



Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News August 2017 (Updated)

Day	Time	Date	Church	Service	Readings
Sunday: Transfiguration	1030	06Aug17	Meonstoke	Family Eucharist	2 Pet 1.16–19; Luke 9.28–36
Tuesday	0830	08Aug17	Exton	Morning Prayer	Pss 32, 36, Ez 33.1–20; Jms 2.14–end
Wednesday Mary Sumner, founder of the MU	0830	09Aug17	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer	Ps 34; Ez 33.21–end; Jms 3
Wednesday	1700	09Aug17	Droxford	Evening Prayer	Ps 119.33–56; 1 Sam 16; Lk 23.44–56a
Thursday	1000	10Aug17	Droxford	Said Holy Communion	Num 20.1–13; Mt 16.13–23
9th Sunday after Trinity	1030	13Aug17	Droxford	Sung Holy Communion	Rom 10.5–15; Mt 14.22–33
Tuesday	0830	15Aug17	Exton	Morning Prayer	Ps 34; Ez 33.21–end; Jms 3
Wednesday	0830	16Aug17	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer	Psalms 119.57–80 Ezekiel 39.21–end Mark 1.21–28
Wednesday	1700	16Aug17	Droxford	Evening Prayer	Psalms 59, 60 (67) 1 Saml 20.18–end Acts 2.1–21
Thursday	1000	17Aug17	Droxford	Said Holy Communion	Josh 3.7–11, 13–17 Mat 18.21–19.1
10th Sunday after Trinity	1030	20Aug17	Corhampton	Sung Holy Communion	Rom 11.1–2a, 29–32; Mt 15.10–28
Tuesday	0830	22Aug17	Exton	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	0830	23Aug17	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	1700	23Aug17	Droxford	Evening Prayer	
Thursday Bartholomew	1000	24Aug17	Droxford	Said Holy Communion	Acts 5.12–16 1 Cor 4.9–15 Luke 22.24–30
11th Sunday after Trinity	1030	27Aug17	Exton	Sung Holy Communion	Romans 12.1–8; Mat 16.13– 20
Tuesday	0830	29Aug17	Exton	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	0830	30Aug17	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer	
Wednesday	1700	30Aug17	Droxford	Evening Prayer	
Thursday Aidan	1000	31Aug17	Droxford	Said Holy Communion	1 Thess 3.7–end Mat 24.42–end

Worship Update

Morning & Evening Prayer: In addition to our short Wednesday morning service of prayer on Wednesdays at Meonstoke, we are proposing to gather at Exton at 8.30 am on Tuesdays and at Droxford at 5 pm on Wednesdays. Do join us for about 30 minutes of readings and prayer.

Autumn Changes to Evening Services

The evening services at Corhampton and Meonstoke on the second and third Sundays of the month have been under review since last January and following the review of attendance and also what people have told us through the LyCiG consultations, we have decided to try a few new things on a trial basis from September to December. We plan to keep most things but adjust the frequency and introduce a new service of a reflective character ('Reflections') and a joyous service praise through song (Songs of Praise).

The service of Evensong at Exton on the first Sunday remains unaffected, although the PCC have moved the Harvest Festival from the first Sunday in September to the third by popular request.

Month	Date	Sunday	Time	Service	Location
September	3 rd	1 st Sunday	6.30 pm	Evensong	Exton
	10 th	2 nd Sunday	6.30 pm	Evensong	Corhampton
	17 th	3rd Sunday	3.30 pm	Harvest Evensong	Exton
	17 th	3 rd Sunday	6.30 pm	Songs of Praise	Meonstoke
October	1 st	1 st Sunday	6.30 pm	Evensong	Exton
	8 th	2 nd Sunday	6.30 pm	'Reflections'	Corhampton
	15 th	3 rd Sunday	6.30 pm	Taizé	Meonstoke
November	5 th	1 st Sunday	6.30 pm	'All Souls' Evensong	Exton
	12 th	2 nd Sunday	3.30 pm	Village Remembrance	Exton
	12 th	2 nd Sunday	6.30 pm	Remembrance Evensong	Corhampton
	19 th	3 rd Sunday	No evening service		
December	3 rd	1 st Sunday	3.30 pm	Evensong	Exton
	3 rd	1 st Sunday	6.30 pm	Advent Carols	Droxford
	10 th	2 nd Sunday	3.30 pm	Evensong with Carols	Corhampton

Christmas Services will have their own special pattern as always.



Meon Valley Food Bank PLEASE HELP

Stocks of tinned food are falling especially low as more and more people seek the help of the Meon Valley Food Bank.

For Your Prayers

In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life. In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Bishop, Christopher Foster, and all those listed in the Daily Prayer Guide (<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news-and-events/prayer-diary>).

We pray for those going on holiday, for their rest, recuperation and re-creation, and their safe return.

For the next phase of our LyCiG process and for our growth as a Benefice in spiritual depth and theological understanding, growth in our servanthood to the community and beyond, and growth in numbers and for our planning.

We continue to pray for those preparing for baptism and those contemplating confirmation.

We pray for Rev David Mann, a Baptist minister from Cambridgeshire, who is undertaking a pilgrimage from St Buryan church in Cornwall to Canterbury Cathedral for his sabbatical. His journey will take around seven weeks to complete and will include the South Downs Pilgrims' Way (SDPW), a long-distance pilgrimage route from Winchester to Canterbury being developed by the British Pilgrimage Trust.

His route from St Buryan to Canterbury is more than 600 miles in length and will pass through a number of significant towns and cities, follow ancient trackways and roman roads, and engage with the spiritual landscape of England in its rich variety, simplicity and complexity. He will travel from Winchester to Exton on 14 August and going on to South Harting the next day.

We pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ghana, especially in the Diocese of Wiaswo in western Ghana and linked to our deanery.

We pray for our local Street Pastors on the streets of Portsmouth.

For the getting married in August and September: Grant Woolner & Clemency Pepys; William Easterbrook & Bridget Miles; Ian Whitear & Linda Creese; Joseph Dewhurst & Jessica Weeks; Tom Fleming & Charlotte Symes; Chris Savory & Olivia Curtis; and, all those preparing for marriage later this year, including Joseph Leonard & Emily Harris.

We pray for the newly born babies and for their parents.

For all those grieving and in any kind of sickness or need, including those in hospital or nursing homes, awaiting test results or treatment, and all those limited by degenerative conditions of all kinds.

We pray for all people displaced from their homes and all those caught up in disasters, violence, warfare terrorist action.

We pray for the recently departed, and among those 'Dick' Mainwaring, and for all those whom we love but see no longer; and, those in the Year's Mind. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them. May the rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

A Date for Your Diary

Annual Archdeaconry Consultation:

LIVE | PRAY | SERVE

7pm, Wednesday 27th September

St John the Evangelist, Fareham
(PO14 1DN).

Portsmouth Diocese has a blueprint to guide us in the future
and it can be summed up in just three words:

LIVE | PRAY | SERVE.

LIVE | PRAY | SERVE will be our motto as we seek to equip people to **live** as disciples of Christ; to **pray**, individually and together as worshipping communities; and to **serve** our local neighbourhoods and society together.

The Diocese is hosting a consultation with all the parishes of the Meon Archdeaconry. Providing us with a good opportunity to explore how we can respond to:

LIVE | PRAY | SERVE.

All members of our PCCs and all mission-minded parishioners are encouraged to attend and hear about, and to discuss and explore all about

LIVE PRAY SERVE.

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