



Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

## Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News – 11 February 2018

### Dates for the Diary:

**Droxford PCC:** 7.00pm (HC 6.40), Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018, in Church

### Safeguarding Training

Wednesday 21st February 2018 – CI Foundation – Adults

18.00 to 21.00 hours at St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke, SO32 3NE.

### Ash Wednesday Communion and Imposition of Ashes

7pm Corhampton Church - *Please drop off any unwanted Palm Crosses from last year for the making of Ash for the service. Thank you.*

### The Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP)

The WWDP is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at 2pm in Our Lady Queen of Apostles RC Church, Martin Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1DN.

### LENT COURSES 2018 - All Immensely Welcome

LOST IN WONDER	The Old Rectory Droxford	Tuesday evenings 20 Feb – 20 Mar 18 (inclusive)	7.30 – 8.45 Compline 8.45 – 9.00 pm	Canon Anthony Hulbert
ON THE THIRD DAY	Freeland Cottage, High St, Meonstoke	Monday mornings Starts on 19th February.	10 am to 12 noon	Pauline and Cathy
'CHRIST AND THE CHOCOLATERIE'	'Reflections' Hugh and Heather's house in Exton	Monday evenings 19 Feb – 19 Mar 18 (inclusive)	7 pm – 8.30 pm	Ruth Shipley with Heather Parry
COME TO THE FEAST	Droxford Church	Thursday Mornings 22 Feb – 22 Mar 18 (incl), 10-11.15 am	During and following the Service	Fr Tony with Mthr Samantha

### Lent Lunch

Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 12.15 in Droxford Village Hall in aid of the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

**Paul Buxton and his family** would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who made the Thanksgiving and funeral service for Heather so uplifting. The choir led us superbly in praise and thanksgiving while Richard on the organ and Cathy on the violin were inspirational. Thanks to Jim Foley for his sermon giving us a vivid picture of all Heather's activities in the Benefice.



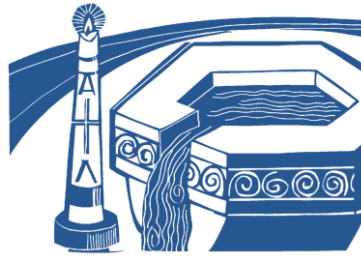
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 11 Feb 18 – Sunday Next before Lent

<b>Second Sunday</b> 11 Feb 18  Quinquagesima Sunday Next before Lent	8.00 am	Meonstoke Readings:	Holy Communion (BCP), p.229 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
	10.30 am	Droxford  Hymns AMNS No Choir  Readings:	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188  96 Bright the vision 4 Christ, whose glory fills the skies 163 Angel voices ever singing 259 My God and is the table spread 207 Praise to the Lord  2 Corinthians 4: v3–6; Mark 9.2–9
	6.30 pm	<b>Corhampton</b>	<b>A Service of Reflective Prayer led by Mother Samantha</b>

Tuesday 13 Feb 18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.137 Ps 36; Gen 37.12–end; Gal 2.1–10
<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 14 Feb 18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.238 Ps 38; Dan 9.3–6,17–19; 1 Tim 6.6–19
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer - Red Book p. 244 Ps 51; Is 1.10–18; Luke 15.11–end
	7.00 pm	Corhampton  Hymns AMNS  Readings:	Holy Communion (CW); Order of Service  56 Forty days and forty nights 219 Soldiers of Christ arise 123 Jesu, lover of my soul 135 Rock of ages 237 Take up thy cross  Joel 2:1-2 & 12-17; 2Cor5:20b-6:10; Mathew 6:1-6 & 16-21
Thurs 15 Feb 18 Thomas Bray	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166 Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Deut 30.15–end; Luke 9.22–25

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 18Feb18 – The First Sunday of (in) Lent

<b>Third Sunday</b>  18Feb18  <b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: I Peter 3.18–end; Mark 1.9–15
	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
	10.30 am	Corhampton	Mattins (BCP); Black Book p.62; Psalm 25.1–9 55 Christian, dost thou see them Benedicite 217 Be thou my guardian 226 As pants the hart 221 Stand up, stand up Readings: Genesis 9.8–17; I Peter 3.18–end



Noah  
(Gen 9.8–17; 1 Pet 3.18–end)

Baptism of Jesus and 40 days in the Wilderness  
(Mark 1.9–15)

Tues 20Feb18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.238 Ps 44; Gen 41.46–42.5; Gal 4.8–20
Wed 21Feb18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.238 Ps 6; Gen 42.6–17; Gal 4.21–5.1
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer - Red Book p.244 Ps 28; Jer 5.20–end; John 5.30–end
Thurs 22Feb18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166 and Lenten Reflection Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Esther 14.1–5, 12–14; Mat 7.7–12



## Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP



A very Big 'Thank You' for all your kind donations, MVFB. Being able to support our local people who are at 'Financial Crisis Point' with the provision of food is such a wonderful testimony to our local churches and Community – BUT PLEASE CONTINUE TO HELP.

The items needed for the coming week are tinned meat meals, corned beef/tinned ham, cereals, part baked baguettes and jelly/angel delights. Thank you. Follow MVFB on twitter @MeonValleyFB or at [www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk).

### Prayers

In the morning, we pray for the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; and, in the evening for peace; individuals and their needs.

In Lent, please pray for: all those preparing for baptism and confirmation; those serving through leadership; those looking for forgiveness; those misled by the false gods of this present age; and, all who are hungry.

And please pray:

For the Church especially in places of conflict, for Bishop Christopher, the Dioceses of Portsmouth and Wiaswo, and the Deaneries of Bishops Waltham and Hackney and our own Benefice; For those to be married this year;

For those suffering the pain of separation and the breakdown of a relationship;

For all those who grieve including Paul Buxton and his family;

And, or those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including Rosemary Denham, Romy Baker, Richard Pepys and James Whitehead.

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Usual rest day is Monday.

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Usual rest day is Friday

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