



Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

21st November – Next before Advent

Christ the King

Church Services this Month

Sunday, 21 st November Sunday nb Advent Christ the King	0900	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	1030	Corhampton	Mattins (BCP)
Thursday, 25 th November	1000	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday, 28 th November 1 st Sunday Advent	0800	Corhampton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	1030	Exton	Sung Eucharist (CW)
	1830	Droxford	ADVENT Carols & Lessons

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: *Tinned cold meats such as spam, corned beef, ham; Sugar, small bags; Tinned vegetables, all types; Tinned Fruit all types; Gravy granules; Snack bars/muesli bars; Toilet Roll.*

THANK YOU for your continued support and your great generosity at harvest. PLEASE continue to give generously.

Toy Service

Please continue the wonderful benefice tradition of giving new wrapped **TOYS** for children of homeless families served by the E C Roberts Centre, Portsmouth.

Please bring some real Christmas joy by delivering the toys to the St Andrew's Church on the Patronal Service at on

Sunday 5th December at 10.30

Or, drop into any one of the benefice churches before 12th December 2021

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Dates for your Diary in 2022

Stirling Horsa Commemoration 4th April 2022 on South Downs way.

Droxford **Country Fair** – Saturday, 4th June 2022

Exton, Corhampton & Meonstoke **Church Fete** – Saturday, 2nd July 2022



HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022, will provide an opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include national events, community activities and church services to help us reflect on The Queen's 70 years of service.

Local Remembrance in Action



On 4 April 1944 during pre-D-Day Exercise DREME, there was a fatal accident involving a Stirling 'tug' aircraft and its towed Horsa glider in which all 33 servicemen on both aircraft were killed. The latter crashed in Warnford Park and the former near Romsey. A local group felt that there ought to be a memorial for them. We achieved planning permission from the South Downs National Park Authority in order to place a memorial stone just off the side of the South Downs Way on Peake Farm, which overlooks the Horsa crash site. We have also now raised the funds to cover the costs of the stone and for a Service of Dedication, which will take place on **04 April 2022.**

Upcoming Events

27th November

10.30 until 12.30: Exton Christmas Fair in Exton Church.

7 pm: An Evening with Shanty Head in Droxford Church

This fundraising event is now fully booked

3.30 pm Sunday 5th December at the Meon Hall: A Pre-Christmas 'do' for friends and neighbours with music, readings, poems and sketches.

6 pm Saturday 11th December – Christmas Tree and Carol Singing
Church Green, Meonstoke. Wrap up well and bring a torch

7 pm Tuesday, 14th December – Droxford Carols in the Square
Wrap up well and bring a torch

6.30 pm Sunday, 19th December - Candlelit Carols and Lessons
Wrap up well (and bring a torch in case outside).

Prayers

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

For world leaders and major organisations, especially the United Nations and aid agencies and charities, for scientists, ecologists, and economists, and for all those in the medical professions and research, seeking to address the challenges that the world faces.

The Church and her life including The Bishop of Portsmouth designate, the Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, and Rt Revd Rob Wickham, our Bishop 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.

All Saints until Advent

The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven;
All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God;
All who fear the winter months;
All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ; All who grieve or wait with the dying.

For peace and justice;

For individuals: the sick, the anxious and lonely; the needy and those grieving.

The newly baptised: Margot and Persephone and **Married:** Jack & Abigail Tosdevine; Liam & Beth Aspinall; Cameron & Nita Benge; Lance & Lydia Madgwick. **For those, in 2021/2, Preparing for Baptism:** Bodhi, Arthur, Emily Evelyn, Anna and Magnus; and for **Marriage:** Alistair Jones & Bethany Blackman and Francesca Hocquard & Shane Massey.

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: Gervis Frere-Cook (1974); Emily Matthews (2015); Martin French-Constant (2016); John Anthony Clark (2016); Trevor Quarendon (2017).

Recently Departed: Terry Farmer, Margaret White; Reginald Daniels; Jeremy Dreyer.

For Service Charities including the **Royal British Legion.**

Please pray for the families and friends of all **those departed this life**, and especially those who have been killed in the Armed Services and civilians killed as a result of armed conflict or terrorism.

Services in Early December

Thursday, 2nd December	10 am	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday, 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Sung Eucharist (CW)
	6.30 pm	Exton	Evensong (BCP)
Thursday, 9th December	10 am	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
Saturday, 11th December	6pm	Church Green, Meonstoke	Carols round the Christmas Tree

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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.