

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



Services for Sunday 23rd March 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

09.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship, followed by 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 sally.wesley@btinternet.com 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?

Banns of Marriage

(Sp) Craig Tyrrell & Holly Nichols

3rd Time of Reading

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 & Carol Coleman | Tuesday evening | 7.30pm | 2 Valley Rd, Littleton, SO22 6QZ | Carolcoleman123@hotmail.com 01962 881886 |
| Susan Ansell | Monday | 2.30pm | Fullerton Mill, Fullerton, Andover, SP11 7LA | s.ansell@andover.co.uk 01264 860775 |
| Jemma Mack & Mark Himbury | Tuesday | 7.00pm | Appley, Westley Lane, Sparsholt. SO21 2ND | jemmamack@hotmail.com mark@markhimburydesign.co.uk |
| Charlotte Nash | Thursday | 9.30am | Group moves around Chilbolton | 01264 860831 Contact Charlotte for venue details |
| Felicity Gillibrand | Monday | 4pm | Martins, Crawley, SO21 2PN | fgillibrand@btinternet.com |

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 |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 23rd March | Sunday | 11.15am | Littleton | Church Room |
| 4 th 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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