

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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## **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



## **Services for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### ***Trinity Sunday***

9.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer  
10.00 am (Cr) Family Communion  
6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness  
6.00 pm (Wh) Meditation on life of George Herbert,  
Little Somborne (see over)



### **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.

<b>Readings:</b>	Acts 2: 1-21	Romans 8: 14-17
	John 14: 8-17	Psalm 104: 26-36; 37b

# DIARY

## Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

- 10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*
- 2.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell House Group. *Contact Susan Ansell or Benefice Office for details*

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

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

## Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- 7.30 pm (Sp) Sparsholt PCC meeting

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

- 11.00 am (Li) Parish Safeguarding Officers' meeting
- 2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion
- 4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room
- 6.00 pm (Li) Music Provision Group meeting

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

- All day (Sp) Bach Winchester Voices Workshop (see over)
- 9.30 am (Li) Churchyard Clear-Up, followed by ploughman's lunch
- 2.00 pm (Cr) Wedding – William Butler & Sarah Dando

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Michael Lupton, of Littleton church and community. Michael's funeral will be on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30 am**. Our prayers are with Shirley and the family.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm - George Herbert**, poet and priest

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

And to complete this series of meditations, back in **Wherwell Church**:

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm** Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident. 1906 – 1945

### ***Banns of Marriage***

(Sp) Tom Witten & Sarah Thursfield

2nd Time of Reading



### **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.

### **Winchester Cathedral Organ Festival Recital Programme**

On selected Sundays, Evensong will be preceded by a short, informal recital. All are welcome to join from 2.30 pm – 3.50 pm in the Quire. No pre-booking required. No cost, but donations would be welcome.

**6<sup>th</sup> July** Oliver Morrell, Sub-Organist at Winchester Cathedral  
**14<sup>th</sup> September** Richard Pinel, Royal Academy of Music and St Mary's, Bourne St  
**12<sup>th</sup> October** Joshua Stephens, Sub-Organist at Winchester Cathedral  
**16<sup>th</sup> November** Donald McCann, Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College

### **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)

### **Chilbolton Church Fete and BBQ**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 12.30 pm – 3.30 pm**

The Manor, Winchester Road

Fun Dog Show, BBQ of locally sourced meats, Beer and Pimms Tent, Tea and Cakes, Ice Creams, Grand Draw, Bottle Tombola, Stalls and Games for all the Family.

We are looking for more volunteers to look after some of the stalls. If you can help, please contact Wendy Fakes (wendyandrews875@btinternet.com) or Lesley Kent (01264 860584).

### **Southern Voices Summer Concert**

#### **CANTICLES OF LIGHT**

**St John's Church, New Alresford on Saturday 12 July, 7.30pm.**

A fabulous evening of choral music with instruments and tubular bells!

Tickets £18 are now on sale: [www.southernvoices.co.uk](http://www.southernvoices.co.uk) or telephone

0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply).

### **Bach Winchester Voices**

The Bach Winchester Voices will be rehearsing three Bach Cantatas all day in St Stephens Sparsholt on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June. On **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June** they will be in St Mary's in Crawley from 2pm rehearsing with the instrumentalists before performing the cantatas at 3.45 pm. All are welcome to come for a cup of tea at 3.30 and stay for the performance which is free. The choir will be joined by four excellent young soloists who will be singing Bach's notoriously beautiful but challenging arias.

### **Save the Dates!**

Wherwell School Summer Fete – **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 12pm – 3.30 pm**

Littleton and Harestock Show – **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September** and Show Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at 10.00 am.

Winchester Hospice Purple Night Walk – **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

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.