

Across the Downs

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

Sunday 5th April 2026



Services for Sunday 5th April

Easter Day

- 8.30 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Ch) Easter Sunday Holy Communion
- 10.00 am (Cr) Easter Sunday Family Service
- 10.00 am (Li) Easter Sunday Family Communion
- 10.00 am (Sp) Easter Sunday Family Service
- 10.00 am (Wh) Easter Sunday Holy Communion



Services for Sunday 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter

- 10.00 am (Li) Family Communion with Baptism
- 10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer

Prayer for the Week – *EASTER DAY*

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Readings: Acts 10: 34-43 Colossians 3: 1-4
 John 20: 1-18 Psalm 118: 1-2; 14-24

DIARY

Monday 6th April

10.00–11.30am (Li) No St Catherine's Toddler Group. – Easter holidays.
Restart Monday 27th April

Tuesday 7th April

Wednesday 8th April

Thursday 9th April

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room.

Friday 10th April

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

Saturday 11th April

9.30 am (Cr) The Stations of the Resurrection (see over)

Receiving Holy Communion in our Benefice...

After careful consideration of current good practice and research, we'd like please to re-emphasise that receiving communion in one kind (ie the bread alone) is complete reception of the life of Christ in communion.

Occasionally, out of concern for vulnerable others we may well wish to refrain from sharing the common cup eg if we have a respiratory infection – or out of concern for ourselves if we feel we are particularly vulnerable.

If this is so, please just rise and return to your place after receiving the Host (the consecrated bread), after first allowing the chalice to pass you by to avoid potentially jogging the person receiving and thus causing a spillage.

Please do not 'dunk' the Host in the chalice. This both taints the chalice contents with gluten (harmful to those gluten-allergic among us), and has been shown actually to be responsible for transmitting skin-borne pathogens to others.

Thanks for your care with this.

Revd Kevin.

Our Churches' Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

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.

Date	Day	Time	Parish	Venue
14 th April	Tuesday	7pm	Chilbolton	Church
15 th April	Wednesday	6pm	Crawley	Church Room
26 th April	Sunday	11.15am	Littleton	Church Room
30 th April	Thursday	7.30pm	Wherwell	Church
9 th May	Saturday	12 noon	Sparsholt	'Wheatlands'

Deanery Synod

Are you interested in meeting with other parishes, learning what they do, and sharing the good news from your parish? Would you like to have a say in what happens in our deanery, and our wider diocese? Do you have views on who should represent us at General Synod? Have you considered standing as a lay member of the Andover Deanery Synod?

The Diocese of Winchester is split into deaneries, each with its own deanery synod which works to encourage partnership between its parishes and benefices. As such, the deaneries form an important bridge between the parishes and the wider diocese, and help to plan the future shape of mission and ministry within our area. The lay members of the synod are elected every three years, and 2026 is one of those years. Your parish's upcoming APCM is your chance to stand as a parish representative on the Andover Deanery Synod.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, you can speak to your parish's current rep(s) or you are welcome to contact me, Michael Coleman

(mcoleman38@gmail.com)

The Stations of the Resurrection

**9.30am Saturday 11th April
Crawley Church Room**

Easter celebrations continue as we remember Jesus' resurrection appearances to his followers. An hour of reflection and thanksgiving - tea and coffee provided.

St Catherine's Electoral Roll

St Catherine's Annual Parish Church Meeting takes place on Sunday, 26th April at 11.15am in the Littleton Church Room.

On that occasion I have to make a report about the Electoral Roll and any changes that have occurred since the last APCM. I would be grateful if I could be notified before Sunday 12th April of any such changes since the revision of March 2025.

A copy of the current Roll will be available for inspection at the back of the church during services over the next three weeks.

Bryan Harris - Electoral Roll Officer.

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Trinity Winchester's 40th Anniversary Open Day

Tuesday 21st April, 2-4pm

Come and see how Trinity helps people experiencing homelessness and vulnerability in our community. Meet the people we help and Trinity's staff and trustees. Enjoy a tour of the building, tea and 'Trinity Treats'.

Spring Clean St-Mary-The-Less Chilbolton

Saturday 25th April - 10:00 am

Please join our team of cleaners to give our Church a good spring clean, Cleaning materials will be provided as well as refreshments.

Contact number 01264 861142 for any queries

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