



The Meon Bridge Benefice  
Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford  
and Exton with Preshaw

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Four Beautiful Churches - Three Parishes – One in Christ

## Meon Bridge Benefice Pew Sheet 29th November 2020

### Advent Sunday – Year B & St Andrew's Day

Praying for an end to the Pandemic and your good health

The wearing of face coverings in church is mandatory

#### Year B – The Year of St Mark Begins

Sunday, 29Nov20	Advent and Patronal Festival	10:30 am	Streamed Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (CW)	Streamed
	Advent Sunday	6.30 pm	Streamed Service of Advent Hymns and Lessons	Streamed
	<b>St Andrew's Patronal Festival &amp; Advent Eucharist with Spiritual Communion</b> Benefice Service of Advent lessons and hymns			<i>Rejoice!</i>
Sunday, 06Dec20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent St Nicholas	10.30 am	Streamed* 'Toy Service' Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (CW)	Streamed & Meonstoke *
		6.30 pm	Said Evening Prayer (BCP) for Advent	Streamed & Exton *
	<b>The 6<sup>th</sup> BENEFICE TOY SERVICE</b> St Andrew's Church, Meonstoke and/or On-Line Please bring/ deliver wrapped presents for homeless Children in Portsmouth. See information below.			

#### \*Lockdown

We anticipate being able to gather from 3<sup>rd</sup> December for said Holy Communion at 10 am on Thursdays in Droxford Church and on 06Dec20 for our annual Toy Service and for Evening Prayer.

The Wilfrid Café (Droxford) is **currently Closed**

#### NOTICE is given of the Combined PCCs

to meet at 7 pm on Tuesday 1st December 2020 by Zoom



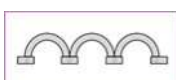
Advent

#### Advent Calendar for Reflection 2020

Each day during Advent and new image will be revealed on our website, with a question or two on which to ponder.

If you would like to take each reflection deeper obtain a copy of the excellent book by Dr Jane Williams: *The Art of Advent* (Available in paperback and e-reader format)

*The Lone Barn Home Group are continuing Advent Study too, please contact Paul Buxton for details.*



## Meon Valley Food Bank - PLEASE HELP



Thank You so much for all your kind donations, but stock always needs to be replenished so all donations are very gratefully received. Items needed this week: **Tinned carrots, green beans, mushrooms; Tinned Rice pudding; Angel delight, jellies; Sponge puddings, tinned or microwave; Cream crackers; and, Cleaning products.**

Please note that an archaeological dig is taking place around the Youth Hall, so the car park will be closed on Tuesdays

They are still able to receive your donations through a side door which faces the street opposite Sainsbury's. This door will be left wide open so you can see where to leave your donations.

Donations can also be left at Bishop's Waltham Sainsbury's, in their donations box, during opening hours.

Follow MVFB on twitter [@MeonValleyFB](https://twitter.com/MeonValleyFB) or at [www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk](http://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk).

### Christmas Services in the Benefice

We can all expect a very different Christmas this year as the country continues in its efforts to defeat the spread of Coronavirus. The requirement to be socially distanced means that far fewer people can be seated at services than in previous years.

Assuming we are able to have a congregation present at all, we are afraid that we must operate a booking system for all services on 24th December (Children's Crib Service and Midnight Mass) and for the mid-morning Christmas services to provide a safe experience and to manage expectations fairly and transparently. There can therefore be no entrance without a booking 'on the day'.

Places can be booked by household for each service via the Benefice website using Eventbrite and government guidance will be applied.

All bookings will open on Sunday 29 November 2020.

Time/ date	Service	Booking
3.30 pm 24th December Droxford	Christmas Eve Crib Service	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-crib-service-tickets-130011240119">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-crib-service-tickets-130011240119</a>
11.30 pm 24th December Meonstoke	Midnight Mass	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/midnight-night-mass-in-the-meon-valley-tickets-130017274167">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/midnight-night-mass-in-the-meon-valley-tickets-130017274167</a>
8 am 25th December Exton	Christmas Day Holy Communion (BCP)	No Booking Required
9.30 am 25th December Meonstoke	Christmas Day Family Service followed by optional Holy Communion	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-morning-family-service-with-communion-tickets-130021075537">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-morning-family-service-with-communion-tickets-130021075537</a>
11 am 25th December	Christmas Day Family Service followed by optional Holy Communion	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-morning-family-service-with-communion-tickets-130023466689">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-morning-family-service-with-communion-tickets-130023466689</a>

Anyone who is unable to book seats electronically is asked to contact the Rector on 01489 877422 and assistance will be given. People are asked to let us know if they are unable to attend a service or need fewer tickets so that seats may be offered to others on the waiting list. We recognise this is far from ideal, but it would be irresponsible to do anything else. We recognise that we are all reliant upon each other, with us all acting with care for others. For the avoidance of any doubt, there is no charge per booking. There will be retiring collections at all services.

## Regular Service Times from 3rd December 2020

(pending confirmation of the end of lockdown)

### Sunday Services

**9.30 am** Informal '... Unrapped' service at Meonstoke on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**10.30am** Streamed Eucharist

**10.30am** Benefice Eucharist (Available on YouTube and the Website)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Meonstoke (Common Worship)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Droxford (Common Worship)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Meonstoke (Book of Common Prayer)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Exton (Common Worship) &

**3.30pm** Evening Prayer (BCP) at Exton [reverting to 6.30 pm later in the year]

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday from 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Midweek Services

10 am every Thursday Holy Communion at in Droxford Church, recommencing **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020**.

All are welcome to attend these services. Seating will be socially distanced and all safety measures recommended will be in place

Face masks are mandatory from August 8th 2020 for all who enter places of worship

Please bring a pen to sign in (for track and trace purposes).

### Supporting Children and Families made Homeless in Portsmouth

New, wrapped toys for children of homeless families can be brought to the service or dropped into any one of the benefice churches by 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will also be a box at Bakerswell, Meonstoke, behind the tall wooden gate from 30th November to 5th December inclusive.

A Community Christmas Tree, celebrating all the things we have that we are grateful for, will soon be seen on Church Green, Meonstoke, decorated with your wooden discs. Your discs are available from the Meonstoke Village Shop for a donation which will go to the E C Roberts Centre in Portsmouth ([www.robertscentre.org.uk](http://www.robertscentre.org.uk)).

Decorate your discs in any way you like with paint, glitter, poetry.... and return them to the shop by 4th December. Decorated by us all, the tree will be a spectacle of teamwork and community spirit, and give hope to all who see it.

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