

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 12th May 2024



Services for Sunday 12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship, with Christian Aid
(please note *not* Family Communion,
as previously advertised)

10.00 am (Wh) Pet Service



Services for Sunday 19th May 2024

Pentecost

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship

6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness

6.00 pm (Wh) Spring Reflection



Prayer for the Week – *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:

Acts 1: 15-17; 21-end

1 John 5: 9-13

John 17: 6-19

Psalm: 1

DIARY

Monday 13th May

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

Tuesday 14th May

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 15th May

Thursday 16th May

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

Friday 17th May

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

Saturday 18th May

Service of Peace and Wholeness at St Catherine's Littleton

A regular service of Peace and Wholeness is planned at St Catherine's Church Littleton on the third Sunday of each month starting on **Sunday 19 May 2024** at 6pm. All are welcome to join us to seek healing, for yourself or a loved one, or simply to find a short time of quiet reflection and peacefulness in your busy life. St Catherine's has offered such a service in the past but Covid put a stop to it. We now hope to resume this service.

We all suffer in some way in the process of normal living, whether for physical, mental or other reasons. Such things are often invisible. We need to be able to come to Christ asking that he will make us whole in "Body, Mind and Spirit". Peace and Wholeness gives us this opportunity. It is around 45 minutes in length, involving some gentle singing, some readings, a brief talk and a chance to receive a personal prayer of healing from the ministry team.

The service is intended for everyone, whether regular churchgoers or not. More details will be available later but in the meantime if you have any questions please contact David Targett, dtargett0@gmail.com.

Banns of Marriage

(Sp)	Lee Wrey Brown & Rebekah Lurcock	2nd Time of Reading
(Sp)	Andrew Budd & Kirsten Bruce	2nd Time of Reading

Christian Aid Week, St Catherine's, Littleton. 12 to 19 May

Today, Sunday 12th, during our morning service we will be hearing about the work of Christian Aid from our visiting speaker Charlotte Scott. All contributions at this service are to be given to Christian Aid from the envelopes in the pews, where possible with the Tax box ticked to increase donations by 25%. It has been decided that in addition, any money placed on the collection plate will be included in the total parish contribution. As well as the envelopes and informative booklet in the pews we will leave spare envelopes on the font so that they can be given to family, friends and neighbours who may like to contribute.

Contributions can be handed in at the end of the service otherwise they can be deposited either at the Benefice office or at 'Loughrigg' Rewlands Drive before 19th of May.
Ann and David Naylor.

Spring Reflections– Wherwell Church

Wherwell Church is delighted to bring you the final reflection of our Spring series, on 'Angels'. Do come along and be inspired. The Reflection will be held at 6 pm on **Sunday 19th May** in the church, lasting for around thirty to forty-five minutes of readings and music; all to be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat.

New Wine 2024

25th – 30th July, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Revd Kevin and Lorna are going to New Wine this year in July and would love others in the benefice to join them there. You would need to book your own place but, if you book under 'The Downs Benefice', then you will be allocated a camping space together with Kevin and Lorna. This will be a wonderful chance to share fun and fellowship together at this vibrant Christian family festival.

If anyone from the Benefice wishes to consider visiting for just a day, Day Tickets are available from the website, £50/person. Michael and Carol Coleman have offered hospitality over the lunch break – do get in touch with them.

Space in the City

The Spiritual Legacy of St Benedict: an Anglican Cistercian reflects

The Rev'd Canon Dr Tom Clammer OC

Wednesday, 15th May at 12.30 pm, in St Lawrence's Church, Winchester

Br Tom Clammer OC is an Anglican priest with Permission to Officiate in the dioceses of Salisbury and Gloucester. He held several parish appointments before spending seven years as Canon Precentor at Salisbury Cathedral. He retired in 2019 due to the onset of progressive Multiple Sclerosis, and now works freelance as a theological educator, liturgist, and spiritual director. He was admitted as a novice in the Anglican Order of Cistercians in 2019, and made his simple vows in January of this year. Entrance free, donations welcome.

First Friday Lunch Club, Littleton

The Lunch Club could welcome four or five new members. Do you know of anyone who would like to join us for a meal and friendship? Please contact me or put them in touch with me, Deirdre Wratten. 01962 880462

Transport can be arranged within the Parish of Littleton and Harestock.

Could you cook a main dish or dessert for the club just once a year? We are, as usual, a little short of volunteer cooks. It is just once a year, and you will be reimbursed. The loan of suitable pans or dishes can be arranged.

If you would like to discuss this, please contact me as above.

Drop-off collection for Ukraine

Saturday 18th May between 10.30am - 12.30pm, Wherwell Home Guard Club, Old Hill, SP11 7JB. We would be grateful for: all sorts of medication and first aid items, incontinence/absorbent pads, NEW soft T-shirts, socks and underwear. The children need iPads or tablets in working order; otherwise visit this blog for details of a fund to purchase new iPads - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/xk4vq-stand-with-ukraine>. Thank you very much, Andrew & Pam Flanagan; phone 01264 860560 to discuss collection if drop-off is not possible.

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.