

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 25th January 2026

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)



Services for Sunday 1st February

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

10.00 am (Ch)	Holy Communion
10.00 am (Cr)	Morning Worship
4.00 pm (Li)	Cafe Church, in the Church Room

Prayer for the Week – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 9: 1-4

Matthew 4: 12-23

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

Psalm 27: 1-4; 12

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.

Winchester Prayer Event

Monday 2nd February at 8pm

Christ Church, Christchurch Rd, Winchester

Similarly to last term, we'll be gathering with congregations from across the city to share & pray into what God is doing locally. We will be sharing contributions from The Refugee Group and the Prison Chaplaincy.

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.

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

Winchester & District Young Carers

Rock Choir

21st March, 5-7.15 pm, United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

An evening of entertainment with Rock Choir, raising awareness and funds for WDYC. Complimentary soft drinks and cake. Raffle – draw in the interval, tickets on the night.

events@winchesteryoungcarers.org.uk

DIARY

Monday 26th January 2026

10.00–11.30am (Li)	St Catherine's Toddler Group. <i>Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886</i>
2.00 pm (Li)	Funeral – Bob Burrows
2.30 pm (Sp)	Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in the Church (private, school only)
2.30 pm (Wh)	Wherwell House Group - <i>Contact Susan Ansell for further details (01264 860775)</i>

Tuesday 27th January

7.30 pm (Li)	Littleton PCC meeting, in the Church room
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Wednesday 28th January

10.00 am (Li)	Holy Communion
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Thursday 29th January

2.15 pm (Li)	Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the Church Room.
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Friday 30th January

Saturday 31st January

2.30 pm (Wh)	Wedding – Jean-Michel Hurst & Jemima Dunnett
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The Power of Love

Fundraising concert sung by the Lay Clerks of Winchester Cathedral
Friday 13th February, 7.30 pm, Pilgrims' Hall

In May 2026, the Winchester Cathedral Choir — made up of 18 Boy Choristers and 12 Lay Clerks — is planning a special tour to our sister institution, Fleury Abbey in France. But for this meaningful trip to go ahead, we need your help. Funds must be raised to support the tour, to make it possible.

£18 per ticket, to include a welcome drink.

<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/the-power-of-love-fundraising-concert/>