



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

1st Sunday – 3rd March 2019

Pancake Race & Pancakes –3.30 pm, 5 March 2019 Droxford Church & D V Hall

Ash Wednesday Service – 7.00 pm, 6 March 2019, Corhampton Church

Alyth Chamber Choir: An Illustrated History of Jewish Choral Music
24 March 2019 at 6:00 p.m. - St. John the Baptist Church Shedfield.

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	19Mar2019	20Mar19	26Mar19
Date of APCM	2Apr19	3Apr19	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.

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

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

Heartfelt thanks have been expressed by the family to all those who attended David Henley's thanksgiving service on Saturday, 16Feb19.

3rd March 2019 – Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

First Sunday Quinquagesima 3Mar19 Sunday next before Lent	8.00 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: 1 Cor 13; Luke 18: 31-43
	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Family Communion with Baptism 314 Immortal, Invisible 379 Lead us heavenly Father lead us 428 Love divine all loves excelling (Omit v.3 & 4) 655 The Lord will come and not be slow (Omit v. 3) 86 Bright the division that delighted Exodus 34.29-35; Luke 9.28-36
Quinquagesima	6.30 pm	Exton	Evensong: Black Book p.72 Ps 89: 5-12; Ex 3: 1-6; John 12: 27-36a



Luke 9:30



Exodus 3:2



Ash Wednesday

Shrove Tues 5Mar19	8.30 am	Exton	No Formal Morning Prayer but Church open and sheets available
Ash Wednesday 6Mar19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.238 Ps.38; Dan 9: 3-6, 17-18; 1Tim6: 6-19
	5.00 pm	Droxford	No Formal Evening Prayer but Church open and sheets available
	7 pm	Corhampton	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Ps 51: 1-18; Joel 2.1-2,12-17; 2 Cor 5.20b - 6.10; Mat 6.1-6,16-21
Thurs 7Mar19 Perpetua, &c	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Rev 12: 10—12a; Matt 24: 9-13

7 March	8 March
Perpetua, Felicity & their Companions: Martyrs at Carthage, 203	Edward King - Bp of Lincoln, 1910 Felix - Bp, Apostle to the East Angles, 647 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy: Priest, Poet, 1929

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	Morning Prayer Red Book p.238 Ps.
Thurs 14Mar19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Esther 14: 1-5, 12-14; Matt 7: 7-12

17 March	Patrick - Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460
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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' - **Wednesday, 13th March at 7 pm**. Open to all.

Contact: Paul Buxton (877335).

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: on **Thursday 7 March at 7.00pm** in St Peters Church Room.

Valuable training for anyone, & essential for those needing a DBS. It is undertaken as a group and lasts about 2 hours with shared experiences and a certificate on completion. Coffee and biscuits served. Please contact Jane for more information and to book a place (01489 877578 or jane.l.beardmore@gmail.com).

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 - 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 the Church in Wales, Welsh people everywhere, the Prince of Wales and his family, and all those we know named David. For the Church of Ireland, Irish people everywhere, and all those we know named Patrick.

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, 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 Lady Edith Carver, Michael Collins, and Ian Higgs, 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, instant mashed potato mix (Smash), tinned vegetables, part-baked bread, tinned spaghetti and toilet rolls.

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 IBA)

Speaker: Allyson Chatterley (Citizens Advice). RSVP:

Sue Pardon, mvfb2015@outlook.com or 07956375447.