

Across the Downs

Church News Sheet for the Downs Parishes of
Chilbolton, Crawley, Littleton, Sparsholt and Wherwell
Rector: Revd Kevin Rogers 01962 880845

Sunday 31st May/ 7th June 2026



Services for Sunday 31st May

Trinity Sunday

11.00 am Benefice All-Age Family Service
with Communion at Northwood Park,
followed by a Bring and Share Lunch



Services for Sunday 7th June

First 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



Services for Sunday 14th June

Second Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am (Li) Family Communion
10.00 am (Wh) Morning Prayer
4.00 pm (Ch) Bubble Church



Prayer for the Week – *Trinity Sunday*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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: Isaiah 40: 12-17; 27-end 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end
Matthew 28: 16-end Psalm 8

DIARY

Monday 1st 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 2nd June

7.30 pm (Li) ~~Littleton House Group, 2 Valley Road. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962-881886*~~ **POSTPONED TO 9TH JUNE**

Wednesday 3rd June

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

Thursday 4th June

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

Friday 5th June

12.30 pm (Li) Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church room

Saturday 6th June

All Day (Cr) Bach weekend, Crawley church. Rehearsals all day

Monday 8th 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

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

Tuesday 9th June

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

Wednesday 10th June

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

Thursday 11th June

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

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

Friday 12th June

Saturday 13th June

Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives

May 25th – 21st 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

This Sunday!



Trinity Service



A great opportunity to meet others across the Benefice and enjoy the outdoors

31st May 2026 11:00 am

@ Northwood Park

Outdoor All Age Family Service with Communion

Bring & Share lunch.

Games for children

Coffee/tea and cake provided

Please bring: deck chair/rug, plate/cutlery, food to share

For more information contact Caroline Horrill (caroline@barronhorrill.com)



Summer Community Cafe

Thursday 25th June,

10 – 12 noon

Littleton Memorial Hall



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



Wherwell Flower Festival, Open Gardens and Plant Sale

Today!

Sunday 31st May, 1-5.00 pm

There will be 7 gardens plus the flower arrangements in the Church, plant stall and teas. One of the gardens has never been open before and has incredible views across the valley. So do take this opportunity to visit, buy from the stall and partake of afternoon tea!

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



Sparsholt Village Fete

Saturday 20th 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 20th 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



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