

### Wherwell Flower Festival and Plant Sale

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 1-5.00 pm**

This event will be to raise funds for repairs to the chiming mechanism of the church bells.

Please can you help with donations of flowers to decorate the church or cakes to be sold with teas at the village hall.

Please contact Jenny Boileay 07802 434724 or Jo Baughen 07766 881815

### Plant sale in aid of Crawley Village Hall

There will be a plant sale at Crawley Village Hall on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2 – 5.30 pm**, whilst Little Court is open for the National Gardens Scheme.

Teas will also be served in the hall with the usual array of delicious cakes. Do come along!

### Fundraising Spring Garden Party

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 6.30 – 9.00 pm**

An elegant evening in the beautiful gardens of Chesil House with food, drinks and a delightful atmosphere whilst raising vital funds to improve youth mental health and helping tackle young suicide in our community. Tickets £25. All proceeds to Winchester Youth Counselling.

Contact Steels on 01962 820088 or tickets from [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

### To Dance and Sing - Recital for Two Violins

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30 pm**

St Peter and Holy Cross Church, Wherwell

Join Sybren Holwerda and Zack Stevens for an evening of music inspired by dance and song. Tickets available on the door – adults £8.00, under 18 free.

For more details visit <https://www.zackstephensviolin.com/performer>

### Boaz Open Day and Plant Sale

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1-4 pm** at Hill Farm

Live music, tractor rides, craft stalls, a massive plant sale, homemade jam and chutney and cream teas in the Boaz Café. Everyone is welcome.

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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026**



### Services for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

#### *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

10.00 am (Li) Christian Aid Family Communion, with speaker Jo Crocker (see over)

10.00 am (Wh) Pet Service

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



### Services for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

#### *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

8.30 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness

### Prayer for the Week – *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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:** Acts 17: 22-31                      1 Peter 3: 13-end

John 14: 15-21                                  Psalm 66: 7-end

## Banns of Marriage

(Cr)	Max Cotgrave & Hannah Jolly	2nd Time of Reading
(Sp)	Elliot Mawhinney & Alice Appleby	2nd Time of Reading

## St Catherine's Christian Aid Week, 10-16 May 2026

It's that time of year again – seven days to make a difference! **Please help...**

1. Remember the door-to-door red envelopes? Simpler now to **click online link** <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/st-catherines-littleton-christian-aid-week> The first £1K given will be match-funded effectively what you give will be doubled!
2. **Christian Aid Communion service** - St Catherine's **Sunday 10 May 10.00 am.** Speaker – Jo Crocker, Ecochampion for Churches Together in Winchester. and Executive Director of WinACC

Today!

## Ascension Day Service and breakfast, Littleton

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 8.00 am

Do join us for our **Ascension Day** Holy Communion Service which will be followed by breakfast in the church room in Littleton. We'd love to welcome all from across the benefice. If you would like to stay for the breakfast it would help our preparations if you could inform Carol Ward (01962 883185; [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto:carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk)) by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

## The Upper Room – A Time of Prayer and Worship

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30 – 8 pm, Winchester Cathedral

Everyone in the Diocese is invited to Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May to mark the days from Ascension to Pentecost as part of the wider Thy Kingdom Come Prayer initiative.

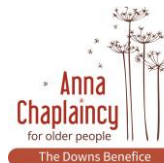


## Littleton Lounge 'Anna'versary

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10 – 12 noon

Littleton Church Room

It's our 'ANNA' versary!



Help us to celebrate one year of Anna Chaplaincy in the Downs Benefice. Drop in between 10 am and noon for tea, coffee, cake, chat and good company!

# DIARY

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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

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

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

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

## Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May

8.00 am (Li) Ascension Day Holy Communion and breakfast – *see opposite*

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

4.15 pm (Li) **No prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in view of morning service**

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

12 noon (Sp) Funeral - Viscount Robin Bridgeman

7.30 pm (Wh) Concert – Zack Stevens (*see over*)

## Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

## Please note

Revd Kevin and Lorna will be away on their annual leave from **Monday 11th May to Sunday 31st May (inclusive)**. Please could you contact the Benefice Office ([office@downsbenefice.org.uk](mailto:office@downsbenefice.org.uk) / 01962 880 845) with any requests, queries or concerns during this period.