

## **Zach Stephens plays unaccompanied works for the violin**

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

St Pater 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.

## **Young Lives Vs Cancer**

**Coffee Morning – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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)

## **Magazines needed**

One of the activities at St Catherine's stand at this year's Littleton and Harestock Show will be a community collage, where people stick pictures of things that they enjoy. We therefore need a range of magazines with pictures of leisure activities - sports, cooking, crafts etc.

If you have any we could have, please put them in the box in the Church porch, or post them through the door at 2 Valley Road, by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**



**Services for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

***Ninth Sunday after Trinity***

09.00 am (Sp)	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am (Ch)	Morning Worship
10.00 am (Cr)	Holy Communion
6.00 pm (Li)	Benefice Service of Peace and Wholeness



**Services for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Prayer for the Week – *Ninth Sunday after Trinity***

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

<b>Readings:</b>	Jeremiah 23: 23-29	Hebrews 11: 29- 12:2
	Luke 12: 49-56	Psalms 82

### 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**

***Littleton and Harestock Show Cups and Awards – please note!***

*Please return all Cups and awards for the Littleton and Harestock Show 2024 to 10, Rozelle Close, as soon as possible, leaving them in the box on the doorstep.*



### Hants 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/>

### 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 route through the surrounding countryside, perfect for runners of all levels. 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/>

## DIARY

### Monday 18 August

2.15 pm (Li)

Flowerdown Holy Communion

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

4.15 pm (Li)

Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

2.30 pm (Sp)

Wedding – Tom Witten & Sarah Thursfield

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Service

**11.00 am, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Getting to Know You!

On the first and third Sundays of the month, when there is no morning Church service at St Catherine's we are inviting you to join us in the Church room at 10am. Someone will be invited to "sit in the chair" and tell us a bit about themselves- where they were brought up and went to school- what they enjoyed or hated at school- what they were good at. How they came to make choices about their work path. What they enjoy as leisure activities. We will simply sit in a circle (no tables) and anyone can ask a question. We are "getting to know you". Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served in the 1/2hr after when we can spend time together following the chair session.

Do come and find out who is "in the chair" on our first session on the third Sunday in September.