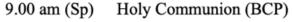
# Across the Downs

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

### Sunday 18th May 2025



# Services for Sunday 18th May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter



10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer 10.00 am (Cr) Family Communion

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness

6.00 pm (Wh) Wherwell Meditation – Julian of Norwich







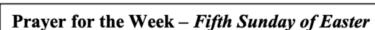
### Services for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship, with Mark from

Winchester Street Pastors

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship 4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Acts 11: 1-18 Revelation 21: 1-6

John 13: 31-35 Psalm 148

# **DIARY**

Monday 19th May

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

01962 881886

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Cr) Crawley House Group. Contact Office for details

Tuesday 20th May

7.30 pm Benefice Housegroup, 2 Valley Rd, Littleton

Wednesday 21st May

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

9.30 am (Ch) Chilbolton Home Group. For details please contact

Charlotte Nash, tel: 01264 860831

3.00 pm (Wh) Interment of Ashes – Brenda Headley

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the

Church Room

Friday 23rd May

Saturday24th May

1.30 pm (Ch) Wedding – Mark Sargeson & Daisy Bradley

### Ascension Day Service and breakfast, Littleton Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> May.

## Christian Aid Week, 11th - 17th May 2025

Envelopes can be returned to church in Littleton at the service of Peace and Wholeness on 18<sup>th</sup> May or to Morning Worship on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Otherwise, leave them at the Benefice Office or give digitally online via our digital envelope St Catherine's Littleton - Christian Aid Fundraise

Please return by Saturday 31 May. THEN what we've raised up to £1000.00 will be match-funded!

Peter & Maggie Lippiett 07376 929615 / 07972 555212

## Pentecost Sunday 8th June 2025



Do come and join us at **St Stephen's, Sparsholt**for a special, Benefice-wide **Family Communion Service**to launch our new

# Benefice Vision and Strategy.

All are welcome.

**Bishop Philip** will be leading the service and Revd Kevin will launch the Vison and Strategy.

The service starts at **11am** and is followed by a **lunch in Sparsholt**Memorial Hall.

The Hall can seat 100 people so please could you sign up for the lunch (by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June) on the sheets at the back of each of the Churches.

## Thy Kingdom Come Light Up The World in Prayer 29th May – 8th June 2025

Thy Kingdom Come is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians to join together in prayer, that more people may come to know the life-changing love of Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. In particular, we are each encouraged to pray for 5 people. Cards and prayer booklets (based on the Lord's Prayer) are available at the back of St Catherine's. See <a href="https://www.thykingdomcome.global">www.thykingdomcome.global</a>

#### *Space in the City*

#### Four Talks Reflecting on Walking the Wessex Way

30 April – 21 May, 12.30 pm, St Lawrence Church, Winchester

'Space in the City' are holding weekly talks reflecting on 'Walking the Wessex Way', Bishop Philip's vision for our diocese of Serving, Loving, Learning and Growing.

#### Wednesday 21st May Growing, with Peter Lippiett

No charge, but donations very welcome

#### Littleton Safari Supper 2025

Proceeds towards the work and upkeep of St Catherine's Church This year's Littleton Safari Supper will take place on **Saturday** 7<sup>th</sup> **June**. 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. Tickets are £17.50 each and naturally the more people willing to donate a course, the better. However, if you feel this is too much, please do claim a free ticket for the 'hostess cook' to help with expenses. For more details or to book your place contact Carol Ward (tel: 01962 883185;

e-mail: carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk)

### **Alresford Community Choir Concert**

Saturday May 24th, 7.30 pm

Harvey Hall Auditorium, St Swithun's School, Winchester

# Fauré Requiem Mass and Beethoven 9th Symphony - The Choral with The Hanover Band

Tickets available from £12 to £35 at <a href="www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir">www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir</a> or telephone: 01962 734858

Doors open at 6.30pm and refreshments are available before the concert and at the interval. Sally Wesley and several other parishioners from Sparsholt, Crawley and Littleton will be singing in this concert.

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.