



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

4th Sunday – 24th March 2019



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	Closed	Closed	25Mar19
Roll Commences	19Mar19	20Mar19	26Mar19
Date of APM & APCM	02Apr19	03Apr19	09Apr19

For Exton parish, please return completed electoral roll forms to Jane Pepys no later than Monday 25 March.

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.

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	Ten Commandments ... unwrapped
	10.30 am	Exton	Holy Communion (CW); Lent Booklet Hymns (AMNS) 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. 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

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)



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

Please note that just for this year, volunteers are asked to make the bunches at home and bring or deliver them to the service.

Thank you.

The Benefice is seeking to appoint a **Safeguarding Officer** as soon as possible and certainly before the end of April 2019. If you are interested in volunteering for this important role, please discuss your interest with the Rector. The post requires an enhanced DBS check and some additional safeguarding training. There is the option of taking on the responsibility for document and identity checking in relation to DBS clearances should the successful applicant wish so to do.

**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.

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

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____
and/ or email address: _____

Dates for Your Diary

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

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.

St Andrews Church, Meonstoke

'Messiah from Scratch' With Richard Martin on the organ

Sunday 7th April at 7.00pm ~ Optional Rehearsal at 5.45- 6.30 pm

Come and enjoy singing this wonderful work! EVERYONE WELCOME

Please bring a score if you have one, although there are some scores available. (Novello Watkins Shaw edition).

Entrance is Free, with a retiring collection,

in aid of St Andrew's Church. Refreshments will be served, which includes a glass of wine. If you would like to sing, please ring Lorna 01489 877718 or Sally 01489 877983 or just turn up on the day.

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

LAMPS Production of the Passion. Wednesday 10th April 7:30pm,

St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham. Adults £10; Under 16 £5;

Tickets can be purchased from the Church Office in advance

or on the door (Refreshments served afterwards).

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

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.

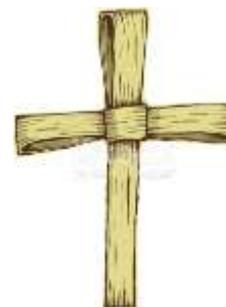
Please give generously – your donation will make a real difference to the work of **Heads Together**, and to local charities and local groups working to support adults and especially children and young people with mental health difficulties.

The gift aid envelopes and leaflets are available in church and at Lent Lunches.

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)





Meon Valley Food Bank (MVFB)

The items needed for the coming week are tinned ham, long-life milk, jellies, coffee, crackers, angel delight.

RIP

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
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

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



NB CLOCKS GO FORWARD
5th Sunday –31st March 2019
Mothers Sunday (Lent 4)



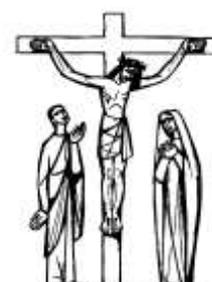
Fifth Sunday Lent 4 Mothers Sunday Laetare Sunday	8.00 am	MEONSTOKE	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: 2 Cor 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32
	10.30 am	DROXFORD	Holy Communion (CW); Special Booklet 198 Ye holy angels bright 194 King of glory, King of peace 163 Angel voices ever singing 311 Virgin-born, we bow before thee 202 Let all the world Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20-end; John 19: 25b-27



The Prodigal
Luke 15



Hannah presents Samuel to Eli
1 Samuel 1: 26-27



Woman, here is your son
John 19: 26

Tues	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.238 Ps 79; Jer 18: 1-12; John 10: 1-10
Wed	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.238 Ps 63; Jer 18: 13-end; John 10: 11-21
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer; Red Book p. 244 Ps 91; Ex 4: 1-23; Heb 10: 1-18
Thurs	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion Lent Booklet Exodus 32: 7-14; Matt 5: 1-10

1 April -Frederick Denison Maurice - Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872

F. D. Maurice studied law at Cambridge, but in 1827 refused to subscribe to the Thirty-Nine Articles in order to receive his degree. Four years later, however, at the age of 26, a personal crisis brought home to him his need for a 'personal deliverer' and he was baptized into the Church of England. Maurice was ordained in 1834 to a curacy in Warwickshire. In 1836 he moved to London as chaplain of Guy's Hospital. There he gave lectures on moral philosophy and he published his major work, *The Kingdom of Christ*, a discussion of the causes and cures of divisions within the Christian Church. He was much concerned with the role of the Church in the social issues that were coming to the fore in nineteenth-century Britain.

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.

We pray for those caught up in the events in New Zealand and the destructive cyclone in southeastern Africa, for those killed and injured, and for those who mourn. We pray for the emergency and rescue services, for the communities affected and for political and faith leaders in those countries and across the world as they work to bring relief, comfort and healing.

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.

We pray for all those who act as parents, especially those who take on the role of mother, our own mothers, foster and adoptive mothers; we pray too for our grandparents and godparents; and, as our Mother Church, for the Cathedral Church of St Thomas, the Dean and Chapter, the staff and volunteers, and those who worship there and those who visit. We pray for the witness of our short pilgrimage on 30th March.

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, Gosport, Winchester, Southampton and elsewhere in Hampshire (<https://www.streetpastors.org/our-network/united-kingdom/south-east>).

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, 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 Dennis Heath, Simon Cassels, Michael Collins, Mark Smith, Ian Higgs, Edith Carver and Vera Burrows, and all in the year's mind. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.