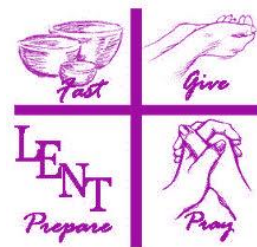




Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News Lent & Passiontide



Welcome Everybody! Everybody Welcome!

Our Churches remain Open

Please Come in for Private Prayer, to light a candle or for a few moments of reflection
However, in light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

Prayers will also be said by the clergy on behalf of everyone and we are exploring ways of sharing this with the wider community. Digital resources are available on our and some prayer cards have been placed in all four churches for people to take away and use. Please feel free to take a copy for yourself and deliver copies to friends and neighbours. Daily prayers will be said for the community and the Eucharist with intercessions will be celebrated in a church on behalf of all on each Sunday as far as possible.

A Sunday service will be recorded each week and put on the Benefice Website:
www.bridgechurches.org.uk/sunday-worship-during-the-pandemic.

it will be updated at about 1130 each Sunday with text, audio and hymn tunes.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will lead the Church of England's first national virtual service tomorrow morning. It will be broadcast simultaneously at 8am on BBC local radio and as BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship. It will then feature on Facebook through the Church of England's page at 9am. Or join the Archbishop of Canterbury for a Mothering Sunday service, live at 0930 online: www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/online-church.

Thank You:

... for all the community activity to support the isolated.

... to the Friends of Droxford Church and the Friends of St Andrew's and Corhampton Churches for their support of church facilities and community life.

Meetings & Special Events in the Benefice are all postponed



We Support the Meon Valley Foodbank

The stock items needed are Porridge, Desserts such as jellies, angel delights, sponge puddings, Snack bars, Crackers. Toothbrushes and Washing powder/liquid. THANK YOU so much for all you give, and please do give generously as the need is acute. If in BW, please take your donations directly to the Youth Hall on a Tuesday mornings as collections from churches and schools may be sporadic.

Love your neighbour as yourself.

**How is your neighbour? How do you Know?
Is someone near self-isolating and unsupported
or just unable to go out?
Can you help?**

Please do not assume all is well around you.

Please watch out for single people, and the elderly who are isolated from their families.

Do they have enough food, medicines such as pain-killers, fluids?
Please ask and help if you can or let one of the local groups know, or tell the Rector know who may be able find someone to help.

Whilst not being complacent or reckless,
let's all try to resist selfishness and excessive fear.

'Honour your mother and father' - let us all look out for the elderly.

'Love your neighbour as yourself' - let us think of others as well as ourselves.

For current Corona Virus (Covid-19) general guidance and specific advice for churches go to <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>.

If you have health concerns and for the latest health advice, please visit the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>.

Please pray for all those who are ill, those who are isolated, those who work in the health & social care sectors, those who are researching Corvid19, those who bring and co-ordinate relief and those who make policy.

Please watch out for your neighbour, especially the single, the elderly and the isolated. And although you cannot visit the self-isolating they may appreciate a call, an email, contact by social-media and perhaps some shopping left by the front door. Let's not assume someone else knows about them.

Services planned for Benefice Website (online from 1130)

Sun, 22nd March	Mothering Sunday	1 Sam 1: 20-end		Jn 19: 25b-27
Sun, 29th March	Lent 5 Passiontide	Romans 8: 6-11		Jn 11: 1-45
Sun, 5th April	Palm Sunday	Mt 21: 1-11	Is 50: 4-9a	Mt 26:14-27: end
Thurs, 9th April	Maundy Thursday	Ex 12: 1-4	1Cor11: 23-26	Jn 13: 1-17, 31b-35
Fri, 10th April	Good Friday	Way of the Cross		
Sun, 12th April	Easter Day	Bringing in the Easter Light and Easter Liturgy Acts 10: 34-43; Mt 28: 1-10		
Sun, 19th April	Easter 2	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32	Jn 20: 19-end	
Sun, 26th April	Easter 3	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41	Lk 24: 13-35	

For Our Prayers:

Each Morning:	The day and its tasks; the world and its needs.
Each Evening:	Peace; individuals and their needs.
International:	The medical response to and the victims of the Corona virus. For a lasting peace and for justice in Afghanistan; The ongoing situation in Syria especially Idlib. For an end to all extremism. The people in East Africa, where locusts are devastating crops and the drought in Zimbabwe. Our relations with international partners. The created world and the environment. The Anglican Communion (http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer).
National	Those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by flood and storm. Kindness in the media and on social media. The Church of Ireland, the people of Ireland, and those we know named Patrick (17), Cyril (18), Joseph (19), Cuthbert (20 Mar) and parishes with those patrons. The work of TearFund and Christian Aid . All those who foster and adopt children and Children's Services.
Regional	The homeless and unemployed; Street Pastors in Portsmouth, Gosport, Winchester, Southampton and across Hampshire (https://www.streetpastors.org/our-network/united-kingdom/south-east).
The Diocese:	Bishop, Christopher Foster, Archdeacon, Gavin Collins, and Area Dean David Isaac. https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news-and-events/prayer-diary . Pilgrims & Becket 2020. The Bishop's Lent appeal.
The Deanery:	The Deanery team; The Food Bank; Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Wiaswo, Ghana and in the Deanery of Hackney. Our brothers and sisters at Our Lady of the Apostles RC, BW King's, and local Methodist churches.
The Benefice:	Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love; Deepening our faith, seeking to serve, growing for God and welcoming to all. Mission & community engagement. The 'shut-in', isolated and lonely in our villages.
C2020	For a year of community celebration and pilgrimage and 1000+ years of worship here. For All Saints' Lambourne and St Nicholas Wickham as they mark their 900 years.
Annual Cycle Community & neighbours	Cott Street; Crookhorn Lane; Cut Throat Lane; Cutts Arch; De Port Heights; Dradfield Lane; Dundridge Lane; East Hoe Road; East Street, Hambledon; The Shoe Pub and Businesses in Exton; The Meon Valley Methodist Circuit
Those unwell or grieving	Those isolated or suffering with Covid19. Michael Wilkes; Sally Keighley; David Keighley; John Martin; Angela Peagram, Ann Gittins, Anne Wilkinson, Jackie Woollard.

Holy Baptism	Those being prepared for baptism (Magnus) and confirmation (Stephen) and the recently baptised (Hector)
Holy Matrimony	The recently married: Oliver & Faatima; and, those trying to prepare for marriage later in 2020: Phil & Charlotte; Jack & Abigail; James & Kate; Stephen & Joanna; Cameron & Nita; Lance & Lydia; Alistair & Bethany; Andrew & Nicola; Peter & Gabrielle
The Recently Departed	Josephine Ruth Carey
The Year's Mind	Grace Dumper (2016); Liz Gammell (2017); Simon Cassels (2019)

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