

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 14th July 2024



Services for Sunday 14th July 2024
Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion
10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer



Services for Sunday 21st July 2024
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion
10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship
6.00 pm (Li) Benefice service of Peace and Wholeness



Prayer for the Week – *Seventh Sunday after Trinity*

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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: Amos 7: 7-15 Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29 Psalm: 85: 8-end

DIARY

Monday 15th July

10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group End-of-Year Summer Party. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

Tuesday 16th July

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

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

Friday 19th July

2.00 pm (Sp) Interment of Ashes – Derek Hibdige

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

Saturday 20th July

1.00 pm (Sp) Wedding – Andrew Budd and Kirsten Bruce

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 for an Away Day on Saturday September 30th. They will be looking at where God has led us so far, where He might be leading us for the future, and how we might get there!

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.

Winchester Beacon – Vacancy for Project Worker

We are seeking a dedicated Project Worker to join our team. In this crucial role you will ensure our main site is a safe and welcoming environment and provide support to our residents during evenings and weekends. If you are passionate about helping others and thrive in a supportive environment, we would love to hear from you.

See www.winchesterbeacon.org.uk/work-for-us/

Banns of Marriage

(Wh) James Buckley & Hayley Claiden

2nd Time of Reading

Winchester Cathedral – Meet the Chaplain!

Friday 26th July

Canon Gary will be in the newly refurbished café at 2.30 – 3.30 pm and welcomes you to join him for a cup of tea and a chat.

You don't need any excuse to come – just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

Andover Food Bank

The Andover foodbank would like to thank everyone who has donated to us in recent weeks. We are incredibly grateful.

Please find listed below the food and non-food items that are currently needed:-

Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Soup, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Fruit
Tinned Tomatoes, Long Life Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Tinned Rice,
Pudding/Custard, Jam and Marmalade, Packs of Rice (can be microwaveable),
Tinned Potatoes

Shower Gel, Antibac spray

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 0930 to 1230 or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets.

Licensing of Revd Lisa Rodrigues

Revd Lisa Rodrigues, who many of you will have met while she supported us during our interregnum, is to be licenced to her new parish St Thomas the Apostle, on **Monday 29th July at 7.30pm.**

She has invited any parishioners from The Downs Benefice who are able to come. The address is St Thomas the Apostle Church, Church Road, Woolton Hill, Newbury, RG20 9XQ.

Please could you let Caroline in the Benefice Office know if you would like to come: office@downsbenefice.org.uk / 01962 880 845

**Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Ride+Stride 2024,
Saturday, 14th September**



The day is an exceptional opportunity to discover the rich heritage of our historic church buildings, see beautiful countryside, get some exercise travelling between the churches and have fun with friends and family. You can be sure the sponsorship money you raise will be used for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

As a participant your sponsored journey on Saturday 14th September between as many churches as you wish can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, bus or classic car, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnham. As there are over 400 due to be open, you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome.

See: <https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

The Boaz Project needs you!!

This August, The Boaz Project, will be running a stand at C4fFest 2024, the amazing 3 day festival created by Chris Evans to help raise funds for children's charities, which takes place at Laverstoke Park Farm, Overton.

In order to make the weekend a success, The Boaz Project is looking to build a strong team of volunteers who are happy to give up a few hours in their day to help man the stall and run the planned creative craft competition. In return volunteers will receive free event parking, 2 adult day passes and the opportunity to enjoy performances from some of the UK's best artists, bands and DJs.

If you are free on **Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th August** and would like to help Boaz, have incredible crafting skills and a good sense of humour, then get in touch! Email: admin@boazproject.co.uk or call 01962 761749.

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.