

Across the Downs

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

Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

Sunday 28th April 2024



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



Services for Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Prayer

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room



Prayer for the Week – *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings:

Acts 8: 26-end

1 John 4: 7-end

John 15: 1-8

Psalm: 22: 25-end

DIARY

Monday 29th April

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

Tuesday 30th April

Wednesday 1st May

11.45 am (Li) Cremation Service in Basingstoke – Janet Martin

Thursday 2nd May

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

Friday 3rd May

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

Saturday 4th May

2.30 pm (Sp) Thanksgiving Service – Mary Craig Harvey

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.

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings 2024

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. Four of these have been held over the last month, with the last one, Crawley APCM, due to take place on **Wednesday 22nd May** at 7.00 pm, preceded by drinks and canapes from 6.00 pm.

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.

Christian Aid Week (CAW), 12 to 19 May 2024

At the Family Communion service on **12th May**, 10am, in Littleton, we will have a speaker, Charlotte Scott, from CA to inform us about how CA works. Envelopes and pens will be available in all the pews. If you are able to make a contribution, please come prepared to fill in the envelope provided. This would be most convenient. If this is not possible, please deposit your envelope in the letter box of the Benefice office or at Loughrigg, Rewlands Drive before 19th May.

Ann and David Naylor. Tel. 882232.



AGM The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Littleton Millennium Memorial Hall Trust will take place on **Monday 13th May at 6.00 pm** in the Littleton Memorial Hall. Please come along to hear what the Trustees achieved for your local village hall last year and their plans for the future.

Parish Magazine Deadline

A reminder that copy for the June and July edition of the Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt Parish Magazine should be submitted by **12 noon, Friday 10th May** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine.

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.

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

Join a Meditation on the Life of Christ

29th June, 10 am – 3 pm

St Mary's Laverstoke and Freefolk

Through looking at the altarpiece of St Mary's, studying the different paintings, panels and statues and how they work together, you are invited to join an unfolding of the journey of faith.

Booking is essential – please contact Revd Jenny Ellis by 22nd June on: 01256 892895 or jenny.battsrow@gmail.com

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.