



Meon Bridge Benefice
8th November 2020 – Remembrance Sunday
Welcome Everybody! Everybody Welcome!

Praying for an end to the Pandemic and your good health

The wearing of face coverings in church is mandatory

Remembrance Sunday – 1st in Renewed Lockdown

Gathered worship in church is currently not permitted under current legislation. In these new, current 'lockdown' services and Acts of Remembrance are very necessarily different this year.

Acts of Remembrance will take place across all three parishes of the Benefice.

0930 - A short Parish Act of Remembrance at and around the Lychgate War memorial for the Parishes of **Corhampton and Meonstoke** and at which the names of the Fallen from both villages and the village of Exton will be read out and a wreath laid on behalf of Corhampton and Meonstoke Parish Council. The Rector will also say private prayers and make a private Act of Remembrance alone in **Exton Church** at the War memorial later in the day.

1045 - Join a 'Zoom' live streaming of **Parish Act of Remembrance from Droxford Church** for the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of **Droxford** and in liaison with the Droxford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, and at which the names of the Fallen will be read out and a wreath laid on behalf of Droxford Parish Council. You can join the live streaming at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85054857859?pwd=b1NxS0JxNjFRSjRHaFVXeWdXazdwUT09>, Meeting ID: 850 5485 7859 - Passcode: 157897. Join from 10.45 for a prompt start at 10.55. You will need the Zoom app on your computer or smart phone.

A streamed Requiem for the Fallen at 10.45 available at http://www.bridgchurches.org.uk/streamed_services.

1055 - A short Parish Act of Remembrance conducted by the local RBL Chaplain at and around the Second World War Memorial on the Parish Green. This brief service is for the civil and ecclesiastical parishes of **Droxford**, in liaison with the Droxford and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, and at which the names of the Fallen from Droxford will be read out and a wreath laid on behalf of **Royal British Legion**.

Social Distancing must be maintained at all times. It is recommended that face masks are worn.

Churches Open for Private Prayer and Reflection

The Church continues to be alive and active
our buildings are open for private prayer
but Public Worship is suspended

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Public worship is therefore being suspended, in this and all other places of worship.

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in this building. Our website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life. See our website for several resources and join in with on-line worship.

The Rector and Churchwardens can be can also be contacted in an emergency by telephone or email.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ... Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips.

Meonstoke Church is open from Saturday to Tuesday inclusive;

Droxford Church is open from Thursday to Tuesday inclusive;

Exton Church is open from Saturday to Thursday inclusive.

In this way, a church in the Benefice is available for private prayer or reflection on every day of the week, but cleaning and maintenance may also go ahead safely.

The Lone Barn home group has continued to meet on zoom, currently with plans to consider how as Christians we should respond to the Coronavirus pandemic. A series of presentations based on the book “God and the Pandemic” by Bishop Tom Wright is planned. If you would like to take part on zoom Paul Buxton can give you further details - pkbuxton@doctors.org.uk or 01489 877335

Meon Valley Food Bank - Please Help – Stock Is Low



Thank You for all your kind donations and continued support which is always needed.

The items that we require for the coming week are: **Fray Bentos meat pies; Tinned Fruit; Custard Tinned or instant; Sponge Puddings, tinned or microwave; Orange squash; UHT Milk; Savoury biscuits, such as cream crackers; Potatoes, tinned or**

instant. Please drop off your donations at the Carpenters (Meonstoke), Exton Church, Droxford Church or Post Office (boxes provided) or directly to the Youth Hall opposite Budgens on Tuesday between 10 am and 1 pm.

NEW NEWS! The Meon Valley Baby Bank

The Baby Bank is open to everyone However, they are also wanting to help those facing challenging circumstances especially. meonvalleybabybank@gmail.com.

For Our Prayers:

Each Morning	For the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life; all the key workers who live in or serve the communities of Corhampton, Droxford, Exton, Hambledon, Meonstoke, Newtown & Soberton.
Each Evening	For peace; individuals and their needs; those in fear of death at this time; those who worship here & those have been born, baptised, confirmed, married or laid to rest in our benefices in recent years; our local brothers and sisters of other faiths, other denominations and those with a faith known only to God.
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
The sick or grieving	Ann Symes, Anne Wilkinson, Jackie Woollard.
Holy Baptism	The Tosdevine children and those being prepared for baptism including baby Magnus and Padraig.
Holy Matrimony	James & Kate, Claire & Stephen and those preparing for marriage in 2020 and 2021, especially those whose plans have been disrupted
Year’s Mind	Gervis Frere-Cook 8 th ; Emily Matthews 9 th ; Martin French-Constant 10 th ; John Anthony Clark 21 st ; Trevor Quarendon 20 th
November Prayers	SSAFA, the Royal British Legion, Aggie’s Place (RN Charity) and other military charities; veterans and their families The PO, Shops, Pubs and Businesses in Droxford; All visitors to the Benefice; Christian Worship through Advent and Christmas right across the Meon Valley

Combined PCCs to meet on Tuesday 1 st December 2020 by Zoom: Future Benefice Events; Financial Procedures; Common Policies for review; Brief review of likely Year End Finances and budget priorities
Because of Covid-19 restrictions Streamed Services in November only
Sunday, 15th November 2020 St Martin of Tours – BCP Holy Communion (from 8 am) Second Sunday before Advent – CW Holy Communion (10.30 am)
Sunday, 22nd November 2020 Christ the King – CW Holy Communion (10.30 am)
Sunday, 29th November 2020 St Andrew's Patronal Festival & First Eucharist of Advent at 10.30 am A simplified Benefice Advent Service of Carols and Lessons will be streamed at 6.00pm
In the hope that lockdown is lifted, Sunday, 6th December 2020 ST NICHOLAS & BENEFICE TOY SERVICE (Gathered) 10.30 am, St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke Please bring wrapped gifts for homeless children and those in refuges in Portsmouth.

Annual Meetings – Election of Church Wardens

St Peter and St Paul, Exton Richard Pepys	St Mary & All Saints, Droxford Clive Bryant and Bonnie Hamilton	Corhampton & St Andrew, Meonstoke Angela Peagram
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New appointments of Church Wardens take place wef evening of 17Nov20 after their swearing in by the Archdeacon at his Visitation on-line.

Useful Contacts

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