

Winchester Green Week is scheduled to take place from **September 20th - 28th**. This event aims to promote sustainable living through various activities organised by local communities, environmental groups, educational institutions and businesses.

Some key aspects of **Winchester Green Week** include:

- **Learning Opportunities:** A range of events for everyone to learn about sustainable practices and reduce their environmental impact.
- **Community Engagement:** Collaboration with local groups and organisations to create a greener future
- **Artistic Responses:** Exploring artistic expressions related to climate breakdown and sustainability

To stay updated on specific events and activities during **Winchester Green Week**, consider visiting the official **Winchester Green website** [Winchester Green Week | Home](https://www.winacc.org.uk/) or **WinACC (Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis)** <https://www.winacc.org.uk/>

Young Lives Vs Cancer
Coffee Morning – Wednesday 27th August

10.30 am – 1 pm at Chestnut Cottage, Strawberry Lane, Up Somborne, SO20 6RD. Coffee and cake, raffle, admission £6. Please come along!
Enquiries – Fiona Sanecka Manson (07984 788590); Carole Phillips (01962 776921)

The Bach Winchester Voices

Jon Newman's Bach Winchester Voices will be performing three exciting J.S.Bach cantatas BWV30, 34 and 120 at 3.45 pm in St Paul's church in Winchester on Sunday 7th September. They will be rehearsing in St Mary's Church, Crawley, on Saturday 6th September.

Entry is free but cash contributions at the end would be welcome, but only if you are happy with the performance!

Email Jon at jon_newman@outlook.com. Parking will probably be available at the adjoining offices of Lane Clark and Peacock but check with Jon first.

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.

Across the Downs

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

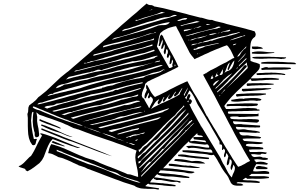
Sunday 24th August 2025



Services for Sunday 24th August 2025

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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



Services for Sunday 31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am (Li) 5th Sunday Benefice Holy Communion, followed by refreshments in the Church Room (see over)

Prayer for the Week – *Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings: Isaiah 58: 9b-end
Luke 13: 10-17
Hebrews 12: 18-end
Psalm 103: 1-8

Littleton and Harestock Show

Saturday 6th 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.

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

Join us to celebrate our local community, the fun of the Show, and the creativity and talents displayed there. An informal service open to all ages and all faiths, or none!

Magazines needed

Thank you to everyone who has contributed magazines for the community collage at the Littleton and Harestock Show. We have plenty on topics relating to homes and gardens, but are still in need of magazines with pictures of the following:

- Sports (except running)
- Cars, bikes etc
- Children's activities
- Crafts

Please put any donations in the box in the Church porch, or post them through the door at 2 Valley Road, by Friday 5th September.



Hants and the Isle of Wight Ride+Stride 2025

Saturday, 13th September



As a participant your sponsored journey on Saturday 13th September between as many churches as you wish can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, 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/>

DIARY

Monday 25th August

Tuesday 26th August

Wednesday 27th August

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

Thursday 28th August

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

Friday 29th August

11.00 am (Ch) Interment of Ashes – Daphne Edwards

Saturday 30th August

5th Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Service

11.00 am, Sunday 31st August

The Benefice Service will take place at **11 am** at St Catherine's, Littleton.

Refreshments will be provided after the Service. Please bring a plate of Canapes/Finger Food to share with others who will be there.

We look forward to seeing you.

Zack Stephens plays unaccompanied works for the violin

Saturday 30th August, 7.30 pm

St Peter and Holy Cross Church, Wherwell

Join Zack Stephens for an evening of some of the most introspective and virtuosic music ever written for the violin. This event is themed around unfairly neglected gems, even within the context of an already less played genre, each of which occupies its own special niche. The aim is to build real context around these pieces as the recital progresses, both through performance and readings. "This will result in an experience which I hope to be both more accessible and more informative than a traditional classical music concert."

Adult tickets are £17 and can be ordered on line

(<https://www.zackstephensviolin.com/event-info/zack-stephens-plays-unaccompanied-works-for-violin>) or purchased on the door.