

Young Lives vs Cancer

Quiz Night

Friday 30th 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 (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, 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 18th January 2026

Services for Sunday 18th 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 25th 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
Psalm 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.

6th February Mysteries of the Calendar

6th 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 5th 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 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 18th**, 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 19th 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 20th January

2.30 pm Parish Safeguarding Officers meeting, in the Rectory

Wednesday 21st January

10.30 am Parish Visitors meeting, in the Rectory

7.30 pm Benefice Council meeting, Crawley church room

Thursday 22nd 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 23rd January

2.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club Volunteers' tea

Saturday 24th January

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

Peace and Wholeness service, 3rd Sunday of the month, Littleton

During the winter months, the services due to be held on **January 18th** and **February 15th** 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 **18th January 2026** and every third Sunday thereafter.