

1st Sunday ~ 5th May 2019 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter



Meon Valley Food Bank (MVFB)

The items needed for the coming week are tinned meat meals, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, part-baked bread and long-life UHT Milk. 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.

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 to do good works locally

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.

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!



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 HELP

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

And on the day

WALKERS ~ WELCOMERS & TEA MAKERS

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.

Evensong follows in Droxford Church at 6.30 pm

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.

Join together for a Picnic and Prayer event in the grounds of Portchester Castle, on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. Concluding the 10 days of prayer, **The Big Prayer Picnic** is an open-air ecumenical beacon prayer, worship and celebration, calling churches together from the whole of south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. – see Mthr Samantha for details. Please also see

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/events/2019/06/09/tkc-big-prayer-picnic>. The schedule is as follows:

- **1pm to 2:30pm:** The big prayer picnic with fun for families and a variety of prayer tents to visit.
- **2:30pm to 4pm:** The main prayer and worship event drawing us all together as one.

Come from your morning Pentecost service to join with many churches from all over Portsmouth diocese to eat, pray and worship.

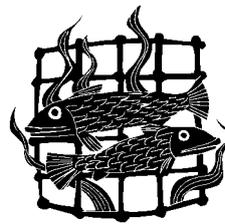
There will be parking for up to 1,000 cars in a nearby field bordering the castle.

1st Sunday – 5th May 2019 – 3rd Sunday of (2nd after) Easter

First Sunday	8.00 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP) Black Book p.229 Readings: Acts 9:1-6; John 21:1-19
5 th May 3 rd Sunday of Easter	10.30 am	Meonstoke Hymns (HON)	Family Communion (In Booklet) 754 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem 198 From the very depths of darkness 354 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now 9 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven 667 The strife is o'er, the battle done Readings: Acts 9:1-6; John 21:1-19
2 nd after Easter	6.30 pm	Exton	Evensong: Black Book p.72 100 All people that on earth do dwell 139 Rejoice! The Lord is King 73 Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem 10 Glory to thee, my God Ps 86; Is 38: 9-20; John 11: 27-44



The Disciples are questioned by the Sanhedrin and forbidden to preach in Jesus' name.



The Risen Lord appears to those assembled at the Sea of Tiberias and shares a meal of bread and fish.



Tues 7May19	8.30 am	Exton	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 98; Deut 5.22–end; Eph 1.15–end
Weds 8May19 <i>Mthr Julian</i>	8.30 am	Meonstoke	Morning Prayer Red Book p.291 Ps 105; Deut 6; Eph 2.1–10
	5.00 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer Red Book p.297 Ps 72; Exodus 24; Luke 1.39–56
Thurs 9May19	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion p.1/ 166; Euch Prayer: E p.30/ 196 Acts 8.26–end; John 6.44–51

Fifty years ago this month, it became possible for women to be Readers.

THE anniversary of the revision of Canon E6 (“Of Readers”), to make it clearly apply to both men and women, falls on 7 May. It came a decade after a motion asking the Convocations to consider such a change was carried in the House of Laity of the Church Assembly (which was the predecessor of the General Synod). Moving the motion in 1959, Mr C. E. Jones, of Chester, suggested that only in the Church did the “heavy shackles of sex prejudice” hamper women’s advancement in society. “If we are afraid to risk unpopularity, we shall never get anywhere.”



8 May: Julian of Norwich, Mystic and Spiritual Writer, who wrote about the mystery of God’s love. 1342- c.1417

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

Second Sunday 12May19 Easter 4 (Good Shepherd)	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 Hymns 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.291 Ps 135; Deut 10: 12-end; Eph 5: 1-14
	5 pm	Droxford	Evening Prayer: Red Book p.297 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

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. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, 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>).

For the ministry of women Readers, especially Cathy and Pauline.

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.

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, 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 and 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.