



The Meon Bridge Benefice
Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford
and Exton with Preshaw

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Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew Sheet

The Epiphany - 3rd January 2021

God bless and a Joyous, Blessed and Peaceful Christmas Season
& Happy New Year to you and yours.

Praying for an end to the Pandemic and your good health

The wearing of face coverings in church is mandatory

First Sunday 03Jan21 The Epiphany	8.00 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP) -cancelled Currently Suspended as part of Covid-precautions
	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Family + Communion (In Booklet) Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12
	3.30 pm	Exton	Evensong (BCP) cancelled Currently Suspended as part of Covid-precautions

To be decided after risk assessment:

Thurs 07Jan21	10 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (Booklet) Euch Prayer: E
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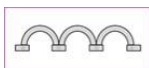
The Wilfrid Café (Droxford) is **currently Closed**

GATHERED SERVICES

We are keeping our gathered services under review in the light of the recent assessments of national and local risk to our health and well-being in the face of the Pandemic.

PLEASE check the Website, Facebook and notices for the latest situation

Following the announcement placing us into Tier 4, all gathered services are under review and new ways of reaching the parishes more widely are being explored. The full list of restrictions for Tier 4 areas can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>



The government is advising that people do not travel between tiers, unless it is essential.

Update 02Jan21:

- 1030 3Jan21 (Meonstoke)
Family Service followed by optional Holy Communion for the Epiphany will take place.
- 0800 3Jan (Droxford) BCP Holy Communion not taking place as previously stated;
1530 3Jan21 (Exton) BCP Evening Prayer is cancelled
- All subsequent services are under review at this time
- There will be a streamed service on this website (and perhaps other platforms in due course) every Sunday

Planned services for the remainder of January

(Subject to Risk Assessment)

10th Baptism of Christ	10.30 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (CW)
17th Epiphany 2	8 am	Exton	No Service
	10.30 am	<u>Meonstoke</u>	HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
24th Epiphany 3 (Prayer for Christian Unity)	8 am	Corhampton	No Service
	10.30 am	Exton	Holy Communion (CW)
31st Candlemas	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Festal Holy Communion (CW) followed by consecration of new Church Notice Board

The Thursday Eucharist at Droxford is under review.

Mornings:	The day and its tasks; the world and its needs.
Evenings	Peace; individuals and their needs.
Epiphany	The unity of the Church; The peace of the world; The healing of the sick; The revelation of Christ to those from whom his glory is hidden; All who travel.
International:	Victims of persecution, including Christians targeted by ISIS. All those who are trafficked, especially children and young people and those who work to prevent trafficking and abuse.
National:	HM Government and Parliament; The victims of floods and farmers trying to cope. The Children's Society & other children's charities. The homeless and unemployed and those whose health or well-being is suffering due to the economic, social or health impact of the pandemic.
The Diocese:	Bishop, Christopher Foster, Archdeacon, Gavin Collins (Bishop of Dorchester elect), and Area Dean David Isaac.
The Deanery:	The Deanery team; Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Wiaswo, Ghana and in the Deanery of Hackney. Our brethren at Our Lady of the Apostles RC and the URC/ Methodist churches (Bishops Waltham)
The Benefice:	Deepening our faith, seeking to serve, growing for God and welcoming to all. Mission & community engagement through Corhampton 2021. In thanksgiving for new children and grandchildren born and for the recovery to good health for those who have been ill.
The Year's Mind	Peter Turner (2017); Alan Hibbert (2018); David Henley, Priest (2018); Vera Burrows (2018). Marion Jack (2016); Heather Buxton (2018); Sheila Willoughby (2018); David Thomas (2019); Alan Frederick Jones (2020)

THANK YOU!

Supporting Homeless Children and Families in Portsmouth

The toys for children of homeless families were delivered to the Roberts Centre in time for Christmas. The Community Christmas Tree celebrations has raised £1000 – an extremely valuable contribution to support the E C Roberts Centre in Portsmouth (www.robertscentre.org.uk). THANK YOU to all who supported the event or have given toys or money.

Those Keeping us Going

Thank you too to all those who clean the churches, arrange flowers, maintain, mow, trim and tidy our churchyards and Church Green, look after buildings or people, read or lead prayer – THANK YOU ALL.



Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP

During the two weeks before Christmas, MVFB provided food to nearly 200 people.

They could only do that because of the amazing generosity of so many people coupled

with the dedication of the wonderful team of volunteers. It was humbling and encouraging to see so many individuals and organisations arrive with donations. In the midst of desperate need, with your help, the M V Food Bank has brought love and hope to so many people.

Thank you. Follow MVFB on twitter [@MeonValleyFB](https://twitter.com/MeonValleyFB) or at www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk.

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