

**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/>

**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/>

Winchester City Festival Choir, with Winchester Symphony Orchestra

**Mozart Requiem**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00 pm**

St Paul's Winchester

Concert in aid of Trinity Winchester. Tickets £10

[www.wcfchoir.org](http://www.wcfchoir.org)

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 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### Services for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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, with  
Bishop Kelly



### Services for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

#### *Sixth 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 – *Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings:** Zechariah 9: 9-12  
Matthew 11: 16-19; 25-end

Romans 7: 15-25a  
Psalm 145: 8-15

### Service of Lament and Reflection

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00 pm**

St Bartholomew's Church, Winchester

Many of you will have seen that the Church of England has issued a public apology for its involvement in historic adoption practices, particularly those connected with mother and baby homes. The announcement follows a period of careful archival work and, most importantly, listening to those whose lives were profoundly affected by these practices.

Winchester Diocese has planned a service of Lament and reflection at St Bartholomew's Church in Winchester, on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July** at 3pm, led by Bishop Kelly. All in our diocese are welcome to come along to this service and your support and presence would be hugely appreciated.

### Homeward - Winchester Community Choir Summer Concert

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30 pm**

United Church, Jewry St, Winchester

The theme is 'a brief musical tour of Europe before heading Homeward', with folk and traditional songs from Europe and the UK, some very close to home.

Tickets are £10, including halftime drinks and nibbles from

[www.winchestercommunitychoir.com/event-details/summer-concert](http://www.winchestercommunitychoir.com/event-details/summer-concert)

All our concerts are fundraisers through a retiring collection. This time we are supporting Home Start Winchester. The charity provides friendship, emotional and practical help to families in and around Winchester.

### Andover Food Bank SUMMER SUPPORT 2026

As often happens at this time of year, donations begin to slow down while many local families continue to need support. The list below includes a mixture of our core food items, alongside some of the treats and extras that help families provide lunches and make the summer holidays a little easier for children:

Tinned Meat Meals; Tinned Fruit; Rice Pudding; Pot Noodles; Pasta Sauce; Long Life Milk; Ice Pops (Unfrozen); Crisps; Chocolate; Biscuits

All donations can be made at our office/warehouse in Alexandra Road, Andover SP10 3AD and our opening hours are Monday to Friday 09.30 to 12.30.

# DIARY

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July

10.00–11.30am (Li) **NO** St Catherine's Toddler Group this week. *Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886*

11.00 am (Wh)

Interment of Ashes – John Levett-Prinsep

2.30 pm (Sp)

Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in the Church

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

1.30 pm (Wh)

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

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

4.15 pm (Li)

Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in the church room

5.00 pm (Cr)

Crawley PCC meeting

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> July** at the latest. Details of where to send your article or information can be found at the back of the current magazine

### Southern Cathedrals Festival

Southern Cathedrals festival offers an opportunity to enjoy music and to take part in worship in three magnificent cathedrals. The Southern Cathedrals festival 2026 will be held in Chichester from **16-19 July**, with the combined choirs of Chichester, Salisbury and Winchester cathedrals. They'll perform in a programme of events, performances and services and everyone is welcome.

[www.southerncathedralsfestival.org.uk](http://www.southerncathedralsfestival.org.uk)