

**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

Visit the official **Winchester Green** website [Winchester Green Week | Home](#)

### **St Catherine's Autumn Sale**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 10 – 12 noon, Church Room**

You will be pleased to hear that our annual Autumn sale of plants, jams and chutneys, cakes and biscuits will be going ahead again this year after all! Whilst not offering bric-a-brac this year we are hoping to have a children's toys and book stall to cater for all the family.

So start making those jams and chutneys, put the date on your diary and commit to providing a cake for the cake stall! More details later.

### **Sparsholt Handbell Ringers**

A new hand bell group will be starting in the autumn to learn to ring some Christmas carols. This is tune ringing on 12 handbells.

The group will just run each week from October to January, with practices taking place in the St Stephen's Church on Sunday afternoon/evenings. The sessions will start on Sunday 5 October for an hour from 5pm to 6pm. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of heating in the church.

If interested in joining this new group, then please contact Jenny Watson on 07743 779793 or email [jennywatson08431@hotmail.com](mailto:jennywatson08431@hotmail.com)

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**

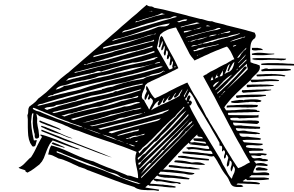
*Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of  
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell  
Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845*

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**Services for Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

***Eleventh Sunday after Trinity***

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



**Services for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

***Twelfth Sunday after Trinity***

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion  
10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship  
10.00 am (Li) Show Celebration Service, in the marquee

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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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:** Proverbs 25: 6-7  
Luke 14: 1; 7-14

Hebrews 13: 1-8; 15-16  
Psalm 112

St Catherine's church warmly invites you to the  
**Littleton and Harestock Show Celebration Service**  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025,**  
 10.00 am, main marquee, Littleton Recreation Ground



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!

### **Harvest Festival at St Catherine's, Littleton** **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00 am**

Do join us for our celebration of Harvest with a harvest-themed Family Communion service. Our harvest gifts will once again be divided between Winchester Beacon and The Basics Bank. For a list of requested items please take a sheet from the font at the back of the church. If you are unable to attend on 14<sup>th</sup> but would like to donate items, then please leave them in the large box at the back of the church.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> September**. They will be rehearsing in St Mary's Church, Crawley, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jon_newman@outlook.com). Parking will probably be available at the adjoining offices of Lane Clark and Peacock but check with Jon first.

### **Do you have a pet ? Come along even if you don't have one.**

The annual **Pet Service**, led by Rev. Kevin and Sparsholt School, will be held  
 on the **Green in Woodman Close, Sparsholt**  
 on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
 at **10.00 a.m.**



Bring your Pets (and a chair to sit on)!

If you don't have a pet, still come to see the animals, bring a cuddly animal toy, join in the Service & enjoy the refreshments afterwards.

# **DIARY**

## **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

12 noon (Sp)	Thanksgiving Service – David Vandeleur
2.00 pm (Li)	Interment of Ashes – Michael Lupton

## **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

## **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

## **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

4.15 pm (Li)	Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room
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## **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

## **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

09.00 am (Sp)	Visiting bell ringers
All day (Cr)	Bach Winchester Voices rehearsals
12.00 noon (Li)	Littleton and Harestock Show

## **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Benefice Holy Communion Service** **11.00 am, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

*Today!*

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.



### **Bubble Church**



Having taken a break for the summer, Bubble Church will resume at 4.00 pm on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September** in Chilbolton Church and continue regularly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. All families with children welcome.  
 See you soon!

## **Choral Evensong at St Mary's, Crawley** **28th September at 6pm**

Do come and join us at this Service to be led by Rev Kevin. We will have a choir, composed of parishioners and friends, to help us make this a special occasion