

# Across the Downs

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

Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

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### Services for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

#### *First Sunday after Trinity*

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room,  
'Meet the Rector' (see over)



### Services for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### *Second Sunday after Trinity*

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer



#### **Prayer for the Week – *First Sunday after Trinity***

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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:** Deuteronomy 5: 12-15      2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6      Psalm: 81: 1-10

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

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

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

7.30 pm (Li) Littleton PCC meeting, in the Church Room

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

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

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

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

2.00 pm (Ch) Interment of Ashes – *private graveside service*

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

## Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

### *Message from the Benefice Office*

**Please note that, going forward, Revd Kevin's weekly day off is to be Tuesday, commencing 5pm Monday evening.** In an emergency during these times, please contact the office number 01962 880845.

**Today!**



### **Café Church: Meet the Rector!**

4pm, **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Littleton Church Room



June's Café Church service gives us the opportunity to find out more about Revd Kevin and Lorna - their life stories and faith journeys that have brought them here to the Downs Benefice. Join us as we hear about life in South Africa, God's calling on their lives, and what led them to start a new life in the UK (all accompanied by plentiful tea and cake!)

There will also be some more light-hearted questions to help us get to know them both - if you have a question that you would like to be included, please send this in advance to [carolcoleman123@hotmail.com](mailto:carolcoleman123@hotmail.com).

**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](mailto:adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk)

**Book Signing by Jenny Sanders**

at the Vine Trust Bookshop, Bridge Street, Andover

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 10 am to 12 noon**

Jenny is an international speaker, prophetic teacher and writer, and has been involved in discipling and training Jesus-lovers across streams and denominations for more than thirty years.

Her passion is ‘to see the lights come on’ for people when they grasp the magnificence of God’s grace and the excitement of living life with Him.

She is the author of *Spiritual Feasting* and *Polished Arrows*, and has also written two books of humorous short stories for Key Stage 2 children

**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.

**Flowers for Wherwell Church, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

During the Open Gardens in Wherwell, visitors often take the opportunity to visit the church (and rest their tired feet!) over the course of the afternoon. Wouldn’t it be nice if our lovely church could also join in the spirit of the day and be decorated with floral displays!

I am asking for as many as possible to donate flower please. These could be anything from a small posy upwards – even the teeniest grouping of flowers is a joy to behold.

Contact Jenny Boileau: 01264 860643

### **Pray your Part – Prayer and Reflection for the General Election**

Pray your part is a 21-day journey of prayer and reflection, for use in the run-up to the General Election. Each day explores a different theme, with a short Bible reading, reflection and prayer for a different aspect of our common life.

You can access free digital versions of this reflection journey and find out how you can get involved in #PrayYourPart at:

[www.churchofengland.org/PrayYourPart](http://www.churchofengland.org/PrayYourPart)

### **Andover Food Bank Summer Bags**

We are running our Summer Bag project again this year. The idea is to help local families with children who would normally receive free school meals and is being run in conjunction with many local schools. The bags will contain items to provide easy to prepare lunches for 1-2 children for a week. If you would like to support this project we would really appreciate donations of the following items:-

Tinned ham or corned beef, Tins or jars of hotdogs, Tinned tuna, Tinned sweetcorn, Spaghetti hoops, Baked beans Small bag of pasta, Longlife Milk, Small bottle of squash, Mayonnaise, Chocolate spread, Pancake mix, Cereal bars, Bags of sweets and Instant noodles.

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 0930 to 1230 or can be put in the collection boxes at all the local supermarkets.

### **Young Lives vs Cancer Quiz night**

There will be a fun Quiz event on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:carole@cathedral-lettings.co.uk) by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

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.