



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

2nd Sunday – 10th March 2019

Alyth Chamber Choir: 24 March 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist Church Shedfield. An Illustrated History of Jewish Choral Music Booking: Carol Hotchkiss - 01329 832738 - caroldhotchkiss@me.com

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

	C&M	Exton	Droxford
PCC	Stdg Cttee 19:00 Bakerswell Mon 11Mar19	19:30, Tues 12 Mar 19	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
Latest date of entry	18Mar19	19Mar19	25Mar19
Roll Commences	19Mar19	20Mar19	26Mar19
Date of APCM	02Apr19	03Apr19	09Apr19

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 3rd April, 12 noon to 2 pm at 'Reflections', Exton.

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

FOSACC AGM: Thursday, 28th March at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Church.

FODC AGM: Thursday 25th April at 7pm in Droxford Church.

RIP

Ian Higgs' funeral will be held on Weds 13 March at 2.30pm in Droxford Church.

Michael Collins' funeral will be held on Fri 29 March at 11:00am in Droxford Church.

Simon Cassels' Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Exton Church on Fri 5 April.

2nd Sunday - 10th March 2019 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Second Sunday 10Mar19 Lent I	8.00 am	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13
	10.30 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 Hymns (AMNS) 56 Forty days and forty nights 343 Be thou my vision 336 All my hope on God is founded 135 Rock of Ages, cleft for me 237 Take up thy cross Readings: Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13
	6.30 pm	Corhampton	Lenten Meditative Prayer Service: 'I am the Light of the World' (John 8:12)



The devil said to Jesus:
 'Command this stone
 to become a loaf of bread'.
 The Devil showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the
 world.
 Then the devil took him and placed him
 on the pinnacle of the temple,



Weds 13Mar19	8.30 am	Meonstoke Ember Day	Morning Prayer Red Book p.238 Ps.6; Jeremiah 5: 20-end; John 5:30-end
Thurs 14Mar19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Esther 14: 1-5, 12-14; Matt 5: 1-10

LENT COURSES

'Life Attitudes: a 5-week course on the Beatitudes' starting:

Thurs 7th March 10 am 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.

Monday, 11th March 6 to 7.30 pm St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Exton or

Tuesday, 12th March 10.30 am to noon Freeland Cottage, High Street, Meonstoke
 or **'Mark by Tom Wright for 6 weeks' -Wednesday, 13th March at 7 pm.**

Open to all. Contact: Paul Buxton (877335).

3rd Sunday – 17th March 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Third Sunday 17Mar19 Lent 2	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Philippians 3.17 - 4.1; Luke 13.31-35
	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service
	10.30 am	Corhampton Hymns (AMNS) Readings:	Mattins (BCP); Black Book p.62 4 Christ whose glory fills they skies 184 Jerusalem the golden 318 'Tis good, Lord, to be here 55 Christian, dost thou see them Ps 27; Benedicite; Benedictus Gen 15: 1-12,17-18; Luke 13.31-35



Abraham makes a covenant with God



Paul exhorts us to 'Stand firm in the Lord'



Jesus Laments over Jerusalem



St Joseph of Nazareth

Wed 20Mar19	8.30 am	Meonstoke Cuthbert	Morning Prayer - Red Book p. Ps 35; Jer 8:18 – 9:11; John 6: 60-end
Thurs 21Mar19	10 am	Droxford ++ Cranmer	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196

17 March	18 March
Patrick – Bishop Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460	Cyril - Bishop of Jerusalem Teacher of the Faith, 386
19 March - Joseph of Nazareth	
20 March	21 March
Cuthbert - Bishop of Lindisfarne Missionary, 687	Thomas Cranmer - Archb'p of Canterbury Reformation Martyr, 1556



St Patrick



St Cyril of Jerusalem



St Cuthbert



ABp Thos. Cranmer

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 emeritus: 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 - 01489 877578

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. For the Church of Ireland, Irish people everywhere, and all those we know named Patrick. We pray for those preparing for baptism, and the recently baptised including Betsy Stoodley and Jemima Miles, and for all those who are preparing for marriage in Benefice in 2019, including Robert Arthur and Ellen Caddy to be married in April. For those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including Nicola Hulbert, Anne Wilkinson, 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 Simon Cassells, Michael Collins, Ian Higgins and Edith Carver, 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 tinned meat meals, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, dried packet pasta meals, tinned spaghetti and baby wipes.