

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 23rd March 2025



Services for Sunday 23rd March 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

09.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship, followed by
APCM in the Church Room

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



Services for Sunday 30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

10.00 am (Ch) Mothering Sunday Family Service,
incorporating Bubble Church

10.00 am (Cr) Mothering Sunday Family Service

10.00 am (Li) Mothering Sunday Family Service

10.00 am (Sp) Mothering Sunday Family Service

10.00 am (Wh) Mothering Sunday Family Service



Prayer for the Week –*Third Sunday of Lent*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55: 1-9 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
 Luke 13: 1-9 Psalm 63: 1-9

DIARY

Monday 24th March

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

Tuesday 25th March

Wednesday 26th March

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 27th March

2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room

5.30 pm (Cr) Crawley PCC meeting

Friday 28th March

10.30 am (Li) Winchester Heights Holy Communion

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

Saturday 29th March

10.00 am (Sp) Churchyard Clean Up, with refreshments and lunch provided



Mothering Sunday

The Downs Benefice will be holding special Mothering Sunday services in all the churches at 10.00 am on **Sunday 30th March**.

Everyone is most welcome to come. Perhaps you could invite a neighbour?

Southern Voices

Hope, Faith, Life, Love

7.30 pm, Saturday 29th March

Holy Trinity Church, Winchester. Director: Jamal Sutton.

Frank Martin – Mass for Double Choir; Eric Whitacre – Three Songs of Faith; Bach, Harris, Holtz and more.

Tickets £18; aged 21 and under £10. www.southernvoices.co.uk

Banns of Marriage

(Ch) Mark Sargeson & Daisy Bradley

1st Time of Reading

Lent Groups – The Book of Ruth

Starting the week commencing 2nd March for 6 consecutive weeks.
Meeting every week in 5 different locations across the Benefice to look at the book of Ruth. The groups are following the same material.

Host	Day	Time	Address	Contact details
Michael & Carol Coleman	Tuesday evening	7.30pm	2 Valley Rd, Littleton, SO22 6QZ	Carolcoleman123@hotmail.com 01962 881886
Susan Ansell	Monday	2.30pm	Fullerton Mill, Fullerton, Andover, SP11 7LA	s.ansell@andover.co.uk 01264 860775
Jemma Mack & Mark Himbury	Tuesday	7.00pm	Appley, Westley Lane, Sparsholt. SO21 2ND	jemmamack@hotmail.com mark@markhimburydesign.co.uk
Charlotte Nash	Thursday	9.30am	Group moves around Chilbolton	01264 860831 Contact Charlotte for venue details
Felicity Gillibrand	Monday	4pm	Martins, Crawley, SO21 2PN	fgillibrand@btinternet.com

Please contact the leader of the group you would like to join, for catering and planning purposes. *If you are unable to attend your chosen group for a particular week, you are encouraged to attend another group for that week, so you don't miss out.*

See you there! It's still not too late to join in!

Our Churches' Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

All church members are invited to attend their APCM to hear reports of the year completed, to elect church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives and to discuss issues of importance to our church families.

Date	Day	Time	Parish	Venue
23rd March	Sunday	11.15am	Littleton	Church Room
4 th April	Friday	7pm	Sparsholt	Church
9 th April	Wednesday	7pm	Chilbolton	Church
10 th April	Thursday	7.30pm	Wherwell	Church
16 th May	Friday	6pm	Crawley	Church Room

Today!

Chrism Eucharist and Bishop David's Farewell

Winchester Cathedral, 17th April, 11.00 am

Everyone in the diocese is warmly invited to our annual Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, an opportunity to offer ourselves afresh to the service of God. This will also be the service when we say farewell to Bishop David, who will preach for us, and to ask God's blessing on him and Helen, as they move to the Diocese of Truro.

Boaz Quiz Night

Friday 11th April

Join quiz master Andy for a fun-filled evening at Littleton Memorial Hall. Gather your friends and form a team of 4-6 players for this brain-teasing night out. Tickets are just £3/person – come along and test your knowledge while having a laugh with friends.

www.boazproject.co.uk

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.