

Andover Chamber Choir

St Michael and All Angels Church,
Andover

Saturday 18th April, 7.30 pm

Choral favourites for an Eastertide Celebration – “Thine be the Glory”. Tickets £12 in advance, £15 on the door, under 16s free. Refreshments included. Available at the Lights Andover (on-line or in person). Proceeds in aid of Andover Young Carers.

www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk

Sparsholt C of E Primary School

Help Needed!

For our 150th Anniversary celebrations!

We are hoping to create a timeline of Sparsholt over the last 150 years and need your help. Do you, or anyone you know, have: memorabilia, memories to share or historical artefacts?

If you are able to help, please do get in touch:

adminoffice@sparsholt.hants.sch.uk or ring 01962 776264

Karis Kids Quiz Night

Friday 20th March, 7.30 – 10.30 pm

Winchester Vineyard Church

The Downs Benefice has long been involved with Karis Kids, supporting eight families in the slum region of Okuvu, Kampala. This is an opportunity to help raise much needed funds. It will be a really fun evening — **bar, lounge-style band, good food, a quiz** (led by the legendary quizmaster Andy Hider), and an **auction of promises**. Tickets £10 – see more details and book your place at www.kariskids.org/quiz. (Food platter can be ordered when purchasing tickets)

Andover Food Bank - Easter 2026

Easter is fast approaching! If you would like to donate Easter Eggs to the Andover Foodbank, we will be distributing them to local schools and our partner agencies. All eggs can be brought to our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD, between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm.

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 15th March 2026



Services for Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

- 10.00 am (Ch) Mothering Sunday Service
- 10.00 am (Cr) Mothering Sunday Holy Communion Service
- 10.00 am (Li) Mothering Sunday Service
- 10.00 am (Sp) Mothering Sunday Service
- 10.00 am (Wh) Mothering Sunday Service



Services for Sunday 22nd March

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

- 9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship
- 10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship
- 4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church

Prayer for the Week – *Mothering Sunday*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: Exodus 2: 1-10 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7
Luke 2: 33-35 Psalm 34: 11-20

Banns of Marriage

(Sp) Thomas Butler & Lauren Bewsey-Lord 2nd Time of Reading

Our Churches' Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

All church members are invited to attend their APCM to hear reports of the year completed, to elect church wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives and to discuss issues of importance to our church families.

Date	Day	Time	Parish	Venue
14 th April	Tuesday	7pm	Chilbolton	Church
15 th April	Wednesday	6pm	Crawley	Church Room
26 th April	Sunday	11.15am	Littleton	Church Room
30 th April	Thursday	7.30pm	Wherwell	Church
9 th May	Saturday	12 noon	Sparsholt	Church

Alresford Community Choir with the Clarendon Ensemble present

A Season to Sing, Choral Music featuring Joanna L'Estrange's Celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Conductor: Simon Galliar.

[St John the Baptist Church, New Alresford](#) on **Sat 25 Apr 2026**, 7:30PM.

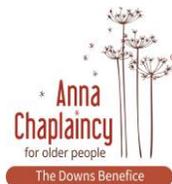
Tickets available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/alresford-community-choir> or call Sally Wesley on 01962 776476.

Littleton Lounge

Littleton Lounge will be held in the church room at St Catherine on the third Tuesday of the month. A drop-in session for chat, a warm drink and companionship. No need to book. Join me at some point between 10am and 12 noon.

The next one is on **Tuesday, 17th March**.

I look forward to seeing you. Kate Fletcher



DIARY

Monday 16th March

- 10.00–11.30am (Li) St Catherine's Toddler Group. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*
- 12.30 pm (Ch) Thanksgiving Service – Dawn Rickatson
- 2.15 pm (Li) Flowerdown Holy Communion
- 2.30 pm (Sp) Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in the Church

Tuesday 17th March

- 10am – noon (Li) Littleton Lounge (see opposite)
- 7.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lenten House Group, 2 Valley Road. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

Wednesday 18th March

- 12.45 pm (Sp) Interment of Ashes – Peter Dean
- 3.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell Prayer Meeting, at Dancing Ledge, Fullerton Rd, Wherwell

Thursday 19th March

- 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 20th March

Saturday 21st March

Palm Sunday Benefice Communion

March 29th, 11.00 am

This year Palm Sunday falls on the fifth Sunday in March and so we will be holding a joint benefice Family Communion service in Littleton at 11.00 am, to be followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch in the Church Room.

Do put the date in your diaries and come and join us.