



# Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ~ 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Proper IX – Trinity 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> after Re-opening



## 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

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

## Thank You:

... to Gregor & Angela, James & Sheila and Richard & Jane Pepys for getting the churches ready for re-opening.

... to all the cleaning teams and lockers and un-lockers who are keeping them open

... to Cathy for her contributions to the on-line materials in 'Lock-down'.

... to all the key workers in this nation and researchers world-wide

## Happy Birthday to the NHS

The Wilfrid Café (Droxford Community Hub) will re-OPEN soon for excellent take-away coffee



## We Support the Meon Valley Foodbank

THANK YOU, so much for all you give,  
and please do give generously.

Everybody **WELCOME** at every event

Please use these special events to invite a friend of neighbour to church.

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<b>First Sunday</b>	10.30 am	Meonstoke & On-Line	Morning Service with Spiritual Communion followed by Holy Communion (MS & SC + HC (CW))
<b>This Week</b> 5 Jul 20		Hymns (On-Line Only)	813 Through the night of doubt ... 298 For all thy saints O Lord 308 Rejoice in God's Saints 305 Lo round the throne ... 301. God, whose city's sure foundation
<b>Next Week</b>		Droxford & On-Line	(MS & SC + HC (CW))
12 Jul 20 Sea Sunday	10.30 am	Readings:	Isaiah 55:10-13 Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23

## Material for Sunday Service

### Collect for Trinity 4

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Collect for St Thomas

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Romans 7.15-25a*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said, <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

<sup>25</sup>I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

*Matthew 11.16-19,25-30*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

### Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love.

You are the comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Church Opening

Church	Usually Open for Private Prayer	Except (closed for cleaning etc.)	Service
Droxford	0930-1630 Wed, Thur, Sat and Sun	8, 11, 12 July	10.30 12 July
Exton	1000-1700 Mon – Thurs, and Sat & Sun (	23-28 July	10.30 26 July
Meonstoke	1000-1700 Tues to Thurs; Sat and Sun	3rd – 7th July, 17th – 21st July, 31st July - 4th Aug	10.30 5 July 10.30 19 July
Corhampton	<i>Not currently open</i>		

## Useful Contacts

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## For Our Prayers:

Those unwell or grieving	Linda & Keith Foot, Ann Gittins, Anne Wilkinson, Jackie Woollard.
Holy Baptism	Those being prepared for baptism including baby Magnus and the Tosdevine children.
Holy Matrimony	Those preparing for marriage in 2020 and 2021, especially Claire and Stephen and those whose plans have been disrupted by the Pandemic.
The Recently Departed	John Foot
The Year's Mind	Charles Hutchinson (16th June 2016); Rosemary Field (21st June 2017); Vanessa Gamlin (22nd June 2017); Eric Martin (10th June 2018); Jill Freemantle (10th July 2016); Tony Farnell (9th July 2019)