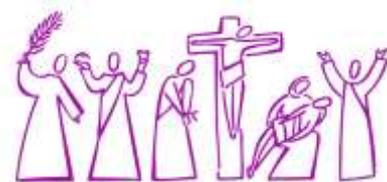


Meon Bridge Benefice

April Pew News

Passiontide



Welcome Everybody! Everybody Welcome!

**The Church continues to be alive and active
but our buildings must close**

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives. **Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.**

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in this building, but our website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life. See our website for several resources and join in with on-line worship (www.bridgechurches.org.uk).

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 and audio and hymn tunes as soon as the files can be uploaded thereafter.

There are various services on the television, radio and online. see: 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

STOCKS ARE DEPLETED and due to the current circumstances. This week we are asking for tinned meat meals such as minced beef, chicken in white sauce and meat pies; tinned meats such as ham, spam and corned beef; tinned vegetables; rice pudding, custard and baked beans. As the Food bank is now closed to the public, please could you put the donated food in the food trolley in Budgens supermarket.. Thank you for the Easter Eggs!

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, 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	1 Cor 11: 23-26	Jn 13: 1-17, 31b-35
Fri, 10th April	Good Friday	Way of the Cross		
Sun, 12th April	Easter Day	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.
Pandemic:	Thanks for the NHS and for their safety. Thanks for all volunteers and front-line workers in the pandemic and for their safety. Those who are in difficulty due to the pandemic, whether in mind, body or spirit – especially those isolated or suffering with Covid19. The medical response to and the victims of the Corona virus worldwide and learning from each other. The work of the NHS, virologists and epidemiologists working on Covid19, on building equipment and on testing. All those seeking to keep the nation fed, clean and safe and all those volunteering to assist the NHS. Those leading the nation and the bodies that shape policy, plans and responses.
Season	In Passiontide, we are asked to pray especially for the persecuted Church; the oppressed peoples of the world; all who are lonely or isolated, exacerbated by the current situation; all who are near to death; all who are facing loss.
International:	For a lasting peace and for justice in Afghanistan; The ongoing situation in Syria especially Idlib. For an end to all extremism. Situations of conflict, drought, crop-failure and hunger going unreported during the pandemic. The created world and the environment. The Anglican Communion (http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer).
National	Those whose lives remain affected by winter floods and storms and whose livelihoods by the pandemic. Kindness in the media and on social media. All those who foster and adopt children and Children's Services. The homeless and unemployed.
Regional	Street Pastors in Portsmouth, Gosport, Winchester, Southampton and across Hampshire (https://www.streetpastors.org/our-network/united-kingdom/south-east).
The Diocese:	Our Bishop Christopher Foster and his staff, 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 church and the local Methodist circuit.
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 pilgrimage and community celebration and 1000+ years of worship here. For All Saints' Lambourne and St Nicholas Wickham as they mark their 900 years.

Cycle for community & neighbours April	The Archdeacon of the Meon and the Area Dean, clergy and people of Bishop's Waltham Deanery; Forester Road; Fry's Lane; Garrison Hill; Glidden; Green Lane; Hacketts Lane; Hambledon Lane; Hayden Lane; Heath Road; The Friends of St Andrew's and Corhampton Churches (FOSACC); The PO, Shop, The Bucks Head Pub and Businesses in Corhampton and Meonstoke; All those unable to visit the Benefice at this time; The Royal Air Force, Civil Aviation and National Air Traffic Services as they seek to keep supply lines and rescue missions going.
Those unwell or grieving	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; all casualties of Covid-19.
The Year's Mind	Ed Parrett 3rd April; Christopher Pepys (Bishop) 4th April; Robert Hodgson 25th April.

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