

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 8th September 2024



Services for Sunday 8th September 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Li) Show Celebration Service, in the Marquee on the Recreation Ground

10.00 am (Ch) Airborne Forces Commemorative Service On 80th Anniversary of Operation Market Garden -
Stonefield Park, Martins Lane, Chilbolton, SO20 6BL

Arrive by 10.00am

Lord Lieutenant, representing HM the King, arrives 10.30am

Red Devils Parachute Drop 11.00am
Service begins 11.30am



Services for Sunday 15th September 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

11.00 am (Cr) Harvest Festival and Baptism – Ted Healey

6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness

Prayer for the Week – *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Isaiah 35: 4-7a James 2: 1-10; 14-17
Mark 7: 24-end Psalm 146

DIARY

Monday 9th September

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

7.30 pm (Sp) Sparsholt PCC Meeting

Tuesday 10th September

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

Wednesday 11th September

Thursday 12th September

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

Friday 13th September

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

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

Saturday 14th September

All day Ride & Stride Day for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Historic Churches Trust

Downs Benefice Vision for our future

Members of the Ministry team, Benefice Council and PCCs for the five parishes will be meeting together with Revd Kevin on Saturday September 28th.

Please remember those attending in your prayers, praying for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and a clear vision for our future ministry here in the Downs Benefice.

There will be two opportunities to gather together in prayer just before the event, to which everyone in the benefice is invited and encouraged to attend:

Thursday 26th September, at 7.00 pm in St Catherine's Church, Littleton

Friday 27th September, at 7.00 pm in St Mary the Less, Chilbolton

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Could you organise a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **27 September** or a date that suits you? Get your fundraising kit at:

www.coffeeregister.macmillan.org.uk

Sparsholt Dates for your Diary

22nd September - Pet Service on the Green in Woodman Close - 10am.

Come and enjoy a festive celebration of our pets. Please bring your pets (or a cuddly toy) and a chair to sit on.

5th October - Sparsholt's Churchyard Clear-up - 10am to 1pm, lunch included.

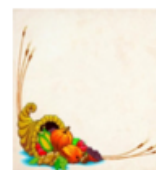
Please come along to help us to keep our Churchyard tidy. Bring garden tools, gloves, garden waste carriers. Any questions, please contact Sally Wesley at sally.wesley@btinternet.com.

12th October - Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall - 7 for 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available from the Shop from 1st September.

13th October – Harvest Festival - in the Church – 10am.

Harvest goods brought to the Church will be donated to the Winchester Beacon (formerly the Nightshelter). A list of goods needed will be in the Church Porch and at the Shop from mid-September.



Harvest Festival at St Mary's, Crawley

15th September at 11am

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Service on 15th September and will be celebrating the event by making donations to **The Winchester Beacon**. The Service will include the baptism of Ted Healey. Drinks and canapes afterwards!

If you would, very kindly, wish to make a donation to the Beacon, there is a list of items on their website:

<https://winchesterbeacon.org.uk/ways-you-can-give/donate-goods/>

However, they have particularly requested kitchen and toilet rolls, instant coffee, tinned custard, biscuits, tinned fish, and orange or blackcurrant squash.

Donations may be left in the large box in the Church. Any questions to Alick Kay 0788 4292293.

Zack Stephens Violin Concert

Wednesday 18th September - Wherwell Church – 7.30pm

Another opportunity to hear talented Zack Stephens play works for unaccompanied violin.

Tickets £17. under 18s free.

**Boaz Family Fun Day
Donkey and Dog Walk and Fun Run – 5k and 10k!
Saturday 28th September**

Dog and donkey walks from 10.00 am.

All abilities welcome! Whether you like pootling around, listening to live music, walking your dog, ambling with donkeys, exercising your children or simply kicking back with a nice coffee and a piece of cake then this is the day for you. Come out to the beautiful countryside, take a deep breath and decompress. Hot food, prizes, live music, games.

Register for free parking and medals. Collect bibs from 12 noon, run start time 1.00 pm.

To register for the 5k or 10k trail run please complete the form on our website: <https://www.boazproject.co.uk/>

**Seashells – Listening to God
Petite retreat at Lopcombe Quiet Garden
Saturday 28th September, 10 am – 4 pm**

Through Guided Meditations, time to wonder and wander, and the opportunity to spend some time one-to-one with the Retreat leader (Rev Vanessa Cole), refresh your soul and dive deeper with God. This event is a perfect opportunity to relax, unwind and deepen your spiritual connection. Lunch is BYO picnic.

£25/person. Book your tickets at:

www.SeashellsQuietGarden.eventbrite.co.uk.

**Winchester Purple Night Walk (in aid of Winchester Hospice)
Saturday 5th October, 6pm**

Winchester Hospice's Purple Night Walk is back for its second year on Saturday 5 October and this year the 6km route will commence at The Pilgrims School and culminate at the west door of Winchester Cathedral where walkers will be presented with medals to celebrate their achievement. Tickets for the event cost £10 for adults (over 18) and £5 for children. As this is a fundraising event, we ask all participants to also raise a minimum of £25 in sponsorship for the hospice.

<https://winchesterhospice.com/our-events2/2024/10/5/purple-night-walk>

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.