

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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**Services for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

***Trinity Sunday***

8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship



**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 back page)



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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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:**

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Romans 8: 12-17

John 3: 1-17

Psalm: 29

# DIARY

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

4.15 pm (Li)

Prayers for those on the Benefice prayer list, Littleton Church Room

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

4.00 pm (Li)

Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members always welcome. *Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

## ***Message from the Benefice Office***

**Please note that, going forward, Revd Kevin's weekly day off is to be Monday 5pm to Tuesday 10pm.** In an emergency during these times, please contact the office number 01962 880845.

## **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.

## **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)

## **Boaz Open Day and Plant Sale**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1-4 pm**

Boaz, Hill Farm, Sutton Scotney, SO21 3NT

Why not come and see what goes on at Boaz and sample some of the good food and crafts created here! You may even be moved to become a volunteer and join our happy 'Boaz Family'.

For more information please see: <https://www.boazproject.co.uk/>

### **Christian Aid Week (CAW) 2024, Littleton**

Thanks to the generous, compassionate gifts by St Catherine's congregation the sum total of our contributions including Tax Rebate was £885.50.

*David and Ann Naylor*

### **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.

### **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

### **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.

### **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).

### **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.