



St Catherine's Autumn Sale



Saturday 11th October, from 10am – 12 noon, Littleton Church Room

Once again, we will be holding our Autumn Sale this October, selling plants, cakes, jams and chutneys, so do come along!! And spread the word! This year we will also be running a stall selling pre-loved children's toys, games and books.

Donations of jams, jellies, marmalade or chutneys together with plants, homemade cakes or biscuits will be much appreciated so that we have a bounteous array of goods to sell on the day.

To donate (or promise) items or help on the day, please contact Peggy Ormston (01962 883682; peggy.ormston@gmail.com)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 1st October 10.30 – 12 noon,
Chilbolton Village Hall
Do come along! Everyone welcome!



Wanted.... a cleaner for St Stephen's Church

Would you be able to help us with the upkeep of our wonderful village church. Do you like polishing wood? Are you happy to tackle the cobwebs?

If so, we need you for about 3 hours per month. There may be additional hours at festival times. Remuneration to be agreed.

The upkeep of St Stephen's as a key village building is really important. I do hope you can help.

If you are interested, please contact Caroline Horrill on 07710 067620 or via email: caroline@barronhorrill.com

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 28th September 2025



Services for Sunday 28th September 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Pet Service – see over

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

6.00 pm (Cr) Benefice Choral Evensong



Services for Sunday 5th October 2025
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship

4.00 pm (Li) Café Church, in the Church Room

Prayer for the Week –Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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: Amos 6: 1a; 4-7
Luke 16: 19-end

1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Psalm 146

St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt

Sparsholt Pet Service The annual Pet Service, led by Rev. Kevin and Sparsholt School, will be held on the **Green in Woodman Close, Sparsholt** on **Sunday 28th 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.

Sparsholt's Churchyard Clear-up –

Saturday 4th October, 10am to 1pm, lunch included. Please come along to help us to keep our Churchyard tidy. Bring garden tools, gloves, garden waste carriers. Any questions, please contact Sally Wesley at sally.wesley@btinternet.com.

Sparsholt's Harvest Supper & Quiz – Saturday 11th October. Memorial Hall - 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets are available from Sparsholt Village Shop.

Sparsholt's Harvest Festival -Sunday 12th October, in the Church – 10am. Harvest goods brought to the Church will be donated to the Winchester Beacon (formerly the Nightshelter).

A list of goods needed will be in the Church Porch and at the Shop from 24th September.

House Groups

A key focus of the Downs Benefice Vision is to make and grow disciples (followers of Christ). One way we are doing this is through house groups. Being part of a house group enables you to ask questions about faith, and to learn from the Bible and from others. You are welcome to attend any of the groups, choosing the one whose timing and/or location suits you best.

Location	Day	Time	Contact details
Wherwell	Monday (fortnightly)	2.30 pm	Susan Ansell (01264 860775) s.ansell@andover.co.uk
Sparsholt	Tuesday (fortnightly)	7.00 pm	Jemma Mack jemmamack@hotmail.com
Littleton	Tuesday (weekly)	7.30 pm	Carol Coleman carolcoleman123@hotmail.com
Crawley	Wednesday (fortnightly)	4.00 pm	Felicity Gillibrand fgillibrand@btinternet.com
Chilbolton	Thursday (fortnightly)	9.30 am	Charlotte Nash (01264 860831) charlotte@cjnash.com

DIARY

Monday 29th September

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

Tuesday 30th September

7.00 pm (Sp) Sparsholt House Group. *Contact Jemma Mack for details (jemma.mack@hotmail.com)*

7.30 pm (Li) Littleton House Group. *Contact Carol Coleman for further details (01962 881886)*

Wednesday 1st October

Thursday 2nd October

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

Friday 3rd October

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club

Saturday 4th October

Today!

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, led by Jon Newman, composed of parishioners and friends, to help us make this a special occasion.

The service will be followed by refreshments in the Church Room.

Office Closure

The office will be closed during the morning of Friday 3rd October for a training course.

It will be open during the afternoon as usual.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.