patrick Cunningham, Mayor of Winchester, presided over a small ground-breaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

## Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Assuming pandemic regulations do not change, the remaining two postponed APCMs will take place as follows:

**Sparsholt** - the Sparsholt APCM is to be held on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** at 7pm, in St Stephen's Church. Places to be booked with Sally Wesley ([sally.wesley@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com) or 01962 776476).

**Wherwell** – **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** in St Peter & Holy Cross church. Subject to any changes in government restrictions the Election of Churchwardens will start at 7.30 pm immediately followed by the APCM. If you wish to attend, places must be booked with Nigel Waters on 01264 861326 or by email [nigel.waters@sky.com](mailto:nigel.waters@sky.com)

### **Winchester Churches Nightshelter**

#### **“A Year of Change – Tackling Homelessness in a Pandemic”**

Online event, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November, beginning at 6.45 pm with a brief AGM followed by the main event at 7.00 pm. The event is free.

Email [admin@wcns.org.uk](mailto:admin@wcns.org.uk) to register your interest.

### **Andover Food Bank**

Thank you so much to everyone who has kindly donated to the Andover foodbank. It is much appreciated.

This week we are in need of the following items:-

Deodorant

Shampoo and Conditioner

Tinned Spaghetti

Tinned Potatoes/Instant Mash

### **Christmas Gift Boxes for local children in need 2020**

We need you to help make this Christmas happy for a local child by donating a filled gift box or money. Last year we sadly saw increased demand but managed through the generosity of local people, Churches, schools and companies to distribute more than 900 boxes. Given the difficulties faced by families this year we expect to receive a high number of requests for gift boxes and ask you for your support and donations.

Click here for more [information](#) and to see our [leaflet](#), labels and lots of ideas for gifts. All items must be NEW and unused; sweets must have a use by date on each individual packet (loose sweets or packets from multipacks without a date cannot be distributed); and, free items such as toys from restaurants and basic toiletries such as toothbrushes and soap should not be included.

If you are unable to participate in the appeal itself but have any spare shoe boxes that you no longer need please could you bring them to the office – wrapped or unwrapped – as soon as possible.

**Please note:- all Christmas gift boxes should be handed in before 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 2020**

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.**