



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

6th December 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent & St Nicholas' Day

Praying for an end to the Pandemic and your good health

The wearing of face coverings in church is mandatory

Sunday, 06Dec20	2 nd Sunday Advent	10.30 am	'Toy Service' Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (CW)	Streamed & Meonstoke
	St Nicholas	6.30 pm	Said Evening Prayer (BCP) for Advent	Streamed & Exton *
Sunday, 13Dec20	3 rd Sunday Advent <i>Gaudete</i>	10.30 am	Eucharist with Spiritual Communion (CW) Wear a pink item!	Streamed & Droxford

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

Regular Service Times from 3rd December 2020

(pending confirmation of the end of lockdown)

Holy Communion at 10 am in Droxford Church every Thursday
(except 31st December).

Sunday Services

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

10.30am Benefice Eucharist (Also available on YouTube and Website)

1st Sunday: Meonstoke (Common Worship)

2nd Sunday: Droxford (Common Worship)

3rd Sunday: Meonstoke (Book of Common Prayer)

4th Sunday: Exton (Common Worship) &

3.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at Exton [reverting to 6.30 pm later in
the year] 1st Sunday from 6th December 2020





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. 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: **UHT Milk**

Semi-Skimmed and whole; Part baked bread; Sugar (small bags); Coffee (small jars); tea bags (40); Tinned cold meats. such as corned beef, spam or ham; Tinned carrots, green beans; 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.

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 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 are open and bookings are coming in.

Time/ date	Service	Booking
11.30 pm 24th December Meonstoke	Midnight Mass	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/midnight-night-mass-in-the-meon-valley-tickets-130017274167
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	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-morning-family-service-with-communion-tickets-130021075537
11 am 25th December	Christmas Day Family Service followed by optional Holy Communion	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-morning-family-service-with-communion-tickets-130023466689

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.

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 13th December.

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).

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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