

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 13th September 2020



Services for Sunday 13th September 2020

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer



Services for Sunday 20th September 2020

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion

Prayer for the Week – *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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:

Genesis 50: 15-21

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 18: 21-35

Psalm 119: 41-48

Banns of Marriage

(Li) Gary Baker & Pippa Walker

2nd 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 and Saturday
- St Stephen's Sparsholt 10am – 4pm, Wed and Sunday
- St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell 10am – 4pm, Sundays

Church Services in the Downs Benefice

Please see the benefice website www.downsbenefice.org for the new programme of services for September and October.

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

Please arrive in good time to sanitise and be seated.

Face coverings are required by law to be worn.

Winchester Cathedral

The Cathedral is open to all visitors every day from 10am to 4pm. We can't yet offer guided tours but there's plenty to explore, including the latest art installation 'Held in a Burst of Colour'. Our *Kings and Scribes exhibition* is open from 11am to 3pm Monday to Saturday, and 12:30pm to 2:30pm on Sundays.

Services in the cathedral are now held on Sundays at 8am and 10am and Wednesdays at 12pm. These services will be broadcast live on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. To find out more visit our [live services page](#). In addition, [Evening Prayer on zoom](#) and [video Reflections](#) will continue. Everyone is welcome to join services in the cathedral and online.

Box for Socks

Many thanks to each of you who has donated socks to this worthy cause. We now have **two boxes brim-full** of new socks for men and women which Jax will take to Winchester Nightshelter to support the 'Foot Health' programme for the hungry and homeless people on our streets. **!! THANK YOU SO MUCH !!**

DIARY

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

Tuesday 15th September

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

Wednesday 16th September

9.30 am (Li) Holy Communion (please book your place with the Office)

The Benefice Office is closed to visitors until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus but is 'open' for all other business. Please contact Caroline McAulay on **01962 880 845** or on office@downsbenefice.org.uk

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

Please do visit our website: 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

Andover Food Bank

The Andover foodbank is currently in need of the following food and non-food items:-

Multi-surface spray

Shampoo

Shower gel

Razors

Toothpaste

Longlife Fruit Juice

Tins of rice pudding

Global Karis Kids Prayer Meeting

The next global Karis Kids Prayer meeting will be on **Saturday 19th September** at 11.00 am (UK time), or 1.00 pm (Ugandan time!). We hope you can join us. We will be praying for the Karis families, staff, priests, and church community mobilisers (CCMs). We hope that some of them will be able to join us and provide updates and pointers for prayer.

Please contact Carol Ward (carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk) for the Zoom meeting ID and Password. Please join from 10.45am UK / 12.45pm Uganda onwards so we are ready to start on the hour.

Trinity Winchester – the 2020 Virgin London Marathon goes virtual!

As the 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon is unable to take place, we are offering limited spaces to take on the London Marathon virtually, running the famous 26.2 mile marathon distance from home or anywhere in the world on the course of your choice.

To take part we are asking runners to pay an entry fee of £20 (to cover the cost of the place) and to pledge to raise £100. All finishers will receive the coveted finisher medal and New Balance finisher T-shirt.

Entrants have 24 hours to complete the 26.2 miles on **Sunday 4th October**. You can complete it in stages if you don't feel you can do it all at once, and you can walk, jog or run the distance! The London Marathon will release an app to allow you to track the distance and earn your medal.

Spaces are limited. Contact: sharnna@trinitywinchester.org.uk, with subject 'Virtual London Marathon'.

Diocese of Winchester School of Mission

(More) Rule of Life mini-retreats

'Who am I? Why am I here? How then shall I live?'

How might a Rule, (or Rhythm) of Life help us to grow and be more fruitful in our relationship with God, with each other and with the communities we are part of?

Take time to reflect on one of these short on-line retreats:

Wednesday 16 th September	10am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 22 nd September	7.30 - 9.30 pm
Monday 28 th September	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Friday 9 th October	10am – 12.30 pm
Thursday 15 th October	2 – 4.30 pm

The sessions will be held on Zoom, led by the Revd Sally Dakin, Diocesan Spirituality Adviser

For more information visit www.winchester.anglican.org/rule-of-life

To book, please email ruleoflife@winchester.anglican.org

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.