



TODAY

The Annual Christian Aid Walk 12th May 2019
starting at **1.00 pm in Droxford**

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/south-hampshire-sponsored-walk-0>

PLEASE COME and HELP – You ARE Needed

We still need

**SPONSORS, CAKE and BISCUIT DONORS,
VOLUNTEERS TO COLLECT DONATIONS
WALKERS ~ ‘WELCOMERS’ & TEA POURERS**

Please don't wait to be asked – PLEASE let Tony, Samantha, Sheila M or Angela know how you can help on the day or in another role.

The church founded Christian Aid Week to fight for equality, dignity and freedom for all. By holding a church collection and walking, we can support some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers – like the communities in Sierra Leone which is the focus for this year's Christian Aid Week. A lack of healthcare means Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Tragically, 10 women will die today from giving birth there.

Evensong follows the walk in Droxford Church at 6.30 pm



Meon Valley Food Bank (MVFB)

The items needed for the coming week are tinned meat meals, fruit squash, angel delights, long-life UHT Milk and toothpaste. Please donate if you can, THANK YOU.

The services of the MVFB are in such demand that the supervisory work that Sue Pardon has done needs now to be split into two roles. If you feel you could spare a few hours on Tuesday mornings to oversee proceedings and to meet and speak to clients, then please contact Sue on suepardon@gmail.com or phone 07956 375447 for an informal chat. Full training and induction will be provided and the main qualification is a heart for Jesus and his work serving others.

19:00 Thursday, 30th May 2019 in Meonstoke Church
Principal Feast-Day Eucharist for Ascension Day.
All Welcome.

Please use this special event to invite a friend of neighbour to church.

THANK YOU for the excellent Soiree on Thursday evening.

2nd Sunday – 12th May 2019 – 4th Sunday of (3rd after) Easter

Second Sunday 12May19	8.00 am	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30
	10.30 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (CW); Black Book p.166; EP: B p.188 Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23 (p. 617); Jn 10:22-30
CHRISTIAN AID WALK – Droxford – see above			
	6.30 pm	DROXFORD	Evensong: Black Book p.72 Is 63: 7-14; Ps 113; Luke 24: 36-49



Jesus said:

‘My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.
No one will snatch them out of my hand’. (John 10: 27, 28)

Tues 14May19 St Matthias	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer (BCP) Deut 9: 1-21; Eph 4: 17-end
	9.00 am		Said Holy Communion (BCP) Acts 1:15-26; John 15:9-17
Weds 15May19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer: Red Book p.263 Ps 135; Deut 10: 12-end; Eph 5: 1-14
	5 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer: Red Book p.269 Ps 47; Exodus 33; Luke 3: 15-22
Thurs 16May19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Acts 13: 13-25; John 13: 16-20

12 May	16 May
Gregory Dix: Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952	Caroline Chisholm: Social Reformer, 1877

Thy Kingdom Come Big Prayer Picnic – a diocese-wide ecumenical event at Portchester Castle at Pentecost – see Mthr Samantha for details. Please also see <https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2019/06/09/tkc-big-prayer-picnic>.

3rd Sunday – 19th May 2018 – 5th Sunday of (4th after) Easter

Third Sunday 19May19 Easter 5	8.00 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Acts 11:1-18; John 13:31-35
	9.45 am	Droxford	Informal Service
	10.30 am	Corhampton	Mattins (BCP); Black Book p.62 Readings: Gen 22: 1-18; Ps 148: 1-6; Acts 11:1-18

Tues 21May19	8.30 am	Exton Helena	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.263 Ps 19; Deut 17:8 – end; 1 Pet 1: 13-end
Wed 22May19	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer - Red Book p.263 Ps 30; Deut 18:9-end; 1 Pet 2: 1-10
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer - Red Book p.269 Ps 99; Num 12; Luke 5: 12-26
Thurs 23May19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Acts 15: 7-21; John 15: 9-11

19 May	20 May
Dunstan: Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988	Alcuin of York: Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
21 May	24 May
Helena: Protector of the Holy Places, 330	John and Charles Wesley: Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788
25 May	
The Venerable Bede: Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735	Aldhelm: Bishop of Sherborne, 709

Thanks to **Nick Ridge** for his talk about the church and congregation in Malawi that he visited and for which he seeks to raise about £300 to restore the church and more.

Easter Flowers – thank you so much to all those who decorated our churches so beautifully for Easter. They brought great joy and were a sign of love and dedication. Thank you too to all those who **read** or **served, cleaned** and tidied, **prepared** and set up, played **music** or sang, walked in witness or cooked breakfast – **THANK YOU ALL!**

Our parishes all need people to help before, during and after services. Could you occasionally set up for communion or perhaps assist with a chalice? Could you read a lesson once or twice a year? Do you feel you might be able to lead our intercessions? We shall be offering some refresher training over the next few months, but those new to these ministries would be welcome to join us to see if they would like to join a team in one or more of our churches. Yes? Then please have an informal chat with the Rector or Curate about it.

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.

At Easter, we pray for: the people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord; God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care; those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ; those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection; prisoners and captives. We pray for the Bishop, Christopher Foster and our archdeacon, Gavin Collins; for the *Thy Kingdom Come* event at Portchester Castle at Pentecost. 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, especially those whose banns are being read this week.

We pray for our churchwardens and new PCCs and for the newly elected Council. For women in Licensed Lay Ministry (Readers).

We give thanks for the birth of Anthony Ridge (Nick and Liz's grandson).

For those recovering from operations or undergoing treatment or who are unwell in mind, body or spirit, including Oliver Newbold, Barry Brough, 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 mourn the loss of a loved one, including those grieve for still-born baby; for the recently departed, including Robert Hodgson, and those in the year's mind.

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SAFEGUARDING: Recruitment is underway, please speak to the Rector.