



Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

Trinity 14 - Harvest

Welcome Everybody! Everybody Welcome!

If you are new or a visitor, we are especially glad to see you.
 By way of introduction, make yourself known to the person taking the service.

Praying for an end to the Pandemic and your good health

**The wearing of face coverings in church is mandatory
 from 8th August 2020**

*Please don't give this Pew Sheet back: take it home
 for your reference and prayers during the week.*

Please do try to let us know in advance if you would like to attend a service

OPEN AIR SERVICES

While there is good weather, we are trying to capitalise on our beautiful open spaces for worship – this is good in the pandemic too. Please remember to bring **suitable clothing** for sun or chill wind and **something to sit on**.

10.30 – 13Sep20 – Harvest Thanksgiving – Churchyard, Droxford

The Wilfrid Café (Droxford) is **OPEN** for excellent take-away coffee

Harvest - Trinity 14 – 11th after Lockdown

This Week	Droxford	Harvest Thanksgiving with Spiritual Communion
	Readings:	<i>Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23</i>
13Sep20	On-Line	Sung Eucharist + Spiritual Communion
10.30 am	Holy Cross	<i>Numbers 21.4-9; Philippians 2.6-11; John 3.13-17</i>
Next Week	Meonstoke	Morning Service (BCP) + Spiritual Communion
10.30 am	Trinity 10	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matt 15: 10-28
20Sep20	On-Line	Sung Eucharist (CW) + Spiritual Communion
	St Matthew	<i>Prov 3.13-18; 2 Corinthians 4.1-6; Matthew 9.9-13</i>
27Sep20	Exton	Morning Service (BCP) + Spiritual Communion
10.30 am	On-Line	Sung Eucharist (CW) + Spiritual Communion
	Michaelmas	<i>Genesis 28.10-17; Revelation 12.7-12; John 1.47-51</i>
4Oct20	Meonstoke	Harvest Thanksgiving with Spiritual Communion
		<i>2 Corinthians 9.6-15; Luke 12.16-30</i>
10.30 am	On-Line	Morning Service (BCP) + Spiritual Communion
	(St Francis)	<i>1 Kings 19.9-18; Galatians 6.14-18; Luke 12.22-34</i>

Material for Gathered Sunday Service

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Gospel

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns

grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, you have fed your people in this sacrament with the fruits of creation made holy by your Spirit: by your grace raise up among us faithful labourers to sow your word and reap the harvest of souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP – STOCK IS LOW



Thank You for all your kind donations and continued support which is always needed.

The items that we require for the coming week are: Small jars of coffee; Small bags of sugar; Angel delight; Tins of spaghetti and spaghetti hoops; Peanut Butter; Marmite.

Please note that Budgens in Bishops Waltham is now closed. Please drop off your donations at the Carpenters (Meonstoke), Exton Church, Droxford Church (boxes provided) or directly to the Youth Hall opposite Budgens on Tuesday between 10 am and 1 pm.

Registered Charity in England and Wales 1190417.

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For Our Prayers:

Each Morning	For the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life; all the key workers who live in or serve the communities of Corhampton, Droxford, Exton, Hambledon, Meonstoke, Newtown & Soberton.
Each Evening	For peace; individuals and their needs; those in fear of death at this time; those who worship here & those have been born, baptised, confirmed, married or laid to rest in our benefices in recent years; our local brothers and sisters of other faiths, other denominations and those with a faith known only to God.
The sick or grieving	Linda & Keith Foot, Anne Wilkinson, Jackie Woollard.
Holy Baptism	Those being prepared for baptism including baby Magnus and the Tosdevine children.
Holy Matrimony	James & Kate, Claire & Stephen and those preparing for marriage in 2020 and 2021, especially those whose plans have been disrupted
The Departed	John Foot; Ann Gittins, Toby Dove
Year's Mind	Eleanor Walker 6 th ; Rosemary Brook 8 th ; Charlie Fleet 10 th ; David Whitehead 16 th ; Win Westbrook 17 th ; Linda Louise Lock 24 th ; Liz Stewart 27 th ; Margaret Strong 29 th .