



The Meon Bridge Benefice

Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford and Exton with Preshaw

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Meon Bridge Benefice Pew Sheet

23rd September 2018 - Benefice Notices

ALL WELCOME

Midweek Services – All Welcome

Tuesdays	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer
Thursdays	10 am	Droxford	An especially friendly and relaxed mid-week Communion Service

Oberammergau 2020

2 - 9 September 2020 with St Nicholas' Church, Wickham

Led by the Rev'd Jane Isaac & Canon David Isaac and the Rev'd Tony Forrest.

If you are interested, please collect details and a booking form asap.

The Rev'd Samantha Martell is recovering from her operation, which went well on Thursday. This was not an insignificant procedure and she will need to recover for around eight weeks. Please respect her privacy and need for complete rest for at least two weeks when she will be on leave.

Congratulations to the Rev'd Canon David Isaac on his Golden Jubilee as a priest (Michaelmas 1968–Michaelmas 2018). Fr David has served in many roles, including Residentiary Canon of our cathedral, as Area Dean of the Isle of White and now as assistant priest in our neighbouring parishes of Wickham and Shedfield.



Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP

Thank You so much for all your kind donations but stocks remain low, so all donations will be very gratefully received.

The ongoing benefit changes and the lack of free school meals in the long summer holiday mean the number of people turning to the MVFB for help continues to rise. Please donate! The items needed for the coming week are tinned cold meats, UHT long-life milk, tinned meat meals, steamed puddings and tinned fruit.

Follow MVFB on twitter @MeonValleyFB or at www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk.



THIS WEEK: 4th Sunday –23rd September – Trinity 17 & Harvest

Fourth Sunday 23Sep18 Trinity 17 (Proper XX) Harvest Family Service + Communion	8.00 am	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: James 3: 13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9: 30-37
	9:30 am	Meonstoke	Informal Service – The Bible Unwrapped
	10.30 am	Exton Hymns (NHWS) No Choir Readings:	Family Service + HC - Service Booklet 365 Who put the colours in the r'bow 186 Jubilate everybody 73 Fill your hearts with Joy 276 Praise, O praise our God and King 1 Tim 2: 1-7; Mt 6: 25-33

Tues 25Sep18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning in Church Cancelled for this week
Wed 26Sep18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer- Red Book p.149 Ps 77; 1 Kings 22.29-45; Acts 23.12-end
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer in church Cancelled this week
Thurs 27Sep18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Eccl 1.2-11; Luke 9.7-9

NEXT WEEK 5th Sunday – 30th September – Michaelmas

Fifth Sunday 30Sep18 St Michael & All Angels (Michaelmas)	8.00 am		Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Rev 12: 7-12; Matt 18: 1-10
	10.30 am	Hymns (HONS) CHOIR Readings:	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 PS Stars of the morning 409 Lord of the years 286 Holy, holy, holy 41 Around the throne of God 755 Ye holy angles bright Rev 12: 7-12; John 1; 47-end



Advance Notice of some dates to put in your diaries:

Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, 28 September, Meon Hall 9.30 -12.00

Soirées on the Bridge: Wednesday 10th October, **Wednesday** 14th November & **Sunday** 9th December

Harvest celebrations 2018:

Exton

Family Harvest Service then Communion, 10.30 am 23 Sept

Meonstoke

Family Harvest Communion, 10.30 am 7th October followed by lunch

Droxford

BCP Evening Prayer, 6 pm 13th October

Village Harvest Supper 13th October -*please see The Bridge for details*

Family Harvest Communion, 10.30 am 14th October followed by lunch in DVH

Meonstoke **Churchyard Clear-Up** - Saturday 13th October

Meonstoke & Corhampton and Exton **Church Fete** - Saturday 7th July 2019

PCC: Core Agenda Items	Corhampton & Meonstoke	Exton	Droxford
Grants and Fabric; Stewardship; Advent and Christmas	Wed 30 Oct 18 (7.30; HC 7.10)	Tues 16 Oct 18 (7.30; HC 7.10)	Tues 20 Oct 18 (7.00; HC 6.40)
PCC & Other helpers: Safeguarding Training and Update Tuesday 30 October at 7.30 in the St Peter's Church Room, Soberton. It should only take an hour or with some discussion. Coffee and biscuits! Many on the PCCs especially in the Meon Bridge Benefice have completed the training but if it was a while ago, the recommendation is to repeat it. Please book with Jane Beardmore.			

CONTACT DETAILS

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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

Reader: Cathy Mathews 877804

Reader emerita: Pauline Quarendon 877392

CHURCH WARDENS

DROXFORD: Sheila Matthissen 877867

EXTON: Hugh Parry 878860 & Richard Pepys 878035

MEONSTOKE WITH CORHAMPTON: Angela Peagram 878725

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

SAFEGUARDING: Dr Jane Beardmore

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 the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Bishop, Christopher Foster and our archdeacon, Gavin Collins. Please see (<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news-and-events/prayer-diary>). And for Fr David Isaac as he celebrates his golden jubilee. We continue to pray for children and students starting or returning to school, college or university and the staff at all those institutions. For the home-schooled. We pray for our foresters, farmers and all those associated with agriculture in the area; and for all those who process food for us. For those who provide food-aid at home and abroad.

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 married in 2018 and those planning to be married 2019. For those recently baptised (Athena-Mae Kennedy; Evelyn Kennedy; Freddie Horn; Tulula-Mae and Cheyenne Smith; and, Thomas Kirtley) and those preparing for baptism (Max Grey; Olive Cantan; Jasper Ellis; Jarrah Diment; and, their families).

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

For those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including Mthr Samantha, Rosemary Denham, Tony Farnell and James Whitehead and all those with long-term or degenerative conditions. For all those who grieve, especially for a child; For the recently departed including Charlie Fleet (Late of Bridge Mead, Meonstoke and funeral service at St Andrew's Church on Friday 28th September at 2:00 pm) and Eleanor Walker (Formerly of St Mary's Close Droxford and funeral service at South Downs Natural Burial Site at 1:00 pm on Friday 5th October); and all in the year's mind. May they rest in peace.

News update: Droxford Church Buildings

The construction of the extension to include toilets, an office and a kitchen to support the setting up of the community room in the north chapel is underway. Preliminary surveys and groundworks have been completed and now the piles and the raft (the concrete base of the building) are being completed at this time.

Watch this space for more details!

The redecoration of the Neville Lovett Chapel (Lady Chapel) is now complete and work will begin on the North Chapel ceiling very soon after minor roof repairs to repair a leak. Further consultation on our plans for the north aisle, the re-siting of the organ and choir, and a better arrangement around the font will soon begin following the excellent feedback in April 2016.