

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

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## **Services for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025**

### ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship with Baptism –  
Daisy, Eliza & Thomas Gale

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room –  
‘The Father, the Son and the Who?’



## **Services for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### ***Pentecost (Whit Sunday)***

11.00 am (Sp) Benefice Pentecost Service – see over,  
followed by lunch in Memorial Hall

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

### **Prayer for the Week – *Seventh Sunday of Easter***

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

<b>Readings:</b>	Acts 16: 16-34	Revelation 22: 12-14; 16-17; 20-end
	John 17: 20-end	Psalm 97

# DIARY

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

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

2.00 pm (Ch) Funeral – Doreen Rowles

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

7.30 pm (Li) Benefice Housegroup, 2 Valley Rd, Littleton

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

12 noon (Li) Thanksgiving Service – Pauline Satterthwaite

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

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, in the Church Room

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

7.15 pm (Li) Littleton Safari Supper

## Wherwell Meditations

By kind invitation of Caroline Hervey-Bathurst, the June Meditations will take place at "All Saints, Little Somborne" - a beautiful Saxon church on a private estate.

**Sunday 15th June, 6pm - George Herbert**, poet and priest

Directions email: [anna@steanlipa.co.uk](mailto:anna@steanlipa.co.uk)

## St Catherine's Churchyard clear-up

We are holding our annual clear-up session in the churchyard on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, starting at 9.30 am and finishing at 12.30 pm. This will be followed by a Ploughman's lunch for all participants.

If you feel you would like to help us to maintain the churchyard in a condition that shows we cherish the area and, through it, those buried there, then we hope you will join us. Please let Clive know if you are intending to come on 01962 885093 or [clive.thompsett@icloud.com](mailto:clive.thompsett@icloud.com)

***Banns of Marriage***

(Sp) Tom Witten & Sarah Thursfield

1st Time of Reading

**Pentecost Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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  
Vision 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**

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

### ***Gaza Prayer...***

On **Monday 2nd June** from 18.30 – 19.30 Winchester Cathedral is open 'for a **vigil of silent prayer** for the current situation in Israel and Gaza'.

Suheila Narazi, Director of the Anglican-run Christian Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza City, asks for our prayers for them, and 'for the international community to intervene'.

### **Chilbolton Church Fete - Saturday 21st June - Volunteers needed**

More volunteers are needed to look after some of the stalls. If you can help please contact Wendy Fakes 01264 860237, or

email [wendyandrews875@btinternet.com](mailto:wendyandrews875@btinternet.com)

Donations also needed for the Nearly New Stall, Garden Stall, Grand Draw, Cake stall

### **Sparsholt Village Fete**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1 pm to 5 pm in the centre of the village**

Parking at the football field alongside The Plough. Disabled parking available.

**Featuring:** Live music from the Lockerley Silver Band, Ukulele Band, Dads of Sparsholt School Band, Sparsholt School performance and a Children's Entertainer. Craft, plant, cake, Bric-a-Brac, toy, bottle tombola food and drink stalls. Grand Draw. The Human Fruit Machine, Coconut Shy, Sparsholt College Petting Zoo, Splat the Rat and tractor rides for all the family.

Closing with a parade of classic tractors, classic cars, musicians and floats from the centre of the village to The Plough. Please join us for an afternoon of fun.

### **"Time's Dance"**

St Peter's Church Wherwell - 7:30 pm - **Wednesday June 25th**

Music for violin and piano from across the centuries including works by Handel, Stravinsky, Arvo Part and Vaughan Williams's "The Lark Ascending"

Tickets £18 on the door. Advance booking and programme information at

<https://www.zackstephensviolin.com/>

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto: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.