

Boaz Project

You're invited to our Family Fun Day and Trail Run on **Saturday, 27th September 2025**, from 11am to 3pm. www.boazproject.co.uk

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun walk with the family, our 5K and 10K trail run has something for everyone. Everyone who takes part will receive a well-deserved medal!

But the fun doesn't stop there! Our day is packed with activities for all ages:

- Live Music 🎵 from the brilliant Rubik's Cube & a Silent Disco to get you moving
- Delicious Hot Food, Ice Creams, with great coffee from River Coffee
- Donkey Walks with Dominic and Dave 🐴 🐴
- A Colour Run Obstacle Course - *for children of all ages* (weather permitting)

St Catherine's Autumn Sale

Saturday 11th 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

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 7th September 2025



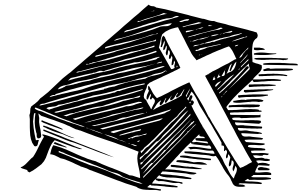
Services for Sunday 7th September 2025

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



Services for Sunday 14th September 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity (Holy Cross Day)

10.00 am (Li) Harvest Festival Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Holy Cross Patronal Festival

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church (see over)

Prayer for the Week –Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Deuteronomy 30: 15-end

Luke 14: 25-33

Philemon 1-21

Psalms 1

Harvest Festival at St Catherine's, Littleton

Sunday 14th 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 14th but would like to donate items, then please leave them in the large box at the back of the church.

Harvest Festival in Chilbolton



Sunday, 21st September at 10am

We will be supporting the Andover Crisis Centre and Support Centre. Gifts of fresh produce and non-perishable food, tinned food, pasta etc. are welcome. Fresh produce will be auctioned following the service and proceeds given to the Crisis Centre.

This will then be followed by our Harvest Lunch at 12.30 at Chilbolton Village Hall. Please let Lesley know if you are coming for catering purposes, phone 01264 860584 by Sunday, 14th September and leave your name and details. No charge for lunch, voluntary donations welcome. Bar drinks available.

House groups in the benefice

Several of our housegroups will be restarting this week following the summer break. If you would like to join one, then please contact the Benefice Office (01962 880845) to find out more details and who to contact.

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 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.



DIARY

Monday 8th September

Tuesday 9th September

2.15 pm (Li)

Westholme Holy Communion

7.30 pm (Li)

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

Wednesday 10th September

Thursday 11th September

9.30 am (Ch)

Chilbolton Home group. *Contact Charlotte on 01264 860831 for further details*

4.15 pm (Li)

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

7.30 pm (Li)

Littleton PCC Meeting

Friday 12th September

12.30 pm (Li)

Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

Saturday 13th September

Time to Pray!

Do come and join us for a time of prayer on **Saturday 27th September**, as we look forward with anticipation and expectation, excited by the good news of the Gospel and God's plan for us here in the Downs Benefice.

We will be meeting in Crawley Church Room at 10.00 am and will be finished by 11.00 am. All welcome!



Bubble Church



Having taken a break for the summer, Bubble Church will resume at 4.00 pm on **Sunday 14th September** in Chilbolton Church and continue regularly on the 2nd and 4th 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