

**Winchester Cathedral  
Libera – choir concert  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm**

Libera is an internationally renowned boys' vocal group whose distinctive sound blends the traditions of the English choral heritage with a contemporary musical language. Their performances, characterised by purity of tone and luminous harmonies, have captivated audiences in cathedrals, major churches and prestigious concert halls across the world.

Tickets £35 - £50. <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/event/libera/>



**Sparsholt Village Fete  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1-5 pm**

BBQ, silver band, dog show, craft market, tea/coffee and cake, ice-cream van, beers, wines, Pimms, clay modelling, coconut shy, plants, bric-a-brac, music, children's entertainer, vintage tractors, classic cars, grand draw and more!

Free parking



**Chilbolton Church Fete and BBQ**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

12.30 – 3.30 pm

Upcote, Drove Rd, Chilbolton

By kind permission of Duncan and Nicola Revolta

Fun Dog Show

BBQ of locally sourced meats, Beer and Pimms, Tea and Cakes, Cake Stall, Ice Creams, Grand Draw, Bottle Tombola, Stalls and Games for all the Family



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 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



**Services for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Second Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion

10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer

4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



**Services for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Third Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 am (Sp) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Ch) Thanksgiving for the Fete (*in the marquee*)

10.00 am (Cr) Holy Communion

6.00 pm (Li) Service of Peace and Wholeness



**Prayer for the Week – Second Sunday after Trinity**

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Exodus 19: 2-8a

Romans 5: 1-8

Matthew 9: 35-10: 8

Psalm 100

## Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives

May 25<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June

This summer the Church of England offers a new reflection campaign centred around pilgrimage – places and stories that help us feel part of something bigger on our journey towards God. Booklets and other resources will be available.

[www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/pilgrim-places-holy-lives-gospel-journey-early-english-saints](http://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/pilgrim-places-holy-lives-gospel-journey-early-english-saints)

### Littleton Safari Supper 2026

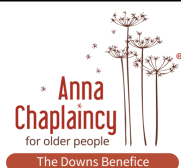
Proceeds towards the work and upkeep  
of St Catherine's Church



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

This year's Littleton Safari Supper will take place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. You are invited to host for one course (starter, main or dessert) and will travel to two other homes for the other courses. The evening will end with coffee all together at a central location. Tickets are £17.50 each and naturally the more people willing to donate a course, the better. However, if you feel this is too much, please do claim a free ticket for the 'hostess cook' to help with expenses.

For more details or to book your place contact Carol Ward (tel: 01962 883185; e-mail: [carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk](mailto:carol.ward@daleclose.co.uk))



### Summer Community Café

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June : 10am – 12 Noon

**Littleton Memorial Hall**

Drop in between 10am and noon for tea, coffee, cake, chat and good company!  
Everyone welcome.



### Maps and Drawings of Medieval Littleton

There will be an exhibition of Maps and Drawings of Littleton in the Church Room on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**. These belong to the Littleton Local History Group.

You will be welcome to come and look at them from **7.45 to 8.45pm** on that evening.

# DIARY

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

10.00–11.30am (Li)

**St Catherine's Toddler Group.**

Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886

2.15pm (Li)

**Flowerdown Holy Communion**

2.30pm (Sp)

**Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in the Church**

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

10am–12 noon (Li)

**Littleton Lounge** – drop in for coffee and cake at the Church Room – Contact Anna Chaplain 07784 539 151

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

1.30pm (Wh)

**Wherwell Prayer Meeting, at Dancing Ledge, Fullerton Rd, Wherwell**

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

4.15pm (Li)

**Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List**  
in the Church Room

7.45pm (Li)

**Exhibition of maps and drawings of Medieval Littleton**  
in the Church Room (see over).

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

2.30pm (Sp)

**Sparsholt School 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations,** starting with a **Service of Celebration** and followed by a Cream Tea at the school at 3.30pm and a BBQ, Field Games and Bar from 5pm-8pm on the school playing fields.

## Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

12.30–3.30pm (Ch)

**Chilbolton Church Fete (for more details see over)**

1.00–5.00pm (Sp)

**Sparsholt Village Fete (for more details see over)**



**Thankyou** – generous and caring people of St Catherine's and our wider Downs Benefice. Together we've raised **£2, 877.51 in Christian Aid Week** – from your giving (£753.53), our Plant Exchange (£644), matched funding (£1000) and Gift Aid (£479.98). This is a record - for the second year running (2025 totalled £2.477).

This money is already being used through local partners worldwide. Eg Christian Aid is both helping people terrorised by the genocidal war in Sudan, and meeting the needs of displaced families and host communities in South Sudan.

We're delighted that Littleton PCC has adopted Christian Aid as one of our 'official' linked mission/aid organisations – you'll read more in our Prayer Diary.

**Thankyou!**