



The Meon Bridge Benefice
Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford
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Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew Sheet

4th November 2018: 4th before Advent; All Saints' Sunday and All Souls' Commemoration

ALL WELCOME

C2020 – 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.

The visit is now FULL -thank you for your support.

A Huge Harvest THANK YOU to all those who cleaned or decorated our churches so beautifully, who prepared food and drink to share, and who gave so generously to help the local Food Bank and a homeless hostel in Portsmouth.

A light-filled thank you to Mthr Samantha who organised the Light Party on Saturday and for everyone who supported it.

THANK YOU ALL!



Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP

Thank You so much for all your kind donations, but stock always needs to be replenished so all donations are very gratefully received.

The ongoing benefit changes mean the number of people turning to the MVFB for help continues to rise. Please donate! The items needed for the coming week are

cooked meat (corned beef etc) part-baked bread, mashed potato, steamed puddings, and porridge oats.

Follow MVFB on twitter [@MeonValleyFB](https://twitter.com/MeonValleyFB) or at www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk.

Combined PCCs to meet on Tuesday 4th December 2018 in Droxford at 7.30 pm: Future Benefice Events; Financial Procedures; Common Policies for review; Brief review of likely Year End Finances and budget priorities



All Saints' to Advent – A Time to Remember!

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death, and as Charles Wesley wrote:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints

and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

Remembrance Sunday goes on to explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

The annual cycle of the Church's year ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

CHRISTMAS TREES mark the 2018 Big Christmas Thank You to everyone who helps to support our Communities and Churches!

Becky Evans is organising the Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke. This event is held every 2 years and is an opportunity for local groups and organisations to sponsor a tree in the church.

The trees are supplied through Meonstoke Post Office and Village Stores - who will also be decorating a tree!

All the trees will need to be decorated in the week 3-7 December in preparation for a 'Christmas Thank You' event that will be held at 4pm on Saturday 8 December to which you and your families are all invited. The trees remain in the Church until early January.

You will need to supply your own base for the tree and lights, also decorations, where you can be as creative as you like. Most people decorate their tree along a theme associated with their group.

Please can you let Becky know if this is something that you could support. It's definitely a case of the more the merrier! The aim is to fill the Church with decorated trees through the festive season so that everyone can come and enjoy them, to say thank you to all the wonderful people across the Benefice and to having fun informally singing carols and enjoying some refreshments.

Becky needs to know numbers for the trees so please can you let her know if you would like to take part.

Thank you for your support and please feel free to contact her with any questions you may have (rebeccaevans730@btinternet.com; 07867 511936; 01489 877608).

Services on November 11th, Remembrance Sunday 2018



08:00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Meonstoke
09:30	Village Act of Remembrance	Meonstoke Meet at the War Memorial
<u>10:50</u>	Centenary Requiem for the Fallen	Droxford
	RBL Service	Soberton
15:30	Village Act of Remembrance	Exton
18:30	Remembrance Evensong	Corhampton



'Bully Beef and Whizz-Bangs'

St Nicholas Church, Wickham
 Thursday 8th November, 7.30pm
 Tickets available from
 Rosemary Crane: 01329 835 754 or rosecrane@aol.com

1st Sunday – 4th November 2018

4th Sunday before Advent - All Saints' Sunday – All Souls'

First Sunday	8.00 am 4 th before Advent	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Heb 9: 11-14; Mark 12: 28-34
4Nov18 All Saints'	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Family Communion (In Booklet) 97: Christ is made the true foundation 179: For all the saints, O Lord 398: Lights abode celestial Salem 77: Blest are the pure in heart 177: For all the saints Readings: Rev 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44
All Souls'	3.30 pm	Exton	Special Order of Service 131 – Love Divine OoS – The Lord's my Shepherd 13 – Abide with me OoS – God, that madest earth and heaven

Tues 6Nov18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 5; Daniel 2.1-24; Revelation 2.1-11
Wed 7Nov18 Willibrord	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 9; Daniel 2.25-end; Rev 2.12-end
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.297 Pss 111, 112, 116; Is 2.1-11; Matthew 2.16-end
Thurs 8Nov18	10 am	Droxford Saints and Martyrs of England	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Ecclus 44.1-15; Rev 19.5-10; John 17.18-23

6 November Leonard, Hermit, 6th century William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944	8 November Saints and Martyrs of England
7 November Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739	9 November Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440
10 November Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461	

2nd Sunday – 11th November 2018

3rd Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

Second Sunday Remembrance 11 Nov 18	8.00 am 3 before Adv	Meonstoke Readings:	Holy Communion (BCP), p.229 Hebrews 9.24-28; Mark 1.14-20
	9.30 am	Meonstoke Readings:	Village Act of Remembrance Psalm 46; Wisdom 3.1-8; John 15.9-17
	10.30 am	Droxford Readings:	Centenary Remembrance Requiem Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 Joel 2: 1-3, 12-13; 2 Cor 4: 6-11 John 12: 27-33, 35; John 1: 1-5
	3.30 am	Exton Readings:	Village Act of Remembrance Ps 46; Ecclus 44: 1-13; John 15: 9-17
	6.30 pm	Corhampton	Remembrance Evensong: Black Book p.72 Ps 46; Ecclus 44: 1-13; John 15: 9-17

Tues 13 Nov 18	8.30 am	Exton (Charles Simeon)	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 21, 24; Daniel 5.1-12; Revelation 6
Wed 14 Nov 18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 23, 25; Dan 5.13-end; Rev 7.1-4, 9-end
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.297 Ps 37; Isaiah 6; Matthew 5.21-37
Thurs 15 Nov 18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Philemon 7-20; Lk 17.20-25

11 November	13 November
Martin Bishop of Tours, c.397	Charles Simeon Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836
14 November	16 November
Samuel Seabury , first Anglican Bishop in N. America, 1796	Margaret , Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Church Reformer, 1093 Edmund Rich of Abingdon , Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240
17 November	
Hugh , Bishop of Lincoln, 1200	

An Advent and Post Christmas Course - Talking about Jesus

Six Practical Sessions – 7.30 pm on Wednesdays – Venue to be confirmed

- Session 1** – *Everyone talking Jesus* 5th December
Session 2 – *What motivates us?* 12th December
Session 3 – *Living Distinctly* 19th December
Session 4 – *Our Story* 2nd January 2019
Session 5 – *God's Story* 9th January 2019
Session 6 – *Go on talking Jesus* 16th January 2019

Some other dates for your diaries:

All Souls Service – Exton, Sunday 4th November at 3.30 pm

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

Pre-Christmas Sale - Exton Church -Saturday 24th November 10.30- 12.30

A Christmas Thank You – *Carols, Christmas Trees and A Christmas Thank You*
St Andrew's, Saturday 8th December at 4.00 pm

Make a **Christmas Wreath** Thursday 13th December 10.00am – 1.30pm DVH

Carols in the Barn - Sun 16Dec18 at 5.15pm in the Barn at Hill House, Meonstoke.

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

Sunday, 2nd December 2019

BENEFICE TOY SERVICE & ST ANDREW'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

With bagpipers – back by popular request!

10.30 am, St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke

BENEFICE ADVENT SERVICE OF CAROLS AND LESSONS

Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

with grateful thanks to the Stewarts

6.30 pm, St Mary and All Saints' Church, Droxford

Buildings updates:

Meonstoke Lychgate

The repair and restoration of the Meonstoke war memorial lychgate, generously funded by the War Memorials Trust, has now been completed in readiness for Remembrance Sunday 2018. Our thanks go to the WMT, Ian Ellis and Julian Livingstone in particular for seeing this project through.

Droxford Church Buildings

The construction of the annexe to include toilets, a small meeting room, an office and a kitchen to support the setting up of the community room in the north chapel is underway. The piles and the raft (the concrete base of the building) have been completed and the new boiler installed. The target sum which will enable us to begin construction is in sight but needs your help to achieve it in a timely way. Please come to our information and gift afternoon on Sunday 3rd December to learn more.

The work will begin on the North Chapel ceiling after interim roof repairs. The plans for the north aisle, the re-siting of the organ and choir, and a better arrangement around the font have been available for the last month and these follow the excellent feedback at our open meeting April 2016.

Thank you for all your help, support and encouragement to ensure our beautiful church remains a 'living hub' of activity for this generation and that we will pass it on as such for the generations which will follow.



Droxford Community Hub and Heritage Centre

Community and Church working together

Exhibition and Gift Day

Droxford Church

Sunday 2nd December ~ 2pm – 6pm

Tea and Cakes

Led by the Reverend Tony Forrest, Rector

Drop in and see how you can be part of an exciting project which will help to shape our community and church for the next generation.

The Rector and the Project team will be on hand to answer any of your questions and to receive pledges towards our £75,000 Appeal target.

- The Project
- The Appeal – Progress and pledges
- The Future of the Church in Droxford
- Heritage Centre
- Volunteering – Wilfrid's Café

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>).

At this time of year, we also pray for the saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven; for all people, that they may hear and believe the word of God; for all who fear the winter months; for all sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ and for all who grieve or wait with the dying.

We pray for people affected by recent, violent crime at home and abroad, for the people of Indonesia, the Yemen, Syria and all other places of violence, disaster and destruction.

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 (Olive Cantan) and those preparing for baptism (James and Louise Fenner; Max Gray; Jasper Ellis; Jarrah Diment; and, their families) and confirmation (Carlisle Martell).

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, The Rev'd David Henley, Jackie Woolard, 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 Patricia Howe, Charlie Fleet and Eleanor Walker; and all in the year's mind. May they rest in peace.