

# Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

## 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 – Easter 3

### Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



*Whilst not mandatory, you remain very welcome to wear a face covering for all or any part of your time in church*

<b>Sunday, 1 May</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00 Droxford	
	Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 9.1-20; John 21.1-19
	10.30 Meonstoke Sung Eucharist (CW)	
	6.30 pm Exton	Psalm 86;
	Evensong (BCP)	Isaiah 38.9-20; John 11.27-44
<b>Thursday, 5 May</b>	10.00 Droxford Said Holy Communion (CW)	
<b>Sunday, 8 May</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00 Meonstoke	
	Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 9.36-43; John 10.22-30
	10.30 Droxford Sung Eucharist (CW)	
	6.30 pm Corhampton	Psalms 114;
	Evensong (BCP)	Isaiah 63.7-14; Luke 24.36-49
<b>Thursday, 12 May</b>	10.00 Droxford Said Holy Communion (CW)	
<b>Sunday, 15 May</b> <b>St Matthias</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00 Exton	Acts 1.15-26;
	Holy Communion (BCP)	John 15.9-17
	10.30 Corhampton Mattins (BCP)	Psalm 148; Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35
<b>Thursday, 19 May</b>	10.00 Droxford Said Holy Communion (CW)	
<b>Sunday, 22 May</b> <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	8.00 Corhampton	
	Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 16.9-15; John 14.23-29
	10.30 Exton Sung Eucharist (CW)	
<b>Thursday, 26 May</b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	10.00 Droxford	Acts 1.1-11;
	Said Holy Communion (CW)	Luke 24.44-53
	7.30 pm Botley Deanery Eucharist; +Jonathan	

**HM The Queen** – Our prayers and congratulations for her **Platinum Jubilee** celebrations over the extended bank holiday, Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022 This is a wonderful opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. **Please return your Jubilee questionnaires asap.**

**Meon Valley Foodbank - 07956 375447**

**Wickham Centre, Mill Lane Wickham PO17 5AL**

[www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk](http://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 needed for week beginning **Mon, 2<sup>nd</sup> May**:  
*Porridge; Children's cereals; Tinned Potatoes; Tinned tomatoes; Tinned custard; Tea; and Toilet Rolls.*

## **Prayers**

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

**For Ukraine** and all places of violent conflict: For peace and justice, and the way forward to reconciliation and true peace. For world leaders and major organisations whose work is bring peace and succour.

**The Church and her life**, 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. The Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Will, our acting archdeacon, David, our area Dean;

**At Eastertide**, we pray especially for: the people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord; God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care; Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ; Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection; Prisoners and captives.

Let us also pray for those preparing for **baptism** and confirmation: Jasper, Saskia (May), Magnus (Jul) and Teddy (Jul), Freya (August), Arthur, Emily Evelyn, and Anna, and for **Marriage**: Stephen and Joanna (+); Niall and Shawna; James & Laura. **For individuals**: the sick, those undergoing treatment, the anxious and lonely; and those in need.

**The newly baptised**: Bodhi, Alexander and Robert, Margot and Persephone and **Married**: Edward & Jennifer Bailey; Matthew & Rebecca Freemantle; Jack & Abi Tosdevine; Alistair & Bethany Jones and Francesca & Shane Hocquard 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.

**Recently Departed:** John, Sheila Kenyon's son, **Judith MacPherson** (Thanksgiving Service: Droxford: 1430, 17May22), **Paul Mulle** (M: 1400, 29Apr22), **Robert Newbold** (M: 1130 9May22), Gordon Hope; Arthur Jewer; Ninian Stewart; Alison; Mary Watts; Alma Gray; Alan Starkey, and **the Year's Mind:** Christopher Pepys (Bishop 1974) Edward Parrett (2016); Robert Hodgson (2019); John Keith Foot (2020); June Vera Singleton (2021); Roger Nichols (2021).

**Other Dates for your Diary in 2022**

**Droxford fundraiser:** (See the Bridge p.21) **Pop-Up Dinner in Droxford Church** 7 pm, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Bookings at Christina's Shop or 877172. Proceeds to Church Funds. An excellent menu prepared by renowned chef Nicholas Ruthven-Stewart.

**Combined PCC meeting and Planning Day**

Saturday, 14th May, Droxford Church, 1330 - 1600

Policy updates as required. Main Items: Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Mission Action Plan, Stewardship, Patterns of Worship & Prayer

Droxford Country Fair – Saturday, 4th June 2022

**Thursday 10.0 a.m. Eucharist at Droxford** for Ascension Day: May 26:

As well as giving thanks for the Ascension. **Ninian and Liz Stewart** will be remembered in the prayers. There are those who were sorry not to be able to attend Ninian's funeral on March 23 at Guildford Crematorium, and who might value a chance to remember both he and Liz on this feast day of the church.

**STREET AUCTION for Ukraine:** 3:00pm, Sunday 12th June 2022. At Drokensford, Chapel Road, Meonstoke. Bring your own chair and BYOB Other donations / details: David & Sally Keighley 07736799262 [davidkeighley@hotmail.com](mailto:davidkeighley@hotmail.com).

IF WET IN MEONSTOKE CHURCH

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

**Supporting your Churches**

Can you help in any small way?

Or, do you know anyone who could help?

We rely entirely on volunteers

and with your help we could do much more!

**The more help we have – the more we can do!**

Have a chat with Fr Tony or a Church Warden if you could bring something new to the team and our life together serving our communities

**What can you do to support  
Ukraine & the Ukrainian People?  
Could you organise an event or a**

**COLLECTION in or around OUR CHURCHES?**

**Could you and your neighbours host a coffee morning, soup lunch  
or cake sale?**

Please visit our website (<http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984>)

**Donations** Christian Aid with DEC – On-line at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) ,  
there are some excellent prayer resources just a click or two away. There  
are many suggestions from the Ukrainian Institute in London on our website  
at [www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984](http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984).

**Well done and thank you for the funds raised so far.**

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### **Thank You**

Jennifer and Ed would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their good-wishes, kindness and extremely generous gifts on the occasion of their wedding. Thank you.