



Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News
4th Sunday – 22Oct17 – 19th Sunday after Trinity

Services this week

Fourth Sunday 22Oct17 Trinity 19 (Proper XXIV)	8.00 am	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: 1Thess 1.1–10; Matthew 22.15–22
	9:30 am	Meonstoke	All Age Worship and Activities
	10.30 am	Exton	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 100 All people that on earth do dwell; 233 O Thou who camest from above: 209 Thro' all the changing scenes of life; 135 Rock of Ages; 202 Let all the World Readings: 1Thess 1.1–10; Matthew 22.15–22



'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away (Matthew 22: 21-22).

Tues 24Oct17	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.149 Psalm 106*; 1Macc 6.18–47 or 2Chron 28; John 13.12–20
Wed 25Oct17 <i>Crispin and Crispinian</i>	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.149 Pss 110, 111, 112; 1 Macc 7.1–20 or 2 Chron 29.1–19; John 13.21–30
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer - Red Book p.155 Ps 119.129–152; 2Kings 18.13–end; Philippians 2.1–13
Thurs 26Oct17 Alfred	10 am	Droxford JALH	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Romans 6.19–end; Luke 12.49–53



Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs, c.287



Alfred, king, scholar, 899

Events in the Diary:

24Oct17	19.00	Droxford PCC Planning Holy Communion	St Mary & All Saints, preceded by Droxford
26Oct17	19.30	Soiree: Organ Recital Richard Martin	St Andrew's, Meonstoke
29Oct17	02.00	CLOCKS CHANGE (NB given as 22Oct17 in <i>The Bridge</i>)	
29Oct17	10.30	Droxford Patronal Festival (All Saints) – Festal Eucharist President & Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Anthony Hulbert Christening of Eden Martineau (part of the Patronal Festival Service) - everyone is welcome	
12Nov17	10.50	RBL Service of Remembrance <i>services for others</i>	St Mary & All Saints, <i>Please list of Droxford</i>
21Nov17	19.00	A dramatised recital of St Mark's Gospel by Gerald Osborne Church of Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN	
23Nov17	19.30	Soiree: Anemos Trio (Piano, Oboe & Bassoon)	St Andrew's, Meonstoke
25Nov17	10.00	Pre-Christmas Fair <i>Please see inside for further details</i>	Exton Parish Church
10Dec17	17.15	Carols in the Barn <i>to the Thynne Family</i>	The Barn at Hill House, with <i>thanks Meonstoke</i>

Hackney and Bishop's Waltham Deaneries Link

For many years the Deanery has collected food and clothes for a variety of church needs in Hackney to be taken up in December. Earlier this year our friends in Hackney told us that they now have built up their local contacts including food collections in their local Waitrose and several Schools so that they no longer need distance support. They have asked us to convey their warm thanks for our help over the years. Because of this there will be no collection of food and clothes for Hackney this Autumn. We shall still be grateful for any gifts of money which can be made payable to Bishop's Waltham Deanery and will support our seven partners including the Winter Night Shelter. We will hope to meet our partners again during a Walk of Prayer probably in August next year.

Norman Chatfield.



Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP

Thank You for all your kind donations. MVFB has now been able to help over **1100** people which would not be possible without your faithful support. The items needed for the coming week are dried pasta meals, angel delights, breakfast bars and UHT long-life milk. Please no more soup. Thank you.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU so much to all the people that have given fresh produce at our Harvest Festivals, which will be passed to *The Hope Centre (Two Saints)* for the homeless in Portsmouth and to those who have donated tinned and dried food, which will be passed on to the Meon Valley Food Bank.

THANK YOU so much to all those who have prepared and decorated the churches for Harvest – the flowers and decorations have again been wonderful – truly inspiring us rejoice in God's Creation.

THANK YOU so much to all those who have prepared and served food and refreshments after the Harvest Festivals – a powerful message from the Gospels is sharing the gifts of God's Creation.

Thank you for the Harvest Supper at Droxford – a lovely village event.

THANK YOU so much to all the people who give their time to keep our churchyards so beautiful, and most recently for the St Andrew's churchyard clear-up on Saturday.

Silence and Solitude: The Rector's Retreat

Once a year, clergy are expected to go on retreat for a number of reasons, but principally spiritual renewal. With the commitments in my previous parish and arriving in the Benefice as the new Rector, I have not been able to take my full allocation of leave or go on retreat for over three years. However after quite a demanding application process, including two references, I have been able to secure a place undertaking The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in Parts. I shall make the retreat in a remote part of Wales in silence and solitude.

Retreatants stay in individual cabins and there is no communal activity. However, each retreatant is guided and supported through a daily meeting with their own retreat director. The Exercises are completed under the personal guidance of a retreat director over three intervals of retreat.

By the means of deepening prayer (which is based on the life, death and resurrection of Christ), a retreatant seeks to grow in human and Christian attitudes, habits and commitment. The Exercises aim to help each retreatant integrate the personal, social and spiritual dimensions of their life, and so arrive at a renewed apostolic vision and vitality of service.

For such a retreat, applicants need to be well enough integrated personalities, well able to relate to others, generously disposed, and deeply motivated by Christian faith. The Spiritual Exercises can be emotionally and spiritually demanding, and so it is important that each retreatant makes them with sufficient emotional, psychological and spiritual resilience. I should be grateful for your prayers during my time on retreat.

My sincere thanks go to Anthony, Samantha, Cathy and the Churchwardens who will keep the Benefice running during my absence. Fr Tony.

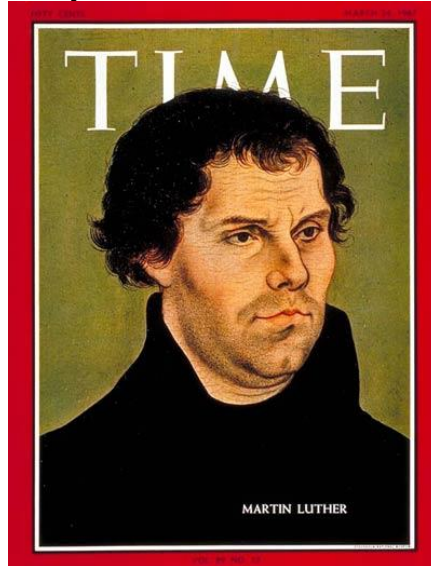
**Exton Christmas Fair
at St Peter and St Paul, Exton
Saturday 25th November
10:30 - 12:30**

Join us for a late breakfast of Sam's Sausage Sizzlers or for Anne's morning tea.
Browse and buy from the stalls while the children make Christmas decorations to take home.
Stalls include Cakes and Preserves, Christmas Ideas, Scarves, Bits and Bobs
Enter the raffle and win something special for Christmas!
Please support us as we need to rebuild church funds following the urgent repairs to the roof.
Contributions to the stalls welcome.
For more information please contact Heather Parry on 01489 878 860

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500 years of the Reformation



TIME Magazine: Martin Luther – 24th March 1967.

On 31 October 1517 the protest of Martin Luther, Doctor of Theology, against the practice of indulgences took expression in 95 Theses touching on questions of grace, repentance and forgiveness. He announced his intention to defend his statements orally in that place or by letter with those who could not be present.

Reaction from church leaders and scholars, at first on a small scale, gathered momentum with lives changed radically in German states and in many countries across Europe. Two years later, King Henry VIII of England started to write his *Defence of the Seven Sacraments* while he was reading Martin Luther's attack on indulgences. Luther himself composed a reply to King Henry, answered in turn by Thomas More. Although Luther's writings were banned in England, a small group started to meet in Cambridge to study them, along with other material emerging from the new movement on the Continent. Many of them would become key figures in the English Reformation.

The 500th anniversary of Luther's action provides a significant opportunity for churches to:

- strengthen relationships with one another;
- deepen reconciliation between us, for the sake of our witness to the gospel; and,
- promote reflection on what reformation means for us today.

The Ecumenical Commemoration hosted jointly by Roman Catholics and Lutherans in Lund on 31 October 2016 and attended by Pope Francis and the President of the Lutheran World Federation has put the anniversary commemorations on the map internationally, and much more has happened in the year leading to the 500th Anniversary. The Church of England, with its ecumenical partners, is fully involved. *Please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters of all denominations at this time.*

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>).

For the Diocesan Live Pray Serve Strategy and the next phase of our own LyCiG process: 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 pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Ghana, especially in the Diocese of Wiaswo in western Ghana and linked to our deanery, and for our brothers and sisters in the Deanery of Hackney and our deanery link.

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

We continue to pray for those preparing for baptism including Eden Martineau and Grace Miles-Board, and the recently baptised including Harry Voice, and those contemplating confirmation.

For the recently married: Tom Fleming & Charlotte Symes and Chris Savory & Olivia Curtis; and, all those preparing for marriage later this year, including Joseph Leonard & Emily Harris. We pray and give thanks for 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 Trevor Quarendon and Simon Cassels, James Whitehead and Heather Buxton, and for David Henley (Priest), who following a major operation, is recovering steadily at home. We pray too for all victims of neglect and abuse.

We pray for the world: the victims of wild fires, storms and hurricanes, earthquakes, mudslides and floods; for those displaced by virtue of creed or ethnicity, especially the Rohingya, those attacked by Boko Haram, victims of violence in Egypt and the Yazidi; for the desperate suffering in the Yemen, in Syria and Iraq.

At this time of significant anniversaries: we pray for Ecumenism, understanding and unity of spirit among all Christian denominations (500 years – 95 Theses); for all those whose lives have been affected prior and subsequent to the 1967 Abortion Act (50 years), and those who were reminded of loss in the ‘Great Storm’ (1987).

We pray for the recently departed, including Win Westbrook, and for all those whom we love but see no longer; and, those in the Year’s Mind.

Throughout November please feel free to write the names of loved ones departed this life on a simple slip of paper and place this slip on the Altar in any one of our churches and at services throughout November prayers for the repose of the souls of our loved ones will be said. This will be the especial focus at our All Souls’ Service on 5th November at Exton (3.30pm).

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

MAJOR SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Date	Time	Service	Church
29 Oct 17 Last Sunday after Trinity All Saints' Sunday (transferred)	08:00 10:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion (CW) with Baptism	Corhampton Droxford
05 Nov 17 4th Sunday before Advent All Souls' Sunday	08:00 10:30 15:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist (CW) Evensong for All Souls	Droxford Meonstoke Exton
12 Nov 17 3rd Sunday b. Advent	08:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Meonstoke
Remembrance Sunday Please note that there are errors in <i>The Bridge</i>	09:30 10:50 15:30 18:30	Village Act of Remembrance <i>RBL Remembrance Service</i> Village Act of Remembrance Remembrance Evensong	Meonstoke Droxford Exton Corhampton
19 Nov 17 2nd Sunday before Advent	08:00 10:00 10:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All Age Service Mattins	Exton Droxford Corhampton
26 Nov 17 Christ the King	08:00 09:30 10:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All Age Service Holy Communion (CW)	Corhampton Meonstoke Exton
03 Dec 17 (Year B) St Andrew (transferred) Advent Sunday <i>New church year begins</i>	08:00 10:30 13:30 18:30	Holy Communion (BCP) (Advent) Patronal Festival & Toy Service Holy Baptism Traditional Advent Carols & Lessons	Droxford Meonstoke Droxford Droxford
10 Dec 17 2nd Sunday of Advent	08:00 10:30 15:30 17:15	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist (CW) Evensong with Carols Carols in the Barn	Meonstoke Droxford Corhampton Meonstoke
17 Dec 17	08:00 10:00 10:30 16:30 18:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Informal All Age Service Mattins with Carols Family Carols Candlelit Carols	Exton Droxford Corhampton Meonstoke Exton
19 Dec 17	18:30	Carols in the Square	Droxford
23 Dec 17	14:00 16:00	Scratch Nativity Scratch Nativity	Droxford Meonstoke
24 Dec 17 Christmas Eve (Sunday)	08:00 10:30 23:30 23:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Eucharist (CW) Midnight Mass with Choir Festal Midnight Mass	Corhampton Exton Droxford Meonstoke
25 Dec 17 Christmas Day Monday	08:00 10:30 10:30	Holy Communion (BCP) Family Service + Eucharist Family Service + Eucharist	Exton Droxford Meonstoke
31 Dec 17 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	10:30 13:30	Family Eucharist (CW) Holy Matrimony	Corhampton Meonstoke

Services Next week

Fifth Sunday 29 Oct 17 All Saints' Sunday (Proper XV)	8.00 am	Corhampton JALH Readings:	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 I Thess 2.1–8; Matthew 22.34–end
	10.30 am	Droxford JALH Hymns (AMNS) Choir Readings:	Family Communion with Baptism (In Booklet) 182: Let saints on earth in concert sing; 311: Virgin born, we bow before thee; 184: Jerusalem the golden; 309: The God whom earth & sea & sky; 305: For all the saints I John 3.1–3; Matthew 5.1–12



ALL SAINTS'

DAY

Tues 31 Oct 17 <i>Martin Luther,</i>	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.137 Pss 132, 133; 2Macc 6.12–end (2 Chron 34.1–18); John 15.12–17
Wed 01 NOV 17 All Saints' Day	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Pss 111, 112, 117; Jer31.31–34; 2Cor4.5–12
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer: Red Book p.297 Pss 148, 150; Is 65.17–end; Heb 11.32–12.2
Thurs 02 NOV 17 All Souls' Day	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 <i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</i> Wisdom 3.1–9; I Peter 1.3–9

All Souls' Day



Martin Luther OSA

10 Nov 1483 – 18 Feb 1546

On 31 October 1517, Luther wrote to his bishop, Albrecht von Brandenburg, protesting the sale of indulgences. He enclosed in his letter a copy of his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences", which came to be known as the Ninety-Five Theses.