

# Across the Downs

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

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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### Services for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

#### *Second Sunday of Easter*

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room,  
looking at the theme 'In the Image of  
God' (see over)



### 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



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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Acts 4: 32-35  
John 20: 19-end

1 John 1: 1-2: 2  
Psalm: 133

# DIARY

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

6.30 pm (Ch) Chilbolton APCM

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

2.00 pm (Sp) Interment of Ashes – Sylvia Wilson

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

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**



**Café Church**

**Today!**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 4.00 pm,  
Littleton Church Room**

**In the image of God**



Join us as we consider the questions ‘Who do you think you are?’ and ‘Who does God think you are?’ Reflection, prayer, songs, tea and cake!

## **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.

## **Crawley Open Gardens and Teas**

On **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April** Paige Cottage, Bay Tree House and Little Court will be open from 2 till 5.30 pm. Teas are available in the Village Hall (proceeds to the Village Hall Fund).

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

(Wh)	Mark Bezant & Hyacinth Francis	3rd Time of Reading
(Ch)	Anthony Dawson & Beth Pettigrew	1st 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	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	7.00 pm*
St Mary the Less Chilbolton	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.30 pm
St Catherine's Littleton	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	11.30 am**
St Stephen's Sparsholt	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	7.30 pm
St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30 pm

\*Preceded by drinks and canapes from 6.00 pm

\*\* Following the morning service

### **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>

Parking is limited at the church so please use Winchester car parks.

**Join a Meditation on the Life of Christ**

**29<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am – 3 pm**

St Mary's Laverstoke and Freefolk

Through looking at the altarpiece of St Mary's, studying the different paintings, panels and statues and how they work together, you are invited to join an unfolding of the journey of faith.

Booking is essential – please contact Revd Jenny Ellis by 22<sup>nd</sup> June on: 01256 892895 or [jenny.battsrow@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.battsrow@gmail.com)

**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.