



The Meon Bridge Benefice
Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford
and Exton with Preshaw

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Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew Sheet

18th November 2018: Second before Advent

25th November 2018: Christ the King

ALL WELCOME

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

Please bring wrapped presents for homeless Children in Portsmouth.



Sunday, 2nd December 2019 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

NOTICE of Combined PCCs to meet on Tuesday 4th December 2018 in Droxford at 7.30 pm.
Agenda: Christmas Giving; Future Benefice Events; Financial Procedures; Common Policies for review;
Brief review of likely Year End Finances and budget priorities, followed by individual PCC meetings if
required.

An Advent and Post-Christmas Course - Talking about Jesus

Six Practical Sessions – 7.30 pm on Wednesdays – Meonstoke Church

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

RSVP to the Rector please



Christ the King

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.

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement.

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation, additionally the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist and the Blessed Virgin Mary may each be remembered in turn during the four weeks of Advent. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1Cor16:22). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour.

The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour amid the restrained atmosphere of Advent (*Gaudete* or 'Rose Sunday'), which sometimes leads to confusion surrounding Mary, but it is John the Baptist who is remembered on that Sunday. The last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.



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

Snacks, cereal bars, savoury biscuits, and Christmas goodies. Follow MVFB on twitter [@MeonValleyFB](https://twitter.com/MeonValleyFB) or at www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk.

3rd Sunday – 18th November 2018 - 2nd Sunday before Advent

Third Sunday 18Nov18 2nd Sunday before Advent	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Hebrews 10.11-25; Mark 13.1-8
	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service
	10.30 am	Corhampton	Mattins (BCP); Black Book p.62 172 Glorious things of thee 210 Oft in danger, oft in woe 343 Be thou my vision 336 All my hope on thee is founded Readings: Ps 16; Daniel 12.1-3; Mark 13.1-8

Tues 20Nov18	8.30 am	Exton (Edmund)	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 48, 52; Dan 8.15-end; Rev 11.1-14
Wed 21Nov18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 56, 57; Dan 9.1-19; Rev 11.15-end.
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.297 Ps 73; Isaiah 10.20-32; Matthew 8.1-13
Thurs 22Nov18	10 am	Droxford (Cecilia)	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Rev 5.1-10; Lk 19.41-44



St Cecilia

18 November	19 November
Elizabeth of Hungary , Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231	Hilda , Abbess of Whitby, 680 Mechthild , Béguine of Magdeburg, 1280
20 November	22 November
Edmund , King of the E Angles, Martyr, 870 Priscilla Lydia Sellon , a Restorer of the Religious Life in CofE, 1876	Cecilia , Martyr at Rome, c.230
23 November	
Clement , Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100	

4th Sunday – 25th November 2018
Christ the King (Sunday next before Lent)

Fourth Sunday 25Nov18 Christ the King	8.00 am Sunday nb Lent	Corhampton Readings:	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Col 1: 13-20; John 6: 5-14
	9:30 am	Meonstoke	All Age Worship and Activities
	10.30 am	Exton Hymns Readings:	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 345 Christ is the King 199 Immortal, invisible, God only wise 147 Crown him with many crowns 126 The king of love my shepherd is 139 Rejoice! the Lord is King Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; John 18.33-37

Tues 27Nov18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 97, 98, 100; Is 40.12-26; Rev14.14-15.end
Wed 28Nov18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 110-112; Is 40.27-41.7; Rev 16.1-11
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.297 Ps 121-124; Is. 19; Mat 10.16-33
Thurs 29Nov18	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 <u>Acts 17: 12-end; Matthew 28: 16-end</u> <i>Day of Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church</i>

25 November	30 November	1 December
Catherine of Alexandria Martyr, 4th century	Andrew, Apostle	Charles de Foucauld Hermit in the Sahara, 1916

Some dates for your diaries:

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

Soirée on the Bridge: Wednesday Sunday 9th December

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

First Sunday – 2nd December – Advent Sunday & Meonstoke Patronal

First Sunday Advent 2Dec18 St Andrew, Toy Service Advent Sunday	8.00 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: I Thess 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36
	10.30 am	Meonstoke Hymns HONS	Family Communion (In Booklet) 178 For all the saints 347 Jesus calls us 480 O Come, O come Emmanuel 633 The advent of our King 405 Lo he comes with clouds descending Readings: Rom 10.12-18; Matt 4.18-22
Advent Sunday	6.30 pm	Droxford AMNS	Advent Carols & Lessons 26 O come O come Emmanuel. 25 The Advent of our King. 484 Long ago prophets knew 483 Lift up your heads. 178 Thy Kingdom come 27 On Jordan's Bank 422 Tell out my soul 28 Lo he comes

The Season of Advent and Liturgical Year C begin on Sunday, 2nd December

Tues 4Dec18	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer - Red Book p. 198 Ps 80, 82; Is 43.1-13; Rev 20
Wed 5Dec18	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p. 198 Ps 5, 7; Is 43.14-end; Rev 21.1-8
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer - Red Book p. 205 Ps 76, 77; Is 28.1-13; Mat 12.38-end
Thurs 6Dec16	10 am	Droxford Nicholas	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Is 61.1-3; I Tim 6.6-11; Mk 10.13-16

3 December

Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552

4 December

John of Damascus
Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749

Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637

6 December

Nicholas
Bishop of Myra, c.326

7 December

Ambrose Bishop of Milan,
Teacher of the Faith, 397

Buildings updates:



Meonstoke Lychgate

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

Re-dedication by the Archdeacon – 1030 Sunday 6th January 2019

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

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

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).

Prayers

Today we pray for the armed services, past and present and their families, and for the charities which seek to support the. We remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country. 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 James & Louise Fenner) and those preparing for baptism (Max Gray; Jasper Ellis; Jarrah Diment; and, their families) and confirmation (Carlisle Martell).

For Ruth, Edward and Annabel as Ruth prepares for Ordination and the family prepares to move to their new benefice.

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 Rosie Minors, Mthr Samantha, The Rev'd David Henley (in hospital), Jackie Woollard, 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 the Rev'd Valerie Howse (see below), Penelope Maxse, Patricia Howe, Charlie Fleet and Eleanor Walker; and all in the year's mind, including Trevor Quarendon. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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The Rev'd Valerie Howse RIP

It is with sadness that David, Val's husband, has written to say that Val, who was increasingly ill from the beginning of the year, passed away peacefully at home on 9th November. Her funeral will take place at Telford Crematorium, Redhill, Telford, TF2 9NJ on 30th November at 1.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Co-Operative Funeralcare, 196 Monkmoor Road, Shrewsbury. SY2 5BH. Messages of condolence can be sent to David (8c Cliff Road, Bridgnorth. WE16 4EY.



Christ the King



St Andrew