



Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

3rd Sunday – 17 February 2019

Lady Edith Carver RIP. Edith, the beloved wife of the late FM Lord Carver, died at home in Meonstoke on 11th February 2019 aged 95. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's, Meonstoke on 1st March at 2 p.m. Please pray for the repose of her soul and for Susanna, Andrew, Alice and John, her children, and for Gordon, Ginger, Alexander, Tessa, Harry, Emma and Mark her grandchildren.

Pancake Race & Family Fun –3.30 pm, 5 March 19 **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.

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.

Revised PCC Meetings Spring 2019

	C&M	Exton	Droxford
PCC	Weds 30 Jan 19	Tues 12 Mar 19	Tues 5Feb19
Standing Cttee	<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).

Parish	Droxford	Corhampton & Meonstoke	Exton
Official Notice & Forms available in church	2Feb19	2Feb19	2Feb19
Latest date of entry	18Mar19	19Mar19	25Mar19
Roll Commences	19Mar2019	20Mar19	26Mar19
Date of APCM	2Apr19	3 Apr19	9Apr19

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.

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 4th April, 12 noon to 2 pm at 'Reflections', Exton.

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

Lent Courses

'LIFE ATTITUDES: a 5-week course on the Beatitudes' starting:

Thurs 7th March 10am to midday St. Mary and All Saints Church, Droxford integrated into our usual service of Holy Communion with an opportunity for further discussion over coffee afterwards. The Communion service retains the usual timings.

Mon 11Mar 6 to 7.30pm St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Exton or

Tues 12Mar 10.30am to noon Freeland Cottage, High Street, Meonstoke or

'Mark by Tom Wright for 6 weeks' -Monday 11th March 6 to 7.30pm Lone Barn, Corhampton Lane, Corhampton. Dr Paul Buxton (877335).

17th February 2019 – 3rd Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)

Third Sunday	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229
17Feb19		Readings:	I Cor 9:24-end; Matt 20: 1-16
3rd Sunday before Lent (Proper II)	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service: Charity
Septuagesima	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
		Readings:	Ps 9: 10-20 ; Gen 1: 1-5; Matt 20: 1-16



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

Tues 19Feb19			No Formal Morning Prayer but Church open and sheets available
Wed 20Feb19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p. Ps 119: 57-80; 2Chron5; Jn 17: 20-end
			No Formal Evening Prayer but Church open and sheets available
Thurs 21Feb19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Gen 9: 1-13; Mark 8: 27-33

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

24th February 2019 –2nd Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

Fourth Sunday Sexagesima 24Feb19	8.00 am	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: 2 Cor 11: 19-31; Luke 8: 4-15
	9:30 am	Meonstoke	... Unwrapped
2 nd Sunday before Lent (Proper III)	10.30 am	Exton	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 143 Jesus shall reign, 5v 226 As pants the hart, 4v 147 Crown him with many crowns, 5v 224 Lead us, heavenly Father, 3v 292 Eternal Father strong to save, 4v Readings: Rev 4; Luke 8: 22-25



Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. Lk8:24b

Tues 26Feb19	8.30 am	Exton	No Formal Morning Prayer but Church open and sheets available
Wed 27Feb19 George Herbert	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p. Ps 77; 2Chron13:1-14:1; Jn 20: 1-10
	5.00 pm	Droxford	No Formal Evening Prayer but Church open and sheets available
Thurs 28Feb19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Ecclus 5:1-8; Mark 9: 41-end

24 February	27 February
Matthias the Apostle (BCP)	George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633
1 March	2 March
David Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601	Chad Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

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usual rest day is Monday.

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Usual rest day is Friday.

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LICENSED LAY MINISTERS

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CHURCH WARDENS

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MEONSTOKE WITH CORHAMPTON: Angela Peagram 878725

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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 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 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 we know called David and for the people of Wales as we approach 1st March.

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 Lady Edith Carver, 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 breakfast bars, UHT long life-juice, tomato ketchup, couscous and laundry washing liquid/powder.

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 or 07956375447.