



# DIARY

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

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

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

7.30 pm (Wh) Zack Stephens Violin Concert (*see opposite*)

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

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

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

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

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September

1.30 pm (Wh) James Buckley & Hayley Claiden

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

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 26<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.00 – 7.30 pm** in St Catherine's Church, Littleton

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.00 – 7.30 pm** in St Mary the Less, Chilbolton

I wish to thank everyone who wished me for my birthday Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. I was delighted to have so many pop into the Rectory and enjoy a drink and nibble to celebrate with me. You certainly made my day! Thank you too for all beautiful cards and gifts. Flowers, chocolates, produce from the garden, wine, cakes, embroidery, to name a few. I felt most spoilt and loved. With much gratitude, Lorna.

## **Zack Stephens Violin Concert**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm , Wherwell Church**

Another opportunity to hear talented Zack Stephens play works for unaccompanied violin. - Tickets £17, under 18s free.

Information and tickets at: [www.zackstephensviolin.com](http://www.zackstephensviolin.com)

## **Next Sunday - 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Littleton - Harvest Festival - 10am** - *Donations will be split between Winchester Basics Bank and Winchester Beacon. If you are unable to attend but wish to make a donation of goods, there will be a large box at the back of the church from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - emptied daily. Both charities have lists of items they need on their web-sites and lists are also available on the font in the church.*

**Sparsholt - 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.*

**5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sally.wesley@btinternet.com).*

**12<sup>th</sup> October – Sparsholt's Harvest Supper - Memorial Hall - 7 for 7.30pm.**  
*Tickets will be available from the Shop from 1<sup>st</sup> September.*

**13<sup>th</sup> October – Sparsholt's 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.*

## **Karis Kids Summer Camp Tea**

We are pleased to report that we have returned safely from our adventures at the 2024 Karis Kids Summer Camp in Uganda - thank you for all your prayers and good wishes.

We know that many of you are keen to hear about our trip, and so we shall be hosting a tea party at **3pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October in Littleton Church Room**, when we shall be sharing photos, videos, and news of St Paul's Church, the camp, and all our families.

All are welcome, whether you are currently a Karis supporter, or just wanting to find out more about the camp, the charity, or life in Kampala.

*Michael and Carol Coleman*

**Boaz Family Fun Day  
Donkey and Dog Walk and Fun Run – 5k and 10k!  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Winchester Purple Night Walk (in aid of Winchester Hospice)  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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>

Winchester GoLD (enabling people with learning difficulties)

**Annual Bridge Tea**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2 – 5 pm**

The Manor House, Preshaw, nr Upham

Come and join us for a friendly competition and a gorgeous homemade tea.

To book a table (£80 per table), or to make a donation, please contact: Jo Tyler  
email: [johanna.tyler@btinternet.com](mailto:johanna.tyler@btinternet.com)

Date for your Diaries – **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
**The Beacon Winchester - Supporters' Evening**

The Arc, Jewry Street, Winchester

*More details to follow.*

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.