

DIARY

Monday 31st March

10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group, with Easter Service.

Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886

2.30 pm (Li)

Interment of Ashes - John Maskill

Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday 2nd April

Thursday 3rd April

10.50 am (Wh)

Wherwell School Easter Service

2.15 pm (Li)

Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room

Friday 4th April

12.30 pm (Li)

Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

3.00 pm (Li)

Interment of Ashes – Douglas Buckingham

4.00 pm (Li)

Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members always welcome. *Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089*

Saturday 5th March

Chilbolton Maundy Thursday Supper 17th April, 6:30 pm

Preceded by a short reflection and Holy Communion.

To be held at Dancing Ledge, courtesy of Michael and Joyce Payne. Numbers are limited, please get in touch with Lesley Kent, tel: 860584 if you would like to come.

Andover Food Bank

Lent is now well underway - you can make a real difference by donating food to us. If you've managed to give up chocolate, biscuits or another treat for Lent do please consider giving the items or the money you would have spent on them to the Andover Foodbank.

We'd also welcome donations of chocolate or Easter eggs, so we can spread a little extra joy this Easter. Please deliver these by **5 April 2025**. Thank you!

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.

Banns of Marriage

(Ch) Mark Sargeson & Daisy Bradley

2nd Time of Reading

Easter in The Downs Benefice



Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday

Littleton – 10am – Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Sparsholt – 10am – Palm Sunday Service starting with a Procession

Wherwell (with Chilbolton) – 10am - Palm Sunday Service

Chilbolton – 4pm – Palm Sunday Bubble Church

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday

Chilbolton & Wherwell – Holy Communion and Supper (See opposite)

Sparsholt – 6pm - Holy Communion

Friday 18th April – Good Friday

Littleton – 12 noon – Good Friday Meditation

Chilbolton (with Wherwell) – 3pm – Good Friday Meditation

Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday

Chilbolton – 10am – Easter Family Communion, incorporating Bubble Church

Crawley – 10am – Easter Family Service

Littleton – 10am – Easter Family Communion

Sparsholt – 10am – Easter Family Communion

Wherwell – 10am – Easter Family Communion

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
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

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.

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