



# 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 News

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 10 February 2019

#### The Rev'd Canon David Henley RIP

David's Service of Thanksgiving is on **16<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 pm in Droxford Church**. Please continue to pray for his family, not least his grandchildren, and his many friends and former parishioners.

Anthony and Nicola Hulbert have organised a tea to follow the service. The cost of the tea is to be a gift from us, the Benefice, to each other and to all the family and friends of David who will join us to thank God for David's life and ministry. Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed and covered the cost of the tea and who have helped to 'push the boat out a bit further' so we can start to consider a lasting memento in church. If you feel able and would like to make a contribution, please pass your donation to Anthony or Nicola, if possible, in a Droxford gift aid envelope (Anthony has some). Cheques should be made payable to Droxford PCC. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

**Safeguarding Training** 11 Feb – Soberton – Contact Jane Beardmore

**Snowdrops by Candlelight:** Saturday 16th February Hill Farm House

Shrove Tuesday **Pancake Race & Family Fun** –3.30 pm, 5 March **Droxford Church**

**Alyth Chamber Choir:** 24 March 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - Shedfield.

Details of both these events are available in the Pew Sheet on the Website.

**Scratch Messiah:** Sunday 7th April 2019 at St Andrews Church, Meonstoke.

*Exton Evensong will be postponed to the following week -Palm Sunday.*

#### Revised PCC Meetings Spring 2019

	<b>C&amp;M</b>	<b>Exton</b>	<b>Droxford</b>
<b>PCC</b>	Weds 30 Jan 19	<b>Tues 12 Mar 19</b>	Tues 5Feb19
<b>Standing Cttee</b>	<i>tbc</i>		Tues 19Mar19

#### Church Electoral Rolls and Annual Meetings

Every six years each Church of England parish in the land has to draw up a fresh Church Electoral Roll in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and this is the year. All forms have to be signed and returned to the appropriate parish Church Electoral Roll Officer by the dates below.

The preparation of the new roll must be completed not less than fifteen days or more than twenty-eight days before the annual parochial church meeting (APCM).

<b>Parish</b>	<b>Droxford</b>	<b>Corhampton &amp; Meonstoke</b>	<b>Exton</b>
<b>Official Notice &amp; Forms available in church</b>	2 February 2019 2019	2 February 2019	2 February
<b>Sundays when announcement made</b>	• 3 February 19 • 10 February 19 • 17 February 19	• 3 February 19 (M) • 10 February 19 (M&C) • 17 February 19 (C)	• 3 February 19 • 17 February 19 • 24 February 19
<b>Roll Open</b>	5 March 2019	6 March 2019	12 March 2019
<b>Latest date of entry</b>	18 March 2019	19 March 2019	25 March 2019
<b>Roll Commences</b>	19 March 2019	20 March 2019	26 March 2019
<b>Date of APCM</b>	2 April 2019	3 April 2019	9 April 2019

Please see the February/ March edition of *The Bridge* or the website for details of the APM/ APCM and the recompilation of the electoral roll for all parishes.

*Please return electoral roll forms to the ER Officer or the Rector as soon as you can to assist in the compilation of the new roll for each parish. THANK YOU.*

**The World Day of Prayer** (used to be Women's World Day of Prayer) is going to be held at St Barnabas Church, Swanmore this year. Everyone is welcome. The date is Friday March 1 at 2pm. If there are any keen singers in the congregations there will be a one hour's practice on Tuesday 26 February at 11am at St Barnabas. Again, anyone is welcome.



WELCOME EVERYBODY! EVERYBODY WELCOME!



**10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent (Fifth after Epiphany)**

<b>Second Sunday</b>  10 Feb 19  Fourth Sunday before Lent  (Proper 1)	8.00 am	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: I Cor 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11
	10.30 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 95 Holy, holy, holy 115 Dear Lord and Father 101 O worship the King 162 Jesus where'er thy people meet 458 Forth in the peace of Christ we go Readings: Isaiah 6.1-8; Luke 5.1-11
	3.30 pm	Corhampton	<b>Songs of Praise</b> – Please let one of the clergy know your favourite hymn



Isaiah 6



Luke 5



St Scholastica

Tues 12Feb19	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.137 Ps 36; I Chron 28: 11-end; Jn 15: 12-17
Weds 13Feb19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.149 Ps 34; I Chron 29: 1-9; Jn 15: 18-end
	5 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer: Red Book p.155 Ps 119: 33-56; Lev 23: 23-end; I Tim 5
Thurs 14Feb19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Gen 2: 18-end; Mark 7: 24-30

<b>10 February</b> <b>Scholastica</b> , sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543	<b>14 February</b> <b>Cyril and Methodius</b> , Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885 <b>Valentine</b> , Martyr at Rome, c.269
<b>15 February</b> <b>Sigfrid</b> , Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045 <b>Thomas Bray</b> , Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730	<b>16 February</b> <b>Juliana</b> , martyr

**17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)**

<b>Third Sunday</b>	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229
17Feb19		Readings:	I Cor 9:24-end; Matt 20: 1-16
	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b> (Proper II)	10.30 am	Corhampton	Mattins (BCP); Black Book p.62
		Hymns (AMNS)	156 Come down, O love divine 238 Blest are the pure in heart 209 Through all the changing scenes of life 336 All my hope on God is founded
Septuagesima		Readings:	<b>Ps 9: 10-20</b> ; Gen 1: 1-5; Matt 20: 1-16



Matthew 20: 1-16 – The Labourers in the Vineyard

Tues 19Feb19	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.
Wed 20Feb19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer - Red Book p.
Thurs 21Feb19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196

<b>17 February</b>	<b>23 February</b>
<b>Janani Luwum,</b> Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977	<b>Polycarp,</b> Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

## CONTACT DETAILS

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

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CHURCH WARDENS

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## For Our 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>). We pray for:

For the work of the Benefice, its mission and growth spiritually and in numbers; for our local schools. 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.

We pray for those preparing for baptism, including Betsy Stoodley and Jemima Miles, and for all those who are preparing for marriage in Benefice in 2019.

For those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including Michael Collins, Sheila Kenyon; Rosie Minors, Mthr Samantha, Jackie Woollard, Rosemary Denham, Tony Farnell and James Whitehead and all those with long-term or degenerative conditions. For all those who grieve; for the recently departed including David Thomas, Alan Hibbert, Beverley Thomas and David Henley; and all in the year's mind. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



### Meon Valley Food Bank (MVFB)

The items needed for the coming week are UHT Long-Life Milk, Spaghetti Bolognese meat meals, white cooking sauce, onion granules and lasagne sheets.

We are invited to the 4th Annual Meeting of the MVFB on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. at Bishops Waltham Youth Hall, (SO32 1BA) Speaker: Allyson Chatterley (Citizens Advice). RSVP: Sue Pardon, [mvfb2015@outlook.com](mailto:mvfb2015@outlook.com) or 07956375447.

### Lent Lunches

- Sunday 10th March, 12 Noon to 1.30 pm in Droxford Village Hall
- Thursday 28th March at 12.30 pm in St. Andrew's Church Meonstoke
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon to 2 pm at 'Reflections', Exton.

With thanks to the organisers and proceeds to Bishop Christopher's Lent Appeal.

WATCH THIS SPACE for details of Lent Courses about the Beatitudes.