

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Litzleron, Sparsholt and Wherwell
Rector: Revd Jax Machin 01962 880845

Sunday 2nd August 2020



Services for Sunday 2nd August 2020

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

Café Church (on-line)



Coronavirus Update

Opening of our churches for private prayer and also for services – please see over



Services for Sunday 9th August 2020

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Prayer



Prayer for the Week – *The Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-5 Romans 9: 1-15 Matthew 14: 13-21
Psalm 80

Opening of Churches

The Churches in The Downs Benefice are currently open for individual prayer at the following times:

- St Mary the Less, Chilbolton 9 am – 4pm, Sundays
- St Mary's, Crawley 10am – 4pm, Wed and Sunday
- St Catherine's, Littleton 10am – 4pm, Wed and Saturday
- St Stephen's Sparsholt 10am – 4pm, Wed and Sunday
- St Peter & Holy Cross, Wherwell tbc

We are delighted that Sunday services have begun to resume in our Benefice. There will be one service in the benefice each week, for the next five weeks, taking us up to 30th August.

Short-Term Schedule for the reintroduction of Sunday services in The Downs Benefice 2nd to 30th August 2020

	2 nd Aug	9 th Aug	16 th Aug	23 rd Aug	30 th Aug
Chilbolton	HC		MP		
Crawley					
Littleton				HC	
Sparsholt	closed	MP			
Wherwell				closed	HC

All seats must be booked via the Benefice Office: 01962 880845

Key:

- **MP** Morning Prayer
- **HC** Holy Communion
- **Closed** denotes a church is closed for cleaning following a wedding the previous day.
- All services begin at 10.00 am – Please arrive in good time to sanitise and be seated.

Please see the benefice website www.downsbenefice.org for up-to-date information.

Winchester Street Pastors

As pubs and restaurants are now open again, our teams are once again out there on Friday and Saturday evenings to offer reassurance, safety and support, by caring, listening and helping. Thank you for your support – financial and in prayer.

DIARY

All regular meetings, groups and special events remain cancelled across the Benefice

Tuesday 4th August

9.30 am Benefice Morning Prayer (on Zoom, please contact Charlotte Nash: charlotte@cjnash.com)

The Benefice Office is closed to visitors until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus but is 'open' for all other business. Please contact Caroline McAulay on 01962 880 845 or on office@downsbenefice.org.uk

In event of an emergency, please call the Rector, Revd Jax Machin, on 07761 055 228.

Please do visit our website: www.downsbenefice.org where you can find streamed services, letters and reflections from Revd Jax, prayers, daily readings, Kids Corner and so much more – all updated daily.

If you would like to receive Revd Jax' letters and reflections directly, please ensure the Benefice Office has your email address.

Café Church

Please join us for our short on-line 'service' this Sunday, 2nd August, focusing on the four key elements of Church growth as set out in the Acts of the Apostles, and encouraging us to adopt them ourselves as we share the Good News with others. Please see: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=988806064889449> (you do not need to have a facebook account) or the Downs Benefice website: www.downsbenefice.org

Andover Food Bank

We are delighted that the government will be providing support for families who usually receive free school meals over the summer holiday. However, we know that some will struggle to provide treats and entertainment across the holiday, especially those who have had their income impacted due to the coronavirus. The foodbank is planning to issue additional food bags to families over the summer to help keep children entertained. The bags will include meal kits containing the ingredients and recipes for certain meals and also some treats. Thus, we would welcome donations of: ice-pops, cake/cookie or pancake mixes, plain flour (500g), small bottles cooking oil, tinned hotdogs, puzzle and colouring books.

New Wine - United Breaks Out

30 July – 3 August 2020

For the past 18 years, members of the Downs Benefice have attended the annual New Wine conference, either staying for the week or just visiting for the day. This year, New Wine has moved online, so you can enjoy the morning and evening teaching, worship and prayer ministry, afternoon TED-style seminars, sofa sessions, Q&As and webinars, all from the comfort of your home. Separate sessions are available for children and youth.

For more information, visit <https://new-wine.org/breaksout> or the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/newwineengland>

New Art Installation at Winchester Cathedral

A new colourful installation by Revd Gill Sakakini: 'Held in a Burst of Colour', can be seen at Winchester Cathedral throughout the summer. Visit www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk for visiting information and opening times.

Boaz Project

The Boaz site (Hill Farm) is still closed but there is still a lot happening.

The Hidden Foundation - We have a team of people regularly praying for all things Boaz. If you'd like to be a part of this, then contact Stuart (admin@boazproject.co.uk; 01962 761749). We use WhatsApp and Zoom to stay up-to-date so needs can be identified and, with permission, prayed for.

Next Zoom prayer times: 2:30pm, Tuesday 8th September and Tuesday 1st December 2020.

Trinity Winchester Virtual Fundraising

There are many ways that you can fundraise virtually to help support our work, from virtual quizzes to indoor running challenges. Take a look at some of the great ideas on the website (www.trinitywinchester.org.uk). Taking part on one of these events will help close the gap on income caused by the coronavirus health crisis and ensure Trinity can continue delivering the vital services to get people off the streets and keep them off.

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.