

Littleton Safari Supper 2026

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

Saturday 18th July



This year's Littleton Safari Supper will take place on **Saturday 18th 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)

Boaz Fun Run Saturday 26th September

The annual Boaz fun run takes place on Saturday 26th September at Hill Farm with 2km, 5 km, and 10 km routes to suit everyone. Walk, Jog or run – all abilities are welcome and every finisher takes home a medal. There'll also be family games, an obstacle course, hot food, live music and plenty of cakes to refuel on afterwards.

See: <https://www.boazproject.co.uk/sporty-september-fun-run-near-winchester/>

Winchester City Festival Choir, with Winchester Symphony Orchestra

Mozart Requiem

Saturday 11th July, 6.00 pm

St Paul's Winchester

Concert in aid of Trinity Winchester. Tickets £10

www.wcfchoir.org

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 28th June 2026



Services for Sunday 28th June

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship

10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship



Services for Sunday 5th July

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Ch) Holy Communion

10.00 am (Cr) Morning Worship

4.00 pm (Li) Café church, in the church room

Prayer for the Week – *Fourth Sunday after Trinity*

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord 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: Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Matthew 10: 40-end

Romans 6: 12-end

Psalm 89: 1-4; 15-18

Winchester Cathedral
Libera – choir concert
Friday 24th 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/>

Songs for Summer - Alresford Community Choir – in aid of Leukaemia Care
Saturday 11th July at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.45pm)

Venue: St John's Church, Alresford, SO24 9AG

Join Alresford Community Choir for a relaxed and uplifting Summer concert, featuring a light and varied programme of music to suit the season. The performance, lasting about an hour, will be preceded and followed by an opportunity to chat, and enjoy the bar in good company, with live background piano music.

The concert will support Leukaemia Care, raising funds for a cause close to the choir's heart, and will mark the launch of our new free 'Friends of the Choir' scheme — an invitation for supporters, former members, and the wider community to stay connected with, and support our work.

Tickets are now on sale and are priced at £5. They can be obtained from <https://www.ticketsource.com/alresford-community-choir/>



Hants and the Isle of Wight Ride+Stride 2026
Saturday, 12th September



As a participant your sponsored journey on Saturday 12th September between as many churches as you wish can be on foot, bicycle, scooter, horseback, canoe, classic car or bus, exploring and enjoying the countryside from Sandown to Silchester, Fordingbridge to Farnham. As there are over 400 due to be open, you can have fun choosing which will be part of your itinerary. Many will have refreshments, some will have toilets open, and all should offer your group a warm welcome.

See: <https://hihct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/>

DIARY

Monday 29th June

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

Tuesday 30th June

Wednesday 1st July

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

Thursday 2nd July

4.15 pm (Li) Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the church room

Friday 3rd July

12.30 pm (Cr) Wedding – Max Cotgrave & Hannah Jolley
12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the church room

Saturday 4th July

12 noon (Sp) Wedding – Elliot Mawhinney & Alice Appleby

Parish Magazine Deadline

A reminder that copy for the August and September 2026 edition of the Crawley, Littleton and Sparsholt Parish Magazine should be submitted by 12 noon, **Friday 10th July** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine

Wherwell School Summer fete
Sunday 28th June – 12 Noon – 3pm

BBQ, Tea and Cake, Ice creams, bouncy castle, games and stalls, performances and live music and Grand Raffle.

All funds go to the school PTA which raises money for the benefit of the school and its pupils

Sorry **No Dogs allowed** as it is on school property.

Parking available with kind permission at Wherwell Playing Fields.

Today!