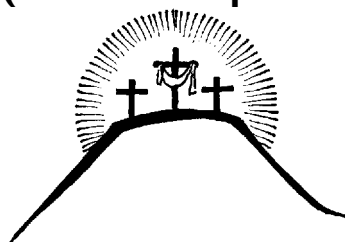




Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Double Edition Pew News

2nd and 3rd Sundays
(14th & 21st April 2019)



Palm Sunday
Easter Sunday
2019



Re-Opened Church Annual Meeting of Parishioners Droxford: St Mary & All Saints

at 7.30 pm on Monday, 29th April 2019 in the Church

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.

(Nomination forms are in the churches)

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.

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 do.



Meon Valley Food Bank (MVFB)

The items needed for the coming week are rice, sugar, porridge, fruit squash, stock cubes (all types) and cooking oil. Please donate if you can, THANK YOU.

Passiontide and Holy Week

It is still uncertain when Christians first began to make an annual (as opposed to a weekly) memorial of the death and resurrection of Christ. This *Pascha* (a word derived indirectly from *pesach*, Hebrew 'Passover') was at first a night-long vigil, followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at cock-crow, and all the great themes of redemption were included within it: incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, glorification. Over time, the *Pascha* developed into the articulated structure of Holy Week and Easter. Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning. The procession with palms, which was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century, is accompanied by the reading of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated. Maundy Thursday (from *mandatum*, 'commandment', because of the use of John 13.34 in the Antiphon) contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet, the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After keeping vigil ('Could you not watch with me one hour?') Thursday passes into Good Friday with its two characteristic episodes. The veneration of the Cross is older; the sequence of meditations and music known as the Three Hours' Devotion was introduced into the Church of England in the nineteenth century, whilst in this Benefice we undertake a walk of witness and keep just one hour before the cross with a simplified communion service, as is now widespread practice, using consecrated bread reserved from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist. The churches remain stripped of all decoration. They remain bare and empty through the following day, which is a day without a liturgy: there can be no adequate way of recalling the being dead of the Son of God, other than silence and desolation. But within the silence there grows a sense of peace and completion, and then rising excitement as the Easter draws near.

This is indeed a solemn season, which preserves some of the oldest texts still in current use, and rehearses the deepest and most fundamental Christian memories.



14th April ~ Palm Sunday

8.00 am ~ Meonstoke ~ Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am ~ Droxford~

Blessing and Liturgy of the Palms

Dramatic Reading of the Passion as a Tableau

Holy Communion (CW)





The Annual Christian Aid Walk

goes through the

Meon Bridge Parishes on

12th May 2019 starting at

1.00 pm in Droxford

PLEASE HELP - We need:

**SPONSORS, CAKE and BISCUIT MAKERS (or donors)
VOLUNTEERS TO COLLECT SPONSORSHIP and/ or DONATIONS**

And on the day

WALKERS ~ WELCOMERS ~ TEA MAKERS

and possibly some MARSHALS

Please don't wait to be asked –

let Tony & Samantha know

how you can help on the day or in another role

Evensong follows in Droxford Church at 6.30 pm



Good Friday Walk of Witness

With Prayers on the Way

09:00- 09:45 ~ **Breakfast** ~ Droxford Village Hall

10:00-10:15 ~ **Droxford Church**

Greeting ~ Jesus is Condemned to Death ~ Jesus Carries His Cross

10:15-11:05 ~ **Droxford to Exton**

Jesus Falls ~ Jesus Meets His Mother ~ Simon of Cyrene Helps Carry the cross

11:05-11:15 ~ **Exton Church**

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus ~ Jesus Falls ~ Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

11:15 -11:30 ~ **Exton to Meonstoke**

Jesus Falls a Third Time ~ Jesus Clothes are Taken Away

11:30 -13:00 ~ **Meonstoke Church**

Jesus is Nailed to the Cross ~ Jesus Dies ~ Jesus is Taken Down

followed by comfort break, Informal Service and Activities – Lunch/ Hot Cross Buns




13:45 ~ **Corhampton Church**

Jesus Is Laid in the Tomb

This is followed the tradition service of mediation, veneration and communion



2nd Sunday – 14th April 2019 - Palm Sunday & Holy Week

Second Sunday 14Apr19 Palm Sunday 	8.00 am	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP) with Blessing of Palms; Black Book p.229 Readings: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
	10.30 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (CW) & Blessing of Palms; Special Booklet 60 All glory laud and honour 61 Ride on, ride on in majesty 72 Lift high the cross (Omit v.3 – 7) 260 And now, O Father v. 1 & 2 332 Christ is made the sure foundation (Part II & Doxology vv. 5,6, & 9) Readings: Palm: Luke 19:28-40. Passion: Phil 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56
	6.30 pm	EXTON	Evensong: Black Book p.72 Ps 69.1-20; Is 5.1-7; Luke 20.9-19
Monday 15Apr19	08:30	Droxford	Morning Prayer. Ps 41; Lam 1: 1-12a; Luke 22: 1-23
	19:00	Meonstoke	Stations of the Cross
Tues 16Apr19	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer. Ps 27; Lam 3: 1-18; Luke 22: 39-53
	19:00	Corhampton	Holy Week Reflection
Weds 17Apr19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer: Ps 102; Jer 11: 18-20: 1-18; Luke 23: 54-end
	5 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Ps 88; Is 63: 1-9; Rev 14: 18 – 15:4
	19:00	Droxford	Stations of the Cross
Thurs 18Apr19 Maundy Thursday Principal Feast 	9 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
	11:00	Cathedral	Chrism Mass
	19:00	Corhampton	HC (CW) with foot washing Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
	20:00-23:59	Corhampton (drop in, even for just 20 min)	Vigil Evening Psalm 39, Matthew's Passion; Mark's Passion; and Luke's Passion read one each hour.
Good Friday Principal Holy Day 	09:00	Droxford	Good Friday Breakfast (Droxford VH)
	10:00	Benefice	Walk of Witness: (details above)
	11:30	Meonstoke	Informal Service
	13:45	Corhampton	Hour at Foot of Cross Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42.



3rd Sunday – 21st April 2019 - Easter Sunday – Alleluia!

Third Sunday	8.00 am	Exton	Bringing in the Light & Holy Communion (BCP) Easter Anthems; Col 3: 1-7; John 20: 1-16
	21Apr19	Droxford	Family Service & Communion (CW)
Easter Sunday	10.30 am	Hymns (AMNS)	Special Booklet. 348 Jesus Christ is risen today 85 Good Christians all 80 Alleluia, alleluia 83 Love's redeeming work is done 428 Thine be the glory
	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Family Service & Communion (CW)
Alleluia! Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!	10.30 am	Hymns (HONS)	Special Booklet. 348 Jesus Christ is risen today 241 Good Christian men 358 Jesus, Prince and Saviour <i>This Joyful Eastertide - Choir</i> 433 Love's redeeming work is done 672 Thine be the glory
		Readings:	Acts 10:34-43; Luke 24:1-12



They found the stone rolled away from the tomb (Luke 24:2)



Suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them (v2)



He is not here, but has risen (v5)

Easter Tues 23Apr19	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer (red Book p. 263): Ps 111; Song of Sol 2:8-end; Lk 24: 1-12
Easter Wednesday 24Apr19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer (red Book p. 263): Ps 113; Song of Sol 3; Mt 28: 16-end
	-	Droxford	No Evening Prayer this week
Easter Thursday 25Apr19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Acts 3: 11-end; Luke 24: 35-48

4th Sunday – 28th April 2019 – 2nd Sunday of (1st after) Easter

Fourth Sunday 28APR19 Second Sunday of Easter	8.00 am	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: 1 John 5: 4-12; John 20: 19-23
	9:30 am	Meonstoke	... Unwrapped
	10.30 am	Exton	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 With short talk by Nick Ridge about his experiences with a church in Malawi. Hymns 76 Come ye faithful, raise the strain 75 The day of resurrection! 79 Christ the Lord is risen again 263 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour Readings: Acts 5:27-32; John 20:19-31



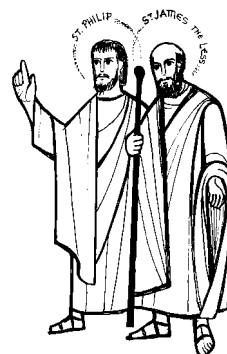
Thomas comes to believe by touching Christ



St George (Martyr)
Patron



St Mark (Evangelist)



Ss Philip and James (Apostles)



Athanasius (Teacher & Bishop)

Mon 29Apr19 St George	09:00	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW) 1 Macc2:59-64; 2 Tim2.3-13; Jn15.18-21
Tues 30Apr19 St Mark	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer (BCP) Ps148; Ecclus 51:13-end; Acts 12:25-13:13
	9.00 am		Said Holy Communion (BCP) Ephesians 4:7-16; John15.1-11
Wed 1May19 SS Philip and James	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer (CW) red book p.291 Ps 146; Prov 4:10-18; James 1: 1-12
			Said Holy Communion (CW) John 14: 1-14
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer red book p.297 : Ps 149; Job 23: 1-12; John 1: 43-end
Thurs 2May19 St Athanasius	10 am	Droxford	Said Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Ecclu 4: 20-28; Matt 10: 24-27



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 fighting Libya, the famine and sickness in the Yemen, in the shootings in New Zealand, the destructive cyclone in south-eastern Africa and the devastating floods in Afghanistan; for those killed and injured, and for those who mourn. We pray for the aid agencies, 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. We pray for political stability, peace and justice in the Sudan, Algeria and for the leadership of the United Kingdom.

In Passiontide and Holy Week, we pray for the persecuted Church; the oppressed peoples of the world; all who are lonely; all who are near to death; and, all who are facing loss.

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 married on 12th April.

We pray for our churchwardens and new PCCs.

For those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including Barry Brough, 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, Roger Brown, Simon Cassels, Michael Collins, Mark Smith, Ian Higgins, Edith Carver and Vera Burrows, and all in the year's mind. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and, by your grace and mercy, may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Dates for Your Diary

Dennis Heath's funeral will be held at Portchester Crematorium on Tuesday, 16th April at 10.15 am.

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

Lent Lunches Many thanks to the organisers and for the donations to Bishop Christopher's Lent Appeal. **'Messiah from Scratch'** Many thanks to the organisers and all those who performed and sang to make this such a wonderful evening.

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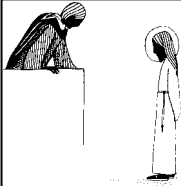







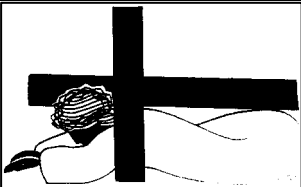

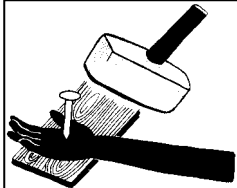
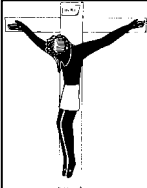

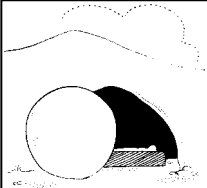
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The Way of the Cross – *Via Dolorosa*

				
Condemned	Carries His Cross	Falls	Meets Mary	Simon assists
				
Veronica	Falls	Jerusalem Women	Falls	
				
Stripped	Nailed to the Cross	Dies	Taken Down	The Tomb

He died and rose again that we might live! Alleluia!