

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
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Sunday 21st April 2024



Services for Sunday 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship



Services for Sunday 28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship with Baptism –
Lyla Message

Prayer for the Week – *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:	Acts 4: 5-12	1 John 3: 16-end
	John 10: 11-18	Psalm: 23

DIARY

Monday 22nd April

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

Tuesday 23rd April

1.30 pm (Ch) Funeral – Janette Finn

7.30 pm (Sp) Sparsholt APCM

Wednesday 24th April

Thursday 25th April

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

7.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell, APCM

Friday 26th April

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

Saturday 27th April

Ascension Day Service and breakfast, Littleton

Thursday 9th May, 8.00 am

Do join us for our **Ascension Day** Holy Communion Service which will be followed by breakfast in the church room in Littleton. We'd love to welcome all from across the benefice. If you would like to stay for the breakfast it would help our preparations if you could inform Carol Ward (01962 883185; carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk) by Monday 6th May.

Mariposa Trust – 'Saying Goodbye'

Chichester Cathedral, Saturday 11th May, 11.00 am

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are coming to Chichester in May with a very special Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a UK and international chain of events). The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy.

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss; whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend.

Banns of Marriage

(Ch) Anthony Dawson & Beth Pettigrew

3rd Time of Reading

Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2024

All church members are invited to attend their APCM to hear reports of the year completed, to elect church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives and to discuss issues of importance to our church families. Agendas and annual review reports will be available prior to the meetings for your consideration – please contact PCC secretaries.

Parish	Date	Time
St Mary's Crawley	Wednesday 22 nd May	7.00 pm*
<i>St Mary the Less Chilbolton</i>	<i>Wednesday 10th April</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>
<i>St Catherine's Littleton</i>	<i>Sunday 14th April</i>	<i>11.30 am</i>
St Stephen's Sparsholt	Tuesday 23rd April	7.30 pm
St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell	Thursday 25th April	7.30 pm

*Preceded by drinks and canapes from 6.00 pm. Please note change in date.

New Wine 2024

25th – 30th July, Bath and West Showground, Shepton Mallet

Revd Kevin and Lorna are going to New Wine this year in July and would love others in the benefice to join them there. You would need to book your own place but, if you book under 'The Downs Benefice', then you will be allocated a camping space together with Kevin and Lorna. This will be a wonderful chance to share fun and fellowship together at this vibrant Christian family festival.

Space in the City
St Martin in the Fields, The Nazareth Community
The Revd Richard Carter

Wednesday, 1st May at 12.30 pm, in St Lawrence's Church, Winchester

The second of five talks on the theme '**Spiritual**', exploring spiritual traditions that have shaped lives and religious practice over the centuries and how they still influence our flourishing today. The Nazareth Community's daily life is rooted in the seven guiding principles: silence, service, scripture, sacrament, sharing, sabbath time and staying.

Entrance free, donations welcome.

Please note – no talk on Wednesday 24th April

Art@ St Barts - Lectures from Renowned Artists

St Batholomew's, Hyde

16th May – Helen Whittaker, 'Old Craft, New Art'. An artistic journey in stained glass.

13th June – Prue Cooper, 'Messages from the Workshop'.

Listen to artists whose work is a contemporary take on the ancient crafts of stained glass and pottery – crafts that would have been important to the Benedictine monks of the great medieval Hyde Abbe, who founded St Batholomew's Church in 1110.

Tickets £12 each. See [www. https://threesaints.org.uk/arts](https://threesaints.org.uk/arts) or 01962 849434.

All proceeds in aid of the St Batholomew's Giving for Living Appeal

GoLD Garden Craft Fair

Wednesday 8th May

Upper Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy

Entrance £5. Ample parking available on site. Sorry, no dogs.

A great day out in a beautiful private garden. Come along for gardening inspiration, and fantastic shopping with plant nurseries, artisan and homeware products, fashion accessories and delicious food.

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.