

# Across the Downs

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**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



**Services for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

***Fourth Sunday after Trinity***

- 9.00 am (Wh) Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am (Li) Morning Worship  
10.00 am (Sp) Morning Worship

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

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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:** Jeremiah 20: 7-13  
Matthew 10: 24-39

Romans 6: 1b-11  
Psalm 69: 8-11; 18-20

## 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))

## Wherwell School Summer fete Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Boaz Fun Run Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

The annual Boaz fun run takes place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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.

**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/>

**Songs for Summer - Alresford Community Choir – in aid of Leukaemia Care**

**On 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/>

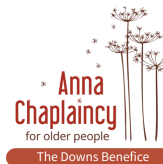


**Summer Community Cafe**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June,**

**10 – 12 noon**

Littleton Memorial Hall



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



# DIARY

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June

2.15 pm (Li) Westholme Holy Communion

2.30 pm (Li) Service of Thanksgiving for the life of David Naylor

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

10.00 am (Li) Holy Communion

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

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

10 – 12 noon (Li) Summer Community Café, Littleton Memorial Hall (see opposite)

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

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Following a spate of attempted break-ins and the theft of a car in Littleton, I was asked to put the contact details for the Littleton Community police officer in ATD, for those who don't have access to the community WhatsApp group.

The police officer is called: Tom Harries and his direct phone number is: 07391 738 037 and his email is: [Thomas.harries.27719@hampshire.police.co.uk](mailto:Thomas.harries.27719@hampshire.police.co.uk)

This is to discuss any general security/police-facing concerns you may have - **In an emergency, please call 999**