

# BUBBLE CHURCH

A service for all young families  
Dates for January & February



## Young Lives vs Cancer Quiz Night

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 7-10 pm  
Crawley Village Hall

Come and enjoy a fun quiz and a Ploughman's Supper. Licensed bar. Raffle

Tickets £20. Seating will be in tables of 6, but no need to book a full table.

To book your tickets and for more details, please email

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## St Matthew Passion - Romsey Abbey

Looking forward to Easter... local choirs: Kingsgate Voices and Southern Voices will join forces with a host of famous soloists and first-class orchestra to perform JS Bach's *St Matthew Passion* on 21 March at 6.30pm (NB: early start time).

Katharine Fuge, Malachy Frame, Jessica Gillingwater & Gareth Brynmor John will be joined by rising stars including Sebastian Hill accompanied on period instruments by London Baroque Sinfonia with Andrew Hayman conducting and Winchester Cathedral Girls Choir.

Perhaps a once in a life-time opportunity to hear this great work – not to be missed and book early!

Tickets £38, £28, £18 (concessions available):

[ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey](http://ticketsource.co.uk/musicinromsey) (0333 666 4466) and from Oasis Bookshop, 25 Church Street, Romsey (01794 512194)

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 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Services for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

8.30 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

3.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness (see over)



Services for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January

*Third Sunday of Epiphany*

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church (see back page)

## Prayer for the Week – *Second Sunday of Epiphany*

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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:** Isaiah 49: 1-7

John 1: 29-42

1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Psalms 40: 1-12

### Talks at St Lawrence Church, Winchester

A series of talks by Professor Jerry La Sala will take place at 11.00 am, following the 10.00 am coffee mornings on the first Friday of the month.

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Mysteries of the Calendar
6 <sup>th</sup> March	The Antikythera Mechanism: A 2000-year-old Astronomical Computer

A retiring collection will be taken for the **Winchester Food and Basics Bank**.

### Chilbolton Soup Lunches

The Chilbolton Soup Lunches resumed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 12.00, in Chilbolton Village Hall. Homemade soup, freshly made bread, tea and biscuits served at 12.00 each Monday. We welcome a small contribution towards costs. Everyone welcome.

There are a number of residents from both Wherwell and Chilbolton who would welcome attending if transport were available. Can you help with transport? Please contact Jayne 07976 249632.

### Bach Winchester Voices

Jon Newman's Bach Winchester Voices next concert is in St Paul's in Winchester at 4pm on Sunday 1st February. It will be with a professional period orchestra and some outstanding young soloists so promises to be a wonderful Bach extravaganza! Tickets £20 available through the Gift of Sight website, [www.giftofsight.org.uk/events/](http://www.giftofsight.org.uk/events/) or on the door.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - one body, one Spirit

This ecumenical celebration provides an opportunity to join with international siblings in Christ as we pray for Christian Unity. This year's theme reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people everywhere. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland have created resources, including daily prayers and reflections. <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/>

### Getting to Know You

December looks very busy on the "getting together" front, so "Getting to know you" will take time out now until **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, when, if you would like to have a chat and a cup of tea, as there is no other gathering at 10.00 in Littleton on that day, do please join us in the Church room at 10.00 am. *Gemma and Tony Wootten.*

# DIARY

## Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion

## Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

2.30 pm Parish Safeguarding Officers meeting, in the Rectory

## Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January

10.30 am Parish Visitors meeting, in the Rectory

7.30 pm Benefice Council meeting, Crawley church room

## Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

9.30 am (Ch) Chilbolton Home Group. *Contact Charlotte on 01264 860831 for further details*

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

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

2.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club Volunteers' tea

## Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January

2.00 pm (Sp) Wedding – Jonty Drew & Emma Taylor

### Peace and Wholeness service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, Littleton

During the winter months, the services due to be held on **January 18<sup>th</sup>** and **February 15<sup>th</sup>** will take place at **3.00 pm** instead of 6.00 pm. We hope you will be able to join us for this contemplative service.

### BCP Holy Communion, St Stephen's Church, Sparsholt

Please note that the BCP Holy Communion Service that takes place at St. Stephen's Church, Sparsholt on the third Sunday of every month has changed its start time. It will start at **8.30am** (not 9.00am) from **18<sup>th</sup> January 2026** and every third Sunday thereafter.