

**Wherwell Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 10.30 – 12 noon**

At Wherwell Village Hall, Church Street  
Coffee, tea and biscuits – Free Raffle Entry with Admission  
All for £2.00 per person. **Everyone welcome!**



**Bexley Phoenix Choir**

*Directed by John MacKenzie*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August - 7pm**

**St Mary-the-Less Church, Village Street, Chilbolton**

*Come and hear this vibrant young choir with a repertoire including romantic era to folk, gospel to popular contemporary.*

Tickets £10 (Students £5 and schoolchildren free)

*Tickets from Lesley - 01264 860 584*

**Winchester Hospice Purple Night Walk**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

This much-loved event returns slightly earlier than usual to coincide with the hospice's 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. Last year, 250 people joined us on our walk through the city and helped raise over £40,000 to support the care of local people living with a life-limiting illness.

Plans for this year's event are now in full swing and further details about what to expect will be released soon but, for now, sign up below and start planning your best purple outfit!

<https://winchester-hospice-purple-night-walk-2025.raiselysite.com>

**Concert, The Hospital of St Cross, Winchester**

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July, 12.30 – 1.15 pm**

A short, free concert (piano and violin) followed by coffee/tea in the Hundred Men's Hall. Music all easy listening.

Please send all items for Across the Downs to Carol Ward: email [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto: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.

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**



**Services for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

***Fifth Sunday after Trinity***

9.00 am (Sp)	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Ch)	Morning Worship
10.00 am (Cr)	Holy Communion
6.00 pm (Li)	Service of Peace and Wholeness
6.00 pm (Wh)	Meditation on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer



**Services for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

***Sixth Sunday after Trinity***

9.00 am (Wh)	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Li)	Morning Worship
10.00 am (Sp)	Morning Worship

**Prayer for the Week – *Fifth Sunday after Trinity***

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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.

<b>Readings:</b>	Genesis 18: 1-10a	Colossians 1: 15-28
	Luke 10: 38-end	Psalms 15

### Banns of Marriage

(Li)	David Batchelor & Ella Clark	3rd Time of Reading
(Sp)	Matthew Light & Paula Farrugia	3rd Time of Reading
(Wh)	Charlie Elliott & Daisy Rae	3rd Time of Reading
(Sp & Ch)	Jonty Drew & Emma Taylor	3rd Time of Reading

### Littleton and Harestock Show Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 12 noon – 5.00 pm

There will be an excellent craft show this year as well as the traditional village fete games, dog gymkhana, tombola and grand raffle, together with food and drink outlets.

You can go online to enter the traditional flower show competitions with classes for both adults and children including vegetables, flowers, fruit, craft, art, cookery, poetry, photography and preserves. See [www.lhshow.org.uk/flower-show](http://www.lhshow.org.uk/flower-show).

**Do then join us on the Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am, for the Show Celebration Service, in the Marquee**

### Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Ride+Stride 2025

Saturday, 13th September



As a participant your sponsored journey on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September between as many churches as you wish can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, houseback, canoe, classic car or bus, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnham.

As there are over 400 due to be open, you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome.

See: <https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

### Afternoon Tea in Chilbolton

Tea, coffee, scones and cake in Chilbolton Village Hall

Tea served at **3.00 pm, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Everyone welcome – an opportunity to socialise in the community.

We kindly ask for a small donation.



# DIARY

## Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July

10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

9.30 am (Sp) Sparsholt School Leavers Service (Private)

## Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

## Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July

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

5.30 pm (Cr) Crawley PCC meeting

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

### Wherwell Meditations

**Today!**

To complete this series of meditations, we will be back in **Wherwell Church:**

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident. 1906 – 1945

The meditations begin at 6pm and run for just over half an hour, and are followed by refreshments and time to chat.

### Boaz Fun Day and Trail Run Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Whether you fancy a gentle stroll with your dog, a wander with our donkeys, or just want to sit back and enjoy some live music, there's something for everyone at this special day out in the countryside.

Feeling more energetic? You can sign up for our 5k or 10k trail run – a lovely route through the surrounding countryside, perfect for runners of all levels. It's a great way to work up an appetite and soak in the fresh air. To register for the 5k or 10k trail run, or to book your parking space, please complete the form on the website; <https://www.boazproject.co.uk/boaz-family-fun-day-5k-10k-trail-runs/>