



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

3rd Sunday – 17th March 2019

Revised PCC Meetings Spring 2019

	C&M	Exton	Droxford
PCC	Stdg Cttee 19:00 Mon 11 Mar 19	19:30, Tues 12 Mar 19	Tues 19 Mar 19 in Church

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	18 Mar 19	19 Mar 19	25 Mar 19
Roll Commences	19 Mar 19	20 Mar 19	26 Mar 19
Date of APM & APCM	02 Apr 19	03 Apr 19	09 Apr 19

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.

Annual Meetings

THE ANNUAL PARISHIONERS' MEETING (APM) [Vestry Meeting]

The meeting is for the election of churchwardens in each parish. PLEASE SPEAK TO THE RECTOR IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER STANDING FOR THIS IMPORTANT OFFICE. The meeting may be attended by all persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and all persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

The meeting may be attended by all persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish only.

For the election of Parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

- To the Deanery Synod (1 vacancy at Corhampton and Meonstoke only)
- To the Parochial Church Council – vacancies exist in all three parishes
- Please consider standing if you are eligible.
- For the appointment of Sidesmen and the Independent Examiner.

Details of the reports considered at the APCM are listed on the notices.



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	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 Readings: Ps 27; Benedicite; Benedictus Gen 15: 1-12,17-18; Luke 13.31-35



Abraham makes a covenant with God
Genesis 15



Paul exhorts us to 'Stand firm in the Lord'
Philippians 3



Jesus Laments over Jerusalem
Luke 13



St Joseph of Nazareth

Wed 20Mar19	8.30 am	Meonstoke Cuthbert	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.238 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

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR MOTHER CHURCH

The Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth

On 30th March, the eve of Mothering Sunday, the Rector and Curate will lead a short pilgrimage along the shore in Portsmouth to our cathedral in time for Choral Evensong as countless pilgrims would have done down the centuries. A free minibus is available. There will be a stop for tea before we go into the Cathedral, so bring a snack tea to eat on the lawns.

If you are considering joining us, please complete the slip overleaf and pass it to Samantha or Tony so suitable routes can be planned with the group in mind – it may be a mile or two, but a drop-off closer to, or even at, the Cathedral is possible if required.

Saturday, 30th March, estimated departure at around 2.00 pm
Estimated time of return 7.00 pm.



31st March ~ Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

10.30 am ~ Droxford~ **Family Service**
with distribution of Spring Flowers
followed by optional Holy Communion (CW)



14th April ~ Palm Sunday

8.00 am ~ Meonstoke ~ Holy Communion (BCP)
Blessing of the Palms



10.30 am ~ Droxford~

Blessing and Liturgy of the Palms
Palm Procession through the Churchyard
Dramatic Reading of the Passion as a Tableau
Holy Communion (CW)



SHORT PILGRIMAGE TO OUR MOTHER CHURCH REPLY SLIP

Please return this reply slip to Samantha or Tony if you are considering joining us on the short pilgrimage to Portsmouth Cathedral.

We shall determine a suitable route with the likely group in mind but a drop-off closer to, or even at, the Cathedral is possible.

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Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

and/ or email address: _____

Other Dates for Your Diary

Lent Lunches

- 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.

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.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 'BUNCHES'. If you would be willing to make a few bunches of spring flowers **for** distribution on Mothering Sunday, would you please contact Linda Forrest on 01489 877422 forrest.lj@btinternet.com.

BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL 2019



The focus of the Lent Appeal this year will be **Mental Health**, and the support of people, especially children and young people, with mental health difficulties. The main recipient will be an initiative that is spearheaded by four young members of the royal family.

'Heads Together'

is a national coalition of charities that is supported by HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and HRH the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. These include **Contact**, working particularly with the military community, and **Mind**, with experience in this field for over 70 years. The Bishop will also support local charities working in our area among people, especially children and young people, facing mental health challenges.

The 2019 Lent Appeal will also support local charities working in our area among people, especially children and young people, facing mental health challenges. As in previous years the Bishop will welcome suggestions of such small, or larger, local charitable groups.

The Bishop hopes that by making mental health the focus of this year's appeal, it will also prompt our church communities to be more accessible and welcoming to those facing mental health problems.

Please give generously – your donation will make a real difference to the work of **Heads Together**, and to local charities and local groups working to support adults and especially children and young people with mental health difficulties.

The gift aid envelopes and leaflets are available in church and at Lent from Ash Wednesday, 6 March.



Meon Valley Food Bank (MVFB)

The items needed for the coming week are tinned meat meals, tinned potatoes, tinned veggie meals, tinned potatoes, part-baked bread and custard.

RIP

Ian Higgins' funeral was held on Wednesday, 13th March at 2.30pm in Droxford Church.

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

Simon Cassels' Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Exton Church on Friday, 5th April at 2.30 pm.

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).

CONTACT DETAILS

RECTOR: Fr Tony Forrest (01489) 877422 rector.meonbridge@btinternet.com
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

4th Sunday – 24th March 2019 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Fourth Sunday Lent 3 24MAR19 The Annunciation (from 25MAR19)	8.00 am	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: I Cor 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9
	9:30 am	Meonstoke	All Age Worship and Activities
	10.30 am	Exton	Holy Communion (CW); Lent Booklet 422 Tell out, my soul 431 We have a gospel to proclaim 147 Crown him with many crowns 259 My God, and is thy table spread 484 Long ago, prophets knew Readings: Hebrews 10.4-10; Luke 1.26-38



Our ancestors all passed through the sea and all were baptized in the sea
I Cor 10.1, 2



A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none
Luke 13.6



The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 1

Tues 26MAR19 H't Monsell	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.238 Psalm 9; Jer 11: 18 – 12:6; John 7:53- 8:11
Wed 27MAR19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.238 Psalm 38; Jer 13: 1-11; John 8: 12-30
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer; Red Book p. 244 Ps 39; Gen 49: 1-32; Heb 6: 13-end
Thurs 28mar19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion Lent Booklet Jer 7: 23-28; Luke 11: 14-23 Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196

For Our Prayers

We are shocked by the outrageous attack upon the Muslim community in Christchurch, New Zealand, and stand with people of faith everywhere who offer prayers for those most deeply affected. Terror and violence have no place in the peaceable Kingdom of God for which we work and pray, and we join countless people around the world in condemning these attacks and praying for recovery for the wounded and comfort for the bereaved.

God of peace, we pray for those caught up in the events in New Zealand, for those killed and wounded, and for those who mourn.

We pray for the people of the emergency services, and for community and political leaders and for faith leaders as they work to heal broken bonds of previously peaceful co-existence.

Turn the hearts of those who are motivated by hatred towards the love and peace of Christ and bring that peace to all your precious people and especially those in New Zealand at this time. In Christ's name. Amen

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 lent, we pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation; those serving through leadership; those seeking forgiveness; those misled by the false gods of this present age; and all who are hungry. In this place, we give thanks for the recently baptised including Betsy Stoodley and Jemima Miles.

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 and for school, hospitals and churches dedicated to St Joseph and all those named Joseph.

We pray 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 Cassels, Michael Collins, Mark Smith, Ian Higgins and Edith Carver, and all in the year's mind. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.