



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)

Crawley Walking Group

2-hour walks – approx. 5 miles – with an optional pub lunch

Next walk – Tuesday 8th October

If interested in joining please contact Amanda Bayford on:

07887 618 656 or amandabayford@gmail.com

Chilbolton Soup Lunches

Chilbolton Village Hall

Every Monday from 6th October to 8th December

The soup is served at 12 noon.

A small donation is requested.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

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 5th October 2025



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



Services for Sunday 12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Sp) Harvest Festival

10.00 am (Wh) Harvest Festival

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

Prayer for the Week – *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
Luke 17: 5-10
2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Psalm 37: 1-9

St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt

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

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 Starting in November
Chilbolton	Thursday (fortnightly)	9.30 am	Charlotte Nash (01264 860831) charlotte@cnash.com

DIARY

Monday 6th October

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

Tuesday 7th October

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

Wednesday 8th October

Thursday 9th October

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

Friday 10th October

Saturday 11th October

7.30 pm (Sp) Sparsholt Harvest Supper in the Memorial Hall

THS SATURDAY – 4TH OCTOBER

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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note the office will be closed on Tuesday 7th October for a personal funeral. It will be open again on Wednesday morning as per usual. My apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Caroline McAulay