

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
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Sunday 5th May 2024



Services for Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room –
'A hope and a future', looking at the
second half of 1 Corinthians 15.



Services for Sunday 12th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship, with Christian Aid
(please note *not* Family Communion,
as previously advertised)

10.00 am (Wh) Pet Service



Prayer for the Week – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:

Acts 10: 44-end

1 John 5: 1-6

John 15: 9-17

Psalm: 98

DIARY

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May

Wednesday 8th May

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day

8.00 am (Li) Holy Communion, followed by breakfast in the Church Room. *See opposite.*

9.30 am (Ch) Chilbolton Home Group. *For details please contact Charlotte Nash, tel: 01264 860831*

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

Friday 10th May

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

Saturday 11th May

Mariposa Trust – ‘Saying Goodbye’

Chichester Cathedral, **Saturday 11th May, 11.00 am**

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to Chichester in May with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK and international chain of events). The Mariposa Trust’s core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy.

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss; whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend.

New Wine 2024

25th – 30th July, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Revd Kevin and Lorna are going to New Wine this year in July and would love others in the benefice to join them there. You would need to book your own place but, if you book under ‘The Downs Benefice’, then you will be allocated a camping space together with Kevin and Lorna. This will be a wonderful chance to share fun and fellowship together at this vibrant Christian family festival.

Banns of Marriage

(Sp)	Lee Wrey Brown & Rebekah Lurcock	1st Time of Reading
(Sp)	Andrew Budd & Kirsten Bruce	1st Time of Reading

Ascension Day Service and breakfast, Littleton

Thursday 9th May, 8.00 am

Do join us for our **Ascension Day** Holy Communion Service which will be followed by breakfast in the church room in Littleton. We'd love to welcome all from across the benefice. If you would like to stay for the breakfast it would help our preparations if you could inform Carol Ward (01962 883185; carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk) by Monday 6th May.

Christian Aid Week (CAW), 12 to 19 May 2024

At the Morning Worship service on **12th May**, 10am, in Littleton, we will have a speaker, Charlotte Scott, from CA to inform us about how CA works.

Envelopes and pens will be available in all the pews. If you are able to make a contribution, please come prepared to fill in the envelope provided. This would be most convenient. If this is not possible, please deposit your envelope in the letter box of the Benefice office or at Loughrigg, Rewlands Drive before 19th May.

Ann and David Naylor. Tel. 882232.



AGM The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall Trust will take place on **Monday 13th May at 6.00 pm** in the Littleton Memorial Hall. Please come along to hear what the Trustees achieved for your local village hall last year and their plans for the future.

Parish Magazine Deadline

A reminder that copy for the June and July edition of the Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt Parish Magazine should be submitted by **12 noon, Friday 10th May** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine.

Space in the City

Brian Draper - Soulful Nature

Wednesday, 8th May at 12.30 pm, in St Lawrence's Church, Winchester

The third of five talks on the theme '**Spiritual**', exploring spiritual traditions that have shaped lives and religious practice over the centuries and how they still influence our flourishing today. Brian is a writer, author, speaker and broadcaster, and has been a regular presenter of BBC Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day' for many years. He is an experienced retreat guide, and leads seasonal walking retreats in Hampshire, from where he recently featured on Clare Balding's 'Ramblings' programme on Radio 4.

Entrance free, donations welcome.

Art@ St Barts - Lectures from Renowned Artists

St Batholomew's, Hyde

16th May – Helen Whittaker, 'Old Craft, New Art'. An artistic journey in stained glass.

13th June – Prue Cooper, 'Messages from the Workshop'.

Listen to artists whose work is a contemporary take on the ancient crafts of stained glass and pottery – crafts that would have been important to the Benedictine monks of the great medieval Hyde Abbe, who founded St Batholomew's Church in 1110.

Tickets £12 each. See [www. https://threesaints.org.uk/arts](https://threesaints.org.uk/arts) or 01962 849434.

All proceeds in aid of the St Batholomew's Giving for Living Appeal

Boaz Donkey Walks

Hill Farm, SO21 3NT

Friday 10th May and **Friday 14th June**, 1.15 – 2.15 pm.

Boaz is a multi-activity based charity for adults with learning disabilities. Come and enjoy a relaxing stroll with one of Boaz's donkeys. Finish your visit with a cup of tea and home-made cake. Over 18's only.

Suggested donation of £5.00. Parking available

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.