



Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News – 1st 2018

Easter Sunday

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We are currently seeking potential Church Wardens, PCC members, PCC Secretaries, Health & Safety representatives; Safeguarding representatives; volunteers to help as sidesmen/ women, with refreshments, with reading or leading prayers, assisting at the Eucharist, and many other opportunities besides. If you feel you might be able to help in some way, please speak informally to someone who already does one of those jobs, to Mthr Samantha or Fr Tony.

Thanks

- To Sally, the Soloists and all who took part or attended the performance of Stainer's *Crucifixion*
- To all those who have prepared our churches for Easter.

Confirmation: Preparation for confirmation on 16th June 2018 will begin soon after Easter. If you or your children are considering being confirmed please speak to Fr Tony. Please sign up TODAY.

Pietro Accieri RIP

A thanksgiving service for Pietro will take place on Saturday 14th April at 2.30 p.m. at Droxford Church. Please pray for Carole and her family.

Tea will be served afterwards in the village hall.



Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP

The items needed for the coming week are tinned meat meals, UHT Long-Life Milk, dried noodle/pasta meals, tinned fruit and biscuits. Thank you. Follow MVFB on twitter @MeonValleyFB or at www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk.



Bring & Buy Sale and Coffee Morning

in aid of the restoration of Droxford Church

Wednesday, 9th May at 10.00-1.00 pm
Droxford Church

Any offers of help on the day gratefully received by Ann Symes (01489 877643)

Portsmouth Cathedral Chocolate Workshop

Tuesday 3rd April 2018

Experience the fun of making your own chocolate at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Morning Workshop for Families & Children (£2.50 per child, adults free with accompanied children)

This will be a fun, informal and enlightening morning where children can make and decorate their own milk chocolate lollipop. See and handle real cocoa pods and beans, learn about the origins of chocolate, and the importance of ethical sourcing.

Sign up for **one of three children's chocolate workshops**: 10.00, 11.00 am or 12.00 noon

Afternoon Workshop for Adults — 2.00pm - 4pm (£5.00 per attendee)


Visit www.Eventbrite.co.uk "Portsmouth Cathedral Chocolate Workshop" to book your place.

1st April 2018: Easter Day Services - Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!





Easter Fire & Blessing Paschal Candles	6 am	Meonstoke – Church Green
First Eucharist of Easter & Bringing in the Light	6.15 am	Corhampton
Easter Breakfast	7.30 am	Meonstoke Church
Holy Communion (BCP)	8 am	Exton
Family Easter Eucharist	10.30 am	Droxford
	10.30 am	Meonstoke

Collections at Meonstoke and Droxford for St Luke's Health Care, which supports clergy who are unwell and the Clergy Pension Fund, which supports clergy in retirement.



2Apr18 Easter Monday	Bank Holiday	
3Apr18 Easter Tuesday	Sorry no morning prayer at Exton today	
4Apr18 Easter Wednesday		
Morning Prayer	Meonstoke	8.30 am
Evening Prayer	Droxford	5 pm
5Apr18 Easter Thursday		
Holy Communion (Said)	Droxford	10 am
8 April 18 - 2nd Sunday of Easter		
Holy Communion (BCP)	Meonstoke	8 am
Holy Communion (CW)	Droxford	10.30 am
Songs of Praise	Meonstoke	6.30 pm
Songs of Praise including a Celebration of the Centenary of the Formation of the Royal Air Force. Please think about favourite hymns to nominate.		

Some other Special Services in the Weeks Ahead

15 Apr 18 3rd Sunday of Easter	Droxford	10 am
<p>Informal Service – Singing in Praise. Please think about favourite hymns to nominate.</p>		
22 Apr 18 – St George	Exton	10.30 am
<p>Family Service followed by Holy Communion. Come and celebrate our country's Patron Saint. Our main Sunday and our Informal Service congregations come together to celebrate.</p>		
10 May 18 – Ascension Day	Meonstoke	7.30 pm
<p>Special Deanery Sung Eucharist with combined Deanery Choir Preacher: The Ven. Gavin Collins (Archdeacon of the Meon)</p>		
13 May 18 – The Fire Service	Meonstoke	6.30 pm
<p>An informal family service of prayers, music and readings featuring some of our young people and focussing on the Holy Spirit to get ready for PENTECOST and part of <i>Thy Kingdom Come 2018</i></p>		
27 May 18 Pentecost Holy Communion	Corhampton	10.30 am
31 May 18 Corpus Christi	Meonstoke	7.00 pm
<p><i>Sanctissimi Corpus et Sanguis Christi</i> A Festal Eucharist in Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion and to Celebrate, Thank and Commission all those who assist as Eucharistic Assistants in the Benefice. All servers, all those who serve as Lay Chalice Assistants, and all who set up for Communion Services are cordially asked to attend.</p>		

Ordination of the Rev'd Samantha Martell
to the Priesthood at
the Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury,
Portsmouth at
4 pm on Saturday 30th June 2018.
Please pray for Samantha in the weeks ahead.



01 Jul 18

Meonstoke

10.30 am

Mthr Samantha's first Holy Communion Service
as priest and president.
A celebratory Benefice Eucharist.



08 Jul 18

Corhampton

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong with the Athanasian Consort

29 Jul 18

Tithes, Exton

10.30 am

A Lammastide Celebration of Creation: Farms and Gardens –
We are planning a Pet Service too later in the Summer.



Dates Further Ahead

Rogation Sunday – with Beating the Bounds – 6 May 18 – Details to follow.

Bring and Buy **Coffee Morning** in aid of Wilfrid's Café in Droxford Church - 10.00am – 1.00pm, Wednesday 9th May

Christian Aid Walk – Wickham – 1 pm, 20th May 18

Droxford **Country Fair** Saturday 2nd June 2018

Meonstoke and Exton **Church Fete** Saturday 16th June 2018

Electoral Rolls, APMs and APCM

Calling potential churchwardens and PCC new members.

	Exton: Ss Peter and Paul	Corhampton and Meonstoke: St Andrew	Droxford: St Mary and All Saints
Electoral Roll Open for Revision – application forms available in church	18 Mar 18	31 Mar 18	31 Mar 18
Electoral Roll CLOSES for Revision	26 Mar 18	13 Apr 18	14 Apr 18
Revised Electoral Published (Closed)	22 Mar 18	09 Apr 18	10 Apr 18
Official Notice of APM	24 Mar 18	13 Apr 18	13 Apr 18
Nomination as CW forms available by	24 Mar 18	13 Apr 18	13 Apr 18
Official Notice of APCM	24 Mar 18	13 Apr 18	13 Apr 18
Nomination to PCC forms available by	24 Mar 18	13 Apr 18	13 Apr 18
Deadline for nominations of Church Wardens or to join the PCC must be received before the start of the meeting			
Annual Parishioners (Vestry) Meeting (APM)	19:30 05 Apr 18	19:30 23 Apr 18	19:30 24 Apr 18
Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM)	19:45 05 Apr 18	19:45 23 Apr 18	19:45 24 Apr 18
Publish Results of Elections	12 Apr 18	30 Apr 18	01 May 18
Electoral Roll Numbers Published by:	27 Apr 18	14 May 18	14 May 18

Prayers

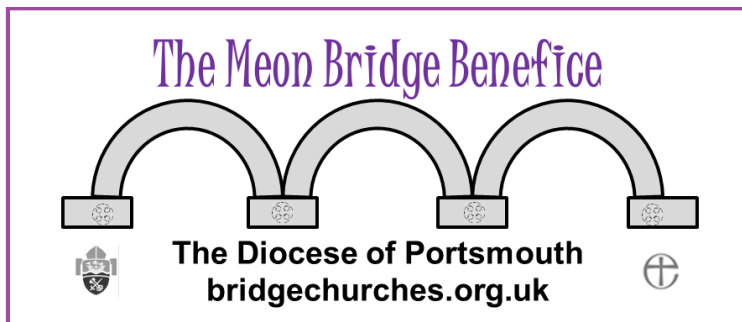
In the morning, we pray for the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; and, in the evening for peace; individuals and their needs. At Easter, please pray for the people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord; for God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care; for those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ; for those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection; and, for prisoners and captives. Please continue to pray for all those preparing for baptism and confirmation (including Amelia).

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 Samantha as she approaches her ordination as priest on 30th June 2018.

Please pray: 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. Please pray for 'Messy Church @ The Meon Bridge', a new initiative for school-aged children and their families.

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. For those to be married this year: Matthew Teague & Amy Tilt; Bradley Golshahi & Alexandra Green; John Carey & Bonnie Mobey; Ian Compton & Anna Marie Coward; Scott Rumble & Victoria Walton; Steven Simmons & Vanessa Soul; Hugh Frere-Cook & Charlotte Emery; Garry Sewell & Karen Jennions; Simon Tanner & Catherine McGhee; and David Jones & Jenny Minors. For those suffering

the pain of separation and the breakdown of a relationship; For all those who grieve; For the recently departed including Pietro Accieri and all in the year's mind.
 For all those who serve and have served in the Royal Air Force and their families. And, for those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including those with long-term conditions and Jojo Buchanan, Rosemary Denham, Tony Farnell and James Whitehead.



CONTACT DETAILS

<http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/> & <https://www.facebook.com/MeonBridgeBenefice/>

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Usual rest day is Monday.

CURATE: The Revd Samantha Martell, 232041 RevSamantha@alpha-omega.me.

Usual rest day is Friday

ASSISTANT PRIEST: The Rev'd Canon Anthony Hulbert 878289

LICENSED LAY MINISTERS:

Cathy Mathews 877804 - Reader

Pauline Quarendon 877392 - Reader Emerita

CHURCH WARDENS

Droxford: Ann Symes 877643 & Sheila Matthissen 877867


Exton: Hugh Parry 878860 & Richard Pepys 878035

Meonstoke with Corhampton: Angela Peagram 878725

and Ruth Shipley 878436

WEDDINGS: Mrs Sue Wells 01329 834130 - sjwells@meonwood.co.uk

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<p>6.30 pm 8th April 18 at Meonstoke A Celebration of the Centenary of the Formation of the Royal Air Force.</p>	
<p>RAF 100 -Songs of Praise: HYMN CHOICE SLIP</p>	
<p>Hymn: _____ Number in Orange Hymn Book: _____ Your Name: _____ Reason(s) for Choice: _____ _____</p>	
<p>Return to Fr Tony ASAP</p>	