

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

3rd October – 18th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22 B)

Sunday, 3 rd October	8.00	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP)
18 th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)	10. 30	Meonstoke	Harvest Festival
	18.30	Exton	Said Evening Prayer (BCP)
Thursday, 7 th October	10.00	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)

Supporting the People of Afghanistan

(www.bridgchurches.org.uk/2021/08/supporting-the-people-of-afghanistan)

Save the Date: A Christmas sale in aid of Afghani Refugees is being planned. It will be held in Droxford Church on **Tuesday 9th November** – watch this space for further details.

Help for Afghan refugees

Huge numbers of refugees have left the country over the past few weeks, and there may be thousands more over the coming years. Only a small fraction of them will end up in the UK, but our call as God's people is to welcome the stranger.

Here's a list of ways in which we can help, with further details in NEWS section of our website (link above):

1. Diocesan Fund for Asylum Seekers and Refugees, working with partner organisations such as the Rural Refugee Network, Hope into Action, Friends Without Borders and the British Red Cross, the drop-in centre in All Saints Church, Portsmouth, for asylum seekers and refugees. These organisations help people practically, emotionally and legally.
2. Direct support: By making direct payments to the Rural Refugee Network, Hope into Action, Friends Without Borders, and the British Red Cross, Oxfam, Save the Children and Christian Aid. (See below)
3. Donations of specific household items that will help those people who are offered accommodation in Hampshire. Community First: nappies, coats, clothing, underwear, blankets, adults' shoes, mobile phone chargers and new or refurbished laptops to help families keep in touch with loved ones.
4. Foster carers: those children who are unaccompanied refugees and asylum seekers may need carers to foster them.
5. Become informed: The Church of England toolkit, to share key facts and theological reasons for being involved; Also, Gov.UK and the Portsmouth City of Sanctuary website.
6. Pray: resources available from organisations such as Christian Aid, Open Doors and the Church of England.

Afghanistan: Christian Aid response

CA have been able to offer some relief so far - but more will be needed. How can we support them?

Support the Afghan people through giving:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/global-hunger-emergency-appeal>

Support the Afghan people through campaigning:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/stand-afghanistan>

Support the Afghan people through prayer:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/pray/prayer-afghanistan>

Meon Valley Foodbank - 07956 375447

Wickham Centre, Mill Lane Wickham PO17 5AL

www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk - Twitter @MeonValleyFB

The MVFB is open on Mondays between 10 and 12 and other local locations for food donations. (see our website 'News'). The following items are required: *UHT Milk; Rice; Part baked bread; Tinned vegetables, all types; Tinned Fruit; Gravy granules; Shampoo and Conditioner or wash and go; Laundry detergent pods or tablets..*

THANK YOU for your continued support. PLEASE give generously.

Prayers

For each day and its tasks; the world and its needs

The Church and her life including the Vacancy in See Committee; for Bishop Rob, our Commissary, Will, our acting archdeacon, David, our area Dean; for our neighbours in the deanery, for all our local Christian brothers and sisters, for the Synods planning the future of the church and for our PCCs, clergy, lay ministers and people of all the villages in the Benefice.

For peace and justice; For individuals: and among them our local businesses and our farmers; the sick, needy and those grieving.

The newly baptised: Persephone, Maisie Jean, Padric, Sonny, Matthew, Heston and Adriayna, Maisie Jean and **Married:** Jack & Abigail Tosdevine; Liam & Beth Aspinall; Cameron & Nita Bengé; Lance & Lydia Madgwick (Friday);. **For those, in 2021, Preparing for Baptism:** Margot, Emily Evelyn, Anna and Hector; and for **Marriage:** Alistair Jones & Bethany Blackman.

The Benefice: Deepening our faith, seeking to serve, growing for God and welcoming to all. Mission & community engagement through Corhampton 1000 and the Droxford Community Hub. Our financial and spiritual renewal.

The Year's Mind: Florence Jessie [ka Jessie] Tidman (2016), Jennifer Apps (2019), Rosemary Frere-Cook (2014), Stephen Gardiner Austin MBE (2019), Evelyn Rose Smith (2020).

Recently Departed: Margaret White; Reginald Daniels; Jeremy Dreyer; Eric Smith (Ashes interred on Friday), Andrew Spreadbury; Elizabeth Ridge; Angus Buchanan; Anne Wilkinson; Roger Nichols.

Please pray for the families and friends of all those departed this life.

Supporting your Churches

Do you know anyone who could be the clerk or secretary to the PCCs, or an honorary Assistant Churchwarden? Could it even be you?

If the answer might be 'yes' to any of these, please speak to the Rector (0189 877422) for an informal chat.

Pop-In for Coffee

St Andrew's Church on the first and third Wednesday of the month
10 am until noon. **All VERY welcome.**

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning
Friday, 24th September in Wilfrid's Café in Droxford Church.

This raised £740 – thank you

Friday, 1st October 9.30 – 12 noon - Meon Hall.

The Pop Up Coffee Shop is back in person in Meonstoke and Wilfrid's Café is
THANK YOU!

Thank you for the wonderful Organ recital by Richard Martin on Tuesday 21st September and for the fascinating talk on Yew Tree. by national yew tree expert Toby Hindson on Friday 24th September. Both were wonderful and well-supported events. Our thanks go to all involved.

A huge thank you for the The Madding Crowd event and a delicious Harvest Supper in the Meon Hall last night.

C1000 Upcoming Events

Friday 8th October, – 19.30 Meon Hall – One-man show by poet, rebellious priest and psychotherapist Book on Eventbrite .

Sunday 17th October – 19.00 St Andrew's – the most talented and exciting Vox Arcis Chamber Choir will perform and a finger buffet will be served. £10/ticket. Book now on Eventbrite.

Saturday 6th November – 12.00 to 20.00 Meon Hall – Exhibition of art produced by local artists and display of locally found ancient artefacts

Saturday 11th December – Christmas Tree and Carol

Singing Festivities – 18.00 Church Green, Meonstoke – more details to follow.

Please see <http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/c1000/> for further details.

Sunday, 10th October 19th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)	08.00	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30	Droxford	Sung Eucharist (CW)
	18.30	Corhampton	Evensong (BCP)
Thursday, 14th October (Teresa from 15th)	10 .00	Droxford	Said Holy Communion
Sunday, 17th October ST LUKE 20th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)	09.00	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP) – ST LUKE
	10.30	Corhampton	Mattins (BCP) Trinity 20
Thursday, 21st October	10.00	Droxford	Said Holy Communion
Sunday, 24th October Last Sunday after Trinity <i>not Bible Sunday</i>	8.00	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30	Meonstoke	<i>NO SERVICE</i>
	10.30	Exton	Sung Eucharist (CW)
Thursday, 28th October St Simon & St Jude	10.00	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
<i>Clocks change</i> Sunday, 31st October All Saints' Sunday	9.00	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30	Droxford	Patronal Festival

All Souls to be kept on 7th November

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