

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
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Sunday 19th May 2024



Services for Sunday 19th May 2024

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

- 8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion
- 10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship
- 6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness
- 6.00 pm (Wh) Spring Reflection – ‘Angels’



Services for Sunday 26th May 2024

Trinity Sunday

- 8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship
- 10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship

Prayer for the Week – Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:

Acts 2: 1-21	Romans 8: 22-27
John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15	Psalms: 104: 26-36; 37b

DIARY

Monday 20th May

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

Tuesday 21st May

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion Service

Wednesday 22nd May

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

7.00 pm (Cr) Crawley APCM, preceded by drinks and canapes from 6.00 pm, in the Church Room

Thursday 23rd May

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

Friday 24th May

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

Saturday 25th May

11.30 am (Wh) Interment of Ashes – Christine Iremonger

Service of Peace and Wholeness at St Catherine's Littleton

Today!

A regular service of Peace and Wholeness is planned at St Catherine's Church Littleton on the third Sunday of each month starting on **Sunday 19 May 2024** at 6pm. All are welcome to join us to seek healing, for yourself or a loved one, or simply to find a short time of quiet reflection and peacefulness in your busy life. St Catherine's has offered such a service in the past but Covid put a stop to it. We now hope to resume this service.

We all suffer in some way in the process of normal living, whether for physical, mental or other reasons. Such things are often invisible. We need to be able to come to Christ asking that he will make us whole in "Body, Mind and Spirit". Peace and Wholeness gives us this opportunity. It is around 45 minutes in length, involving some gentle singing, some readings, a brief talk and a chance to receive a personal prayer of healing from the ministry team.

The service is intended for everyone, whether regular churchgoers or not. More details will be available later but in the meantime if you have any questions please contact David Targett, dtargett0@gmail.com.

Banns of Marriage

(Sp)	Lee Wrey Brown & Rebekah Lurcock	3rd Time of Reading
(Sp)	Andrew Budd & Kirsten Bruce	3rd Time of Reading

Sparsholt Church of England Primary School

“A truly inspiring place to learn” (SIAMS April 2023)

We still have a few spaces available for Year R pupils starting in September 2024 so please come and take a look around our wonderful school.

Contact: 01962 776264; adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk

Spring Reflections– Wherwell Church

Today!

Wherwell Church is delighted to bring you the final reflection of our Spring series, on ‘Angels’. Do come along and be inspired. The Reflection will be held at 6 pm on **Sunday 19th May** in the church, lasting for around 30 to 45 minutes of readings and music; all to be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat.

HELP PLEASE!

Does anyone have access to a spiral binding machine?

Our large print hymn books for the Care Homes desperately need rebinding.

Please contact the office on 01962 880845, if you are able to help.

Westholme Care Home, Harestock Road, Winchester

Come and be a part of our celebration of **World Day for Cultural Diversity** for Dialogue and Development on **May 21st at 2 pm** in Westholme. We invite all of you to come and join us. One of our residents is organising an effort to support her fellow residents, and we are kindly asking for donations to support her. Lend her a helping hand. Come and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, music, and nibbles with us. Get ready to socialise!

Chilbolton Church Fete and BBQ

Saturday 22 June, 12.30 – 3.30 pm

Bannuts Farm, Village Street

Fun dog show, BBQ of locally sourced meats, Beer and Pims Tent, Tea and Cake, Ice Cream, Grand Draw, Bottle Tombola, Stalls and Games for all the family.

More volunteers are required to look after the stalls – please contact Wendy on 01264 860237 or Lesley 01264 860 584.

Space in the City

Julian of Norwich: a Spiritual Responseto the Ecological Crisis

Dr Claire Gilbert

Wednesday, 22nd May at 12.30 pm, in St Lawrence's Church, Winchester

Claire Gilbert is a writer, speaker and mentor who founded Westminster Abbey Institute for ethics in public life. She has written about Julian in relation to her cancer in *Miles to Go Before I Sleep* as well as a fictional autobiography *I, Julian*. Claire's book of her doctoral thesis, *Julian of Norwich and the Ecological Crisis*, is to be published by Routledge in July.

Entrance free. Donations welcome.

First Friday Lunch Club, Littleton

The Lunch Club could welcome four or five new members. Do you know of anyone who would like to join us for a meal and friendship? Please contact me or put them in touch with me, Deirdre Wratten. 01962 880462

Transport can be arranged within the Parish of Littleton and Harestock.

Could you cook a main dish or dessert for the club just once a year? We are, as usual, a little short of volunteer cooks. It is just once a year, and you will be reimbursed. The loan of suitable pans or dishes can be arranged.

If you would like to discuss this, please contact me as above.

Young Lives vs Cancer Quiz night

There will be a fun Quiz event on **Friday 28th June** at Crawley Village Hall, 7 – 10 pm, in aid of Young Lives vs Cancer, formerly known as Clic Sargent.

Licensed bar, raffle, ploughman's supper.

Tickets £17.50. Seating will be at tables of six but there is no need to book a full table.

For bookings, please email Carole Phillips, carole@cathedral-lettings.co.uk by Friday 21st June.

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.