

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell

Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

Sunday 7th July 2024



Services for Sunday 7th July 2024

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer with Baptism –
Cecilia Barnett

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship (*not Holy
Communion, as previously advertised*)

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the church room



Services for Sunday 14th July 2024

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer



Prayer for the Week – *Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: Ezekiel 2: 1-5 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13 Psalm: 123

DIARY

Monday 8th July

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

Tuesday 9th July

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

Wednesday 10th July**Thursday 11th July**

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

Friday 12th July

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

Saturday 13th July**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.

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@downsbefice.org.uk / 01962 880 845

Banns of Marriage

(Wh) James Buckley & Hayley Claiden

1st 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.

Southern Cathedrals Festival

Wednesday 10th July – Sunday 14th July

Bringing together the renowned choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester Cathedrals to offer sacred choral and organ music performed to the highest standard, this year the festival is based in Winchester.

Events include an organ recital 'Phantom of the Opera' by Jonathan Hope (Assistant Director of Music, Gloucester Cathedral) and a concert performance of Faure's Requiem with the girl choristers of Salisbury and Winchester and the lay clerks of all three cathedrals.

For more details and the full programme of events, see:

www.southerncathedralsfestival.org.uk



Littleton Safari Supper 2024

Proceeds towards the work and upkeep of St Catherine's Church

This year's Littleton Safari Supper will take place on **Saturday 20th July**. You are invited to host for one course (starter, main or dessert) and will travel to two other homes for the other courses. The evening will end with coffee all together at a central location. Bookings close **Wednesday 10th July**.

Tickets are £17.50 each. For more details or to book your place contact Carol Ward (tel: 01962 883185; e-mail: carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk)

Final call!

**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.

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

Southern Voices 40-year Gala Concert

Southern Voices will celebrate 40 years of choral singing on **13 July** with a very special [Gala Concert](#) in St Paul's Church, Winchester starting early at 6pm followed afterwards by a Gala Reception.

A treat for singers and audience alike, the evening will feature **Vivaldi's *Gloria*** and **JS Bach's *Magnificat***. The evening will dazzle with a wonderful line-up of soloists, each with a connection to the choir, **Lucy Cronin & Lucy Mellors soprano**, **Claire Sutton-Williams mezzo-soprano**, **Gwilym Bowen tenor** and **Jamie W Hall baritone**, all under the thrilling direction of the choir's conductor: **Jamal Sutton**.

The choir are excited to welcome **Endelienta Baroque**, an outstandingly talented group of young artists performing on historical instruments.

Tickets £35 (£20 under 21 years old) for the **Concert & Reception** afterwards, where the fun continues with drinks & canapés, or if you cannot make the Reception, the concert only ticket is £25.

Tickets from

www.southernvoices.co.uk/gala or from 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)

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.