

## The Downs Benefice

We aspire to be a vibrant Christian Community with Jesus at the heart of our ministry - making a difference.

We aim to do this by being a relevant, welcoming, inclusive worshipping community, embracing all people, serving others and sharing the message of Jesus.

And we want to do this with humility, grace, love and **prayer**.

# PRAYER LIST

June/July 2026



*Prayer is like opening a door and slipping into  
the presence of God.*

*There in the stillness to listen to His voice*

*Perhaps to petition – or only to listen*

*It matters not;*

*Just to be there, in His presence, is prayer.*

This leaflet is used for prayers in the church room at Littleton on Thursdays at **4.15 pm** each week, to which all are welcome, and can be used for your private prayers.

**We hold before God all those for whom prayer has been requested.**

*To comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), individual names are not printed, but we believe that God knows who these dear people are, and His Holy Spirit will intercede on our behalf.*

We also pray for anyone else on our hearts at this time and all those with temporary or long-term health problems and for the families and carers who support them.



**We remember with compassion friends and relatives of the recently departed:**

Majorine Nakibuule (Karis Kids family)

Viscount Robin Bridgeman

Joyce Hobbs

Alan Rowles

Richard Franke

Annette Keys

**We pray for our Ministry Team and administrator, Caroline:**

For our Incumbent Kevin Rogers and Lorna and the ministry team including Kate Fletcher our Anna Chaplain, Peter Lippiett, Alan Disher, Charlotte Nash, Andrew Kent, Sally Wesley, Alastair Barron and Carol Coleman.

**We pray for the young in our area.**



We pray for the young who are/have been taking exams that they are successful and able to move on with love and confidence to the next stages in their lives, be it a new class, a new school or a move to college, university, or a first job. We pray for times of fun and refreshment over the summer holidays.

**We pray for our benefice and the ministry of the five parishes. We pray that we may strive to worship together in greater numbers. We pray for:**

#### **Chilbolton**

- An open attitude to change, recognising that our focus is on God not tradition
- Bubble church - that more families will come and hear and respond to the good news

#### **Crawley**

- Growing ministry to children, families and young people; building on the success of recent special/Festival Services.
- To increase the number of volunteers supporting St Mary's as we strive to "grow the Church" in Crawley.

#### **Littleton**

- Growth, especially bringing in new families to enliven our worship and become a part of our church community.
- Whilst giving thanks for all those who volunteer in any way, we pray for others to come forward to help with the running of our church life.

#### **Sparsholt**

- A thriving church, alive with prayer, active in outreach, rich in discipleship, and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The gift of generosity of those around us to support our Church; generosity in time, effort and financial resources.

#### **Wherwell**

- Give thanks for new members of the congregation at recent services and pray they may become part of the church family.
- Pray for more people to step up to take on roles within the church.

We pray for our missionary contacts: Ben and Esther Brown (with Barny, Reuben and Jesse), serving with MAF in Arnhem Land; Chris and Kesia Pain in Japan with OMF; for Bishop Crisanto in Northern Argentina supported by CMS; The Brickworks supporting projects in South Sudan; for others known to, and supported by, individuals in our parishes. We pray for the ongoing work of Karis Kids in Kampala, praying for our link church, St Pauls in Okuvu, and the seven families supported by the Downs Benefice. We pray for the work of Tearfund and Christian Aid as they seek to respond to need, through local partners, wherever it may arise. We uphold Christians who are persecuted for their faith and pray for those supporting them through Open Doors and similar organisations.

### Pray for our wider world



**Pray for DRC and the Ebola outbreak** – Pray for all those suffering from, and who have been in contact with, Ebola and pray that the outbreak comes swiftly under control. Pray for all those who have lost loved ones and are living in fear of infection. Lift up all those who are caring for those who are ill. Pray for people to take wise precautions to help stop the spread of the virus.

**Pray for an end to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East** – Pray for all who are in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear. Ask God to be with those who need Him in these days of suffering. We pray for people of all faiths—Jews, Muslims, and Christians—and for all people of the land. We pray for an end to violence, the establishment a lasting peace, and ask that God guides us into His kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour.

Requests for Prayers may be made through the Benefice Office or direct to Revd Kevin Rogers. ([office@downsbefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbefice.org.uk); 01962 880845)