

## Meon Bridge Benefice Pew Sheet 8-22 April 2018

**Commemorating the Centenary  
of the  
Formation of the Royal Air Force  
1918-2018**



18:30

8th April 2018

St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke

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 all those who have prepared our churches for Easter.
- Easter Collections at Meonstoke and Droxford for St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy and the Clergy Pension Fund amounted to **£979.63** to be shared between the charities.

**Confirmation:** Preparation for confirmation on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 will begin soon after Easter. If you or your children are considering being confirmed please speak to Fr Tony. Final Call TODAY.

### Pietro Accieri RIP

A thanksgiving service for Pietro will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 vegetarian meals, UHT Long Life Milk, dried noodle/pasta meals, tinned fruit and shampoo. Thank you. Follow MVFB on twitter

@MeonValleyFB or at [www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk).



**Bring & Buy Sale and Coffee Morning**  
in aid of the restoration of Droxford Church

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00-1.00 pm**  
**Droxford Church**

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

<b>10 May 18 – Ascension Day</b>	<b>Meonstoke</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
Special Deanery Sung Eucharist with combined Deanery Choir Preacher: The Ven. Gavin Collins (Archdeacon of the Meon)		
<b>13 May 18 – The Fire Service</b>	<b>Meonstoke</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
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>		
<b>27 May 18 Pentecost Holy Communion</b>	<b>Corhampton</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>31 May 18 Corpus Christi</b>	<b>Meonstoke</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
<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.		

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 8 April 2018 – Easter 2

<b>Second Sunday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> after Easter 8 April 18 The Annunciation CMt Preaching  RAF100	8.00 am	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: I John 5: 4-12 John 20: 19-23
	10.30 am	Droxford  Hymns AMNS  Readings:	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 422 Tell out my soul 311 Virgin-born, we bow before thee 76 Come ye faithful, raise the strain 78 The strife is o'er 73 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem Hebrews 10.4–10 Luke 1.26–38
	6.30 pm	Meonstoke	Commemoration of the Centenary of the Formation of the Royal Air Force

Tues 10Apr18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.263
Wed 11Apr18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p. 263
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.269
Thurs 12Apr18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Each Prayer: E p.30/ 196

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 15 Apr 18 – Easter 3

Third Sunday  15Apr18 Easter 3	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229  Readings: Acts 3.12–19; Luke 24.36b–48
	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service: Singing
	10.30 am	Corhampton  Hymns AMNS  Readings:	Mattins (BCP); Black Book p.62; Psalm 4  85 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing 84 The Lord is risen indeed 75 The day of resurrection 79 Christ the Lord is risen again Acts 3.12–19; Luke 24.36b–48

Tues 17Apr18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.263
Wed 18Apr18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p. 263
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.269
Thurs 19Apr18 Alphege	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196

### Electoral Rolls, APMs and APCM

Calling potential churchwardens and PCC new members.

	Corhampton and Meonstoke: St Andrew	Droxford: St Mary and All Saints
Annual Parishioners (Vestry) Meeting (APM)	<b>19:30</b> <b>23 Apr 18</b>	<b>19:30</b> <b>24 Apr 18</b>
Annual Church Parochial Meeting (APCM)	<b>19:45</b> <b>23 Apr 18</b>	<b>19:45</b> <b>24 Apr 18</b>

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 18 –Easter 4

### Services this week

<b>Fourth Sunday</b> Easter 4  <b>St George</b> National Patronal Festival	8.00 am	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229  Readings: Acts 4.5–12; John 10.11–18
	10.30 am	Exton	Family Service Then HC (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188  Hymns (AMNS & Pew Sheet)  Lord God of Hosts (PS) When the knight won his spurs (PS) 333 Onward, Christian soldiers 295 I vow to thee, my country 294 And did those feet Readings: 2 Timothy 2.3–13; John 15.18–21



Tues 24Apr18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.263 Melitus
Wed 25Apr18 <b>St Mark</b>	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p. 291
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.297
Thurs 26Apr18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Each Prayer: E p.30/ 196

Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

**Lord God of Hosts**

- 1 Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand  
Dominion rests on sea and land,  
Before whose word of life or death  
The strength of nations is but  
breath:  
O King, enthroned all thrones  
above,  
Give strength unto the land we  
love.
- 2 Thou breath of life since time  
began,  
Breathing upon the lips of man,  
Hast taught each kindred race to  
raise  
United word to sound Thy praise:  
So, in this land, join, we beseech,  
All hearts and lips in single speech.
- 3 To George our saint Thou gavest  
grace  
Without one fear all foes to face,  
And to confess by faithful death  
That word of life which was his  
breath.  
O help us, helper of Saint George,  
To fear not bonds that man can  
forge.
- 4 Arm us like him, who in Thy trust  
Beat down the dragon in the dust;  
So that we too may tread down sin  
And with Thy saints a crown may  
win.  
Help us, O God, that we may be  
A land acceptable to Thee.

Laurence Housman,  
in 'The New English Hymnal'.  
MELITA.

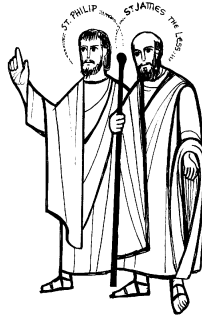
**When a Knight won his  
Spurs**

- 1 When a knight won his spurs, in  
the stories of old,  
He was gentle and brave, he  
was gallant and bold  
With a shield on his arm and a  
lance in his hand,  
For God and for valour he rode  
through the land.
- 2 No charger have I, and no  
sword by my side,  
Yet still to adventure and battle  
I ride,  
Though back into storyland  
giants have fled,  
And the knights are no more  
and the dragons are dead.
- 3 Let faith be my shield and let joy  
be my steed  
'Gainst the dragons of anger,  
the ogres of greed;  
And let me set free with the  
sword of my youth,  
From the castle of darkness, the  
power of the truth.

Jan Struther in 'Songs of Praise'  
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 29 April 2018 – Easter 5

Fifth Sunday	8.00 am	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229  Readings: Acts 8.26–end; John 15.1–8
29Apr18  Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.30 am	Droxford  Hymns	Benefice Service  365 God is love 134 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep  131 Love divine 280 O perfect Love, (Choir special) 263 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  Readings: Acts 8.26–end; John 15.1–8



Tues 01May18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ss Philip and James
Wed 02May18 Athanasius	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p. 263
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.269
Thurs 03May18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196

**WELCOME EVERYBODY! EVERYBODY WELCOME!**

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 all those who serve and have served in the Royal Air Force and their families. 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.

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.