

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



Christian Aid

Christian Aid is the British Churches' own aid agency – it's also our development agency. This year's **Christian Aid Week** (May 10-16) focus is on Urban Farming.

Launch date – **Saturday 14 March, 10.30-13.00**. Join us at St John's Waterloo? Or join live link at St Mark's Oliver's Battery.

Maggie (07972555212) & Peter (07376929615) Lippiett

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 8th March 2026



Services for Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday of Lent

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



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

Prayer for the Week – Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 17: 1-7

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

Psalm 95

Banns of Marriage

(Sp) Thomas Butler & Lauren Bewsey-Lord 1st Time of Reading



Mothering Sunday

The Downs Benefice will be holding special Mothering Sunday services in all the churches at 10.00 am on **Sunday 15th March**. All the services will offer small posies and be followed by coffee.

In Littleton, the service will be preceded by a children's craft activity in the church room from 9.00 am.

Everyone is most welcome to come. Perhaps you could invite a neighbour, or a family you know with young children?



Spring Cafe and Crafts

Thursday 12th March, 10 am – 12 noon

Littleton Memorial Hall



Our Spring Café is the perfect place to come and have a coffee and cake, meet friends and even exercise your artistic skills to make a little something to take home if you wish. Cash donations welcome.

Email for more details: annachaplain@downsbenefice.org.uk

Do come and join us! Everyone, all ages, welcome!

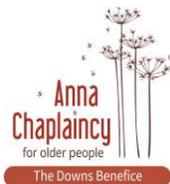
Littleton Lounge

Littleton Lounge will be held in the church room at St Catherine's 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 **17th March**.

I look forward to seeing you. Kate Fletcher



DIARY

Monday 9th March

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

2.30 pm (Sp) Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in the Church *(private, school only)*

2.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell House Group - *Contact Susan Ansell for further details (01264 860775)*

7.30 pm (Ch) Chilbolton evening Home Group. *Contact Andrew Kent for further details 01264 860584.*

Tuesday 10th March

7.00 pm (Sp) Sparsholt House Group. *Contact Jemma Mack for further details (jemmamack@hotmail.com)*

7.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lenten House Group, 2 Valley Road. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

Wednesday 11th March

3.00 pm (Cr) Crawley Homegroup, *Contact Felicity Gillibrand fgillibrand@btinternet.com*

1.30 pm (Wh) Wherwell Prayer Meeting, at Dancing Ledge, Fullerton Rd, Wherwell

7.00 pm (Ch/Wh) Chilbolton and Wherwell PCC meeting, Dancing Ledge

Thursday 12th March

10 – 12 noon (Li) Spring Café and Crafts, Littleton Memorial Hall (see opposite)

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

Friday 13th March

Saturday 14th 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.