



Harvest in the Downs Benefice



Chilbolton Harvest Festival will be on **Sunday 20th September**, followed by a Harvest Lunch. Money raised by the Auction of produce and the collection will go to the Andover Crisis and Support Centre

Crawley Harvest Festival Service is at 10am on **Sunday 4th October**. Donations will go to Winchester Beacon.

Littleton Harvest Festival is at 10.00 am on **Sunday 27th September**. Donated goods will be shared between Winchester Beacon and the Basics Bank. Lists of requested items are available on the font. A box will be left at the back of the church for your donations if you are unable to get to the service.

Sparsholt Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 11th October** at 10.00am. Donations will go to The Winchester Beacon. A list of goods that they would like/consider necessary are posted in the Church and at the Village Shop. The Harvest Supper will take place at Sparsholt Memorial Hall on **Saturday 10th October** at **7pm**. Tickets are now available to buy at the Village Shop.

Wherwell's Harvest Festival is on **Sunday, 11th October** at 10am with a collection in aid of Andover Food Bank.

Winchester Beacon

Every act of kindness helps to change lives, and we'd love to thank you in person. Whether you have donated, volunteered, fundraised, partnered with us or you would just like to know more about what we do – you are warmly invited to join us for **The Winchester Beacon's Supporters' Evening on Thursday 15th October 2026**.

<https://winchesterbeacon.org.uk/news/join-us-for-our-supporters-evening-thursday-15th-october-2026/>

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 6th September 2026



Services for Sunday 6th September

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.00 am | Holy Communion, in Chilbolton |
| 10.00 am | Morning Worship, in Crawley |
| 10.00 am | Littleton and Harestock Show Service
in the Marquee, Littleton Recreation
ground |



Services for Sunday 13th September

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 10.00 am | Family Communion, in Littleton |
| 10.00 am | Patronal Festival Morning Prayer, in
Wherwell |
| 4.00 pm | Bubble Church, in Chilbolton |

Prayer for the Week – *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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:	Ezekiel 33: 7-11	Romans 13: 8-end
	Matthew 18: 15-20	Psalms 119: 33-40

Home Groups

Home groups are places that help us grow as Christians. The homes in which we meet, and the people who gather in these homes have at least two things in common. We deepen our friendships with one another, and we study the Bible or a topic that grows us as Disciples. Could you find time to join us at a home group near you? For God has equipped you with wonderful gifts to enrich our lives as the mystical body of Christ. Revd Kevin

LOCATION	DAY	TIME	CONTACT
Wherwell	Monday (fortnightly)	2.30pm	Susan Ansell - EMAIL
Chilbolton	Monday (fortnightly)	7.30pm	Lesley Kent - EMAIL
Sparsholt	Tuesday (fortnightly)	7pm	Jemma Mack - EMAIL
Littleton	Tuesday (weekly)	7.30pm	Carol Coleman - EMAIL
Crawley	Wednesday (fortnightly)	3pm	Felicity Gillibrand - EMAIL
Chilbolton	Thursday (fortnightly)	9.30am	Charlotte Nash - 01264 860831

Littleton Home Group starts again on **Tues 8th** September, Chilbolton morning group on **Thurs 10th** and Sparsholt on **Tues 15th**. Starting dates for Wherwell and Chilbolton evening group tbc.

DIARY

Monday 7th September

- 10.00–11.30 am St Catherine's Toddler Group in Littleton Church room.
Contact Carol Coleman, 01962 881886
- 2.30 pm Sparsholt School Welcome Worship, in Sparsholt Church

Tuesday 8th September

- 7.30 pm Littleton Home Group – see opposite

Wednesday 9th September

- 9.00 am Ministry Team meeting, in the Rectory
- 1.30pm Wherwell Prayer Meeting – *Dancing Ledge*

Thursday 10th September

- 9.30 am Chilbolton Morning Home Group – see opposite
- 4.15 pm Prayers for those on the Benefice Prayer List, in Littleton church room

Friday 11th September

- 12.30 pm Littleton Lunch Club, in the Church Room

Saturday 12th September



St Catherine's Autumn Sale



Saturday 10th October, from 10 – 12 noon, Littleton Church Room

Once again, we will be holding our Autumn Bazaar this October, selling plants, cakes, jams and chutneys, so do come along!! And spread the word! We will also be running a stall selling pre-loved children's toys, games and books.

Donations of jams, jellies, marmalade or chutneys together with plants, homemade cakes or biscuits will be much appreciated so that we have a bounteous array of goods to sell on the day.

We will be raffling a 'luxury hamper' during the sale and so, if baking, making preserves or gardening is not your prowess then please consider a donation of a food item for the hamper.

To donate (or promise) items or help on the day, please contact Peggy Ormston: peggy.ormston@gmail.com; 01962 883682 or Clive Thompsett for hamper donations: clive.thompsett@icloud.com; 01962 885039.



Bubble Church



'Church Service for little ones' at St-Mary-the-Less, Chilbolton

Bubble Church is restarting on **Sunday 13th September at 4.00 pm.**

Do come, young or more elderly and bring your children and grandchildren!

Littleton Lunch Club **URGENTLY** needs volunteer drivers to collect the guests and take them home afterwards. If this something you feel you might be able to do on either a regular or occasional (as a reserve driver) basis, **please contact the Benefice Office.**

The lunch club is held at 12.30pm on the 1st Friday of the month (except in September when it is the 2nd) in Littleton Church Room.