Across the Downs

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

Sunday 16th March 2025



Services for Sunday 16th March 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

09.00 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion 10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship 4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

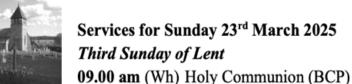
6.00 pm (Li) Benefice Service of Peace and

Wholeness









10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship, followed APCM in the Church Room

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship 4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



Prayer for the Week -Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Genesis 15: 1-12; 17-18 Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 13: 31-end Psalm 27

DIARY

Monday 17th March

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

01962 881886

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

Tuesday 18th March

Wednesday 19th March

Thursday 20th March

2.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the

Church Room

Friday 21st March

4.00 pm (Li) Julian of Norwich Meditation Meeting – new members

always welcome. Contact Sheila Trussler, 01962 881089

Saturday 22nd March



Sparsholt will be holding a Churchyard Clean Up on Saturday 29th March from 10.00am to 1.00pm with refreshments and lunch provided.

Please come along and help, the more the merrier, bringing garden tools and garden waste bags.

Any questions, please contact Sally Wesley on <u>sally.wesley@btinternet.com</u> or 01962 776476.



Mothering Sunday

The Downs Benefice will be holding special Mothering Sunday services in all the churches at 10.00 am on Sunday 30th March.

Everyone is most welcome to come. Perhaps you could invite a neighbour?

Lent Groups - The Book of Ruth

Starting the week commencing 2nd March for 6 consecutive weeks.

Meeting every week in 5 different locations across the Benefice to look at the book of Ruth. The groups are following the same material.

Host	Day	Time	Address	Contact details
Michael &	Tuesday	7.30pm	2 Valley Rd,	Carolcoleman123@h
Carol	evening		Littleton,	otmail.com
Coleman			SO22 6QZ	01962 881886
Susan	Monday	2.30pm	Fullerton Mill,	s.ansell@andover.co.
Ansell			Fullerton,	<u>uk</u>
			Andover, SP11	01264 860775
			7LA	
Jemma	Tuesday	7.00pm	Appley,	jemmamack@hotmai
Mack &			Westley Lane,	<u>1.com</u>
Mark			Sparsholt.	mark@markhimbury
Himbury			SO21 2ND	design.co.uk
Charlotte	Thursday	9.30am	Group moves	01264 860831
Nash			around Chilbolton	Contact Charlotte for
				venue details
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Felicity	Monday	4pm	Martins,	fgillibrand@btintern
Gillibrand			Crawley, SO21	et.com
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Please contact the leader of the group you would like to join for the 6 weeks for catering and planning purposes. If you are unable to attend your chosen group for a particular week, you are encouraged to attend another group for that week, so you don't miss out.

See you there! It's not too late to join in!

Revision of Electoral Rolls

Please note that the Electoral Rolls have to be revised this year prior to the APCMs. This means that all names must be removed from the existing roll and new application forms must be submitted by everyone who wishes to remain on the roll. Being a member of the Electoral Roll allows you to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting.

Sparsholt - For further details and application forms please contact Sally Wesley on 01962 776476; sally.wesley@btinternet.com

Wherwell - Application forms are available either at the Church porch or from tanya.waters@hotmail.com The closing date for returning the forms back to Tanya is Sunday 16 March 2025.

Littleton - The revision of the Electoral roll is now complete. A copy of the Roll, with names only, is now available for inspection at the back of the church. Bryan Harris, Electoral Roll Officer.

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
23 rd March	Sunday	11.15am	Littleton	Church
				Room
4th April	Friday	7pm	Sparsholt	Church
9 th April	Wednesday	7pm	Chilbolton	Church
10 th April	Thursday	7.30pm	Wherwell	Church
16 th May	Friday	6pm	Crawley	Church Room

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