

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 24th May 2026



Services for Sunday 24th May

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship



Services for Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

11.00 am Benefice All-Age Family Service with
Communion at Northwood Park,
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

Prayer for the Week – Pentecost

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Acts 2: 1-21 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
John 20: 19-23 Psalm 104: 26-36; 37b

DIARY

Monday 25th May – Bank Holiday

10.00–11.30am (Li) No St Catherine's Toddler Group. Half Term. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

2.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell House Group - *Contact Susan Ansell for further details (01264 860775)*

Tuesday 26th May

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

7.00 pm (Sp) Sparsholt House Group. *Contact Jemma Mack for further details (jemmamack@hotmail.com)*

7.30 pm (Li) Littleton House Group, 2 Valley Road. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

Wednesday 27th May

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 28th May

9.30 am (Ch) Chilbolton Home Group. *Contact Charlotte on 01264 860831 for further details*

2.00 pm (Ch) Thanksgiving service – Annette Keys

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the church room

Friday 29th May

12.30 pm (Sp) Funeral and Burial – Joyce Hobbs

2.00 pm (Li) Interment of Ashes – Ted Cole

Please note

Revd Kevin and Lorna will be away on their annual leave from **Monday 11th May to Sunday 31st May (inclusive)**. Please could you contact the Benefice Office (office@downsbenefice.org.uk / 01962 880 845) with any requests, queries or concerns during this period.

Andover Foodbank

We currently have low stocks of the following food and non-food items, and any donations will be greatly appreciated :-

Chocolate, Coffee, Tinned Fruit, Savoury Crackers, Pasta Sauce, Rice Pudding

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 09.30 to 12.30.

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives

May 25th – 21st June

This summer the Church of England offers a new reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage – places and stories that help us feel part of something bigger on our journey towards God. Booklets and other resources will be available.

www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/pilgrim-places-holy-lives-gospel-journey-early-english-saints



Trinity Service



Next Sunday!

A great opportunity to meet others across the Benefice and enjoy the outdoors

31st May 2026 11:00 am

@ Northwood Park

Outdoor All Age Family Service with Communion

Bring & Share lunch.

Games for children

Coffee/tea and cake provided

Please bring: deck chair/rug, plate/cutlery, food to share

We'd love you to join us - please do sign up on the sheet at the back of each church to help us know numbers.



Summer Community Cafe

Thursday 25th June,

10 – 12 noon

Littleton Memorial Hall



Drop in between 10 am and noon for tea, coffee, cake, chat and good company!
Everyone welcome.



Wherwell Flower Festival, Open Gardens and Plant Sale

Sunday 31st May, 1-5.00 pm

There will be 7 gardens plus the flower arrangements in the Church, plant stall and teas. One of the gardens has never been open before and has incredible views across the valley. So do take this opportunity to visit, buy from the stall and partake of afternoon tea!

This event will be to raise funds for repairs to the chiming mechanism of the church bells.



Sparsholt Village Fete

Saturday 20th June

1-5 pm

BBQ, silver band, dog show, craft market, tea/coffee and cake, ice-cream van, beers, wines, Pimms, clay modelling, coconut shy, plants, bric-a-brac, music, children's entertainer, vintage tractors, classic cars, grand draw and more!

Free parking

Chilbolton Church Fete and BBQ

Saturday 20th June

12.30 – 3.30 pm

Upcote, Drove Rd, Chilbolton

By kind permission of Duncan and Nicola Revolta

Fun Dog Show

BBQ of locally sourced meats, Beer and Pimms, Tea and Cakes, Cake Stall, Ice Creams, Grand Draw, Bottle Tombola, Stalls and Games for all the Family



Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email 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.