



Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

5th December – Advent 2C
Maranatha. Come, Lord Jesus



Church Services this Month

Sunday, 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	8 am	Droxford	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30 am	Meonstoke	Sung Eucharist (CW)
	6.30 pm	Exton	Evensong (BCP)
Thursday, 9th December	10 am	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
Saturday, 11th December	6 pm	Church Green, Meonstoke	Carols round the Christmas Tree

Meon Valley Foodbank - 07956 375447

Wickham Centre, Mill Lane Wickham PO17 5AL

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 required: *Tinned meat meals; Sugar, small bags; Coffee; Tinned vegetables, all types; Tinned Fruit; Porridge; Soft Drinks such as orange squash; Toilet Rolls; Washing up liquid.*

The Food Bank will be closed on: Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th December and Monday 3rd January 2022. **THANK YOU** for your continued support and your great generosity at harvest. PLEASE continue to give generously.



Patronal Festival & Toy Service

Please continue the wonderful benefice tradition of giving new wrapped **TOYS** for children of homeless families served by the E C Roberts Centre, Portsmouth.



Please bring some real Christmas joy by delivering the toys to the St Andrew's Church on the Patronal Service at on

Sunday 5th December at 10.30

Or, drop into any one of the benefice churches before 12th December 2021

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HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022, will provide an opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

Local Remembrance in Action



On 4 April 1944, there was a fatal accident involving a Stirling 'tug' aircraft and its towed Horsa glider in which all 33 servicemen on both aircraft were killed. Funds have been raised to cover the costs of a memorial and a Service of Dedication will take place on **04 April 2022**.

All Welcome – Details will follow

Other Dates for your Diary in 2022

Stirling Horsa Commemoration 4th April 2022 on South Downs way.

Droxford **Country Fair** – Saturday, 4th June 2022

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

Prayers

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

For world leaders and major organisations, especially the United Nations and aid agencies and charities, for scientists, ecologists, and economists, and for all those in the medical professions and research, seeking to address the challenges that the world faces.

The Church and her life including The Bishop of Portsmouth designate, the Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, and Rt Revd Rob Wickham, our Bishop Commissary, Will, our acting archdeacon, David, our area Dean; 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.

Advent

The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ; The leaders of the Church; The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God; Those who are working for justice in the world; The broken, that they may find God's healing.

For peace and justice;

For individuals: the sick, the anxious and lonely; the needy and those grieving.

The newly baptised: Margot and Persephone and **Married:** Jack & Abigail Tosdevine; Liam & Beth Aspinall; Cameron & Nita Benge; Lance & Lydia Madgwick. **For those, in 2021/2, Preparing for Baptism:** Bodhi, Arthur, Emily Evelyn, Anna and Magnus; and for **Marriage:** Alistair Jones & Bethany Blackman and Francesca Hocquard & Shane 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: Terry Farmer, Margaret White; Reginald Daniels; Jeremy Dreyer. Rest in Peace

The Year's Mind: Peter Turner (2017); Frederick Alan Hibbert (2018); David Henley, Priest (2018); Vera Burrows (2018); Moya De Brath Trew (2019). Rest in Peace

Thank you for the Exton Christmas Fair and An Evening with Shanty Head in Droxford Church last week. Both great successes.

Upcoming Events

3.30 pm Sunday 5th December at the Meon Hall: A Pre-Christmas 'do' for friends and neighbours with music, readings, poems and sketches.

6 pm Saturday 11th December – Christmas Tree and Carol Singing Church Green, Meonstoke. Wrap up well and bring a torch

7 pm Tuesday, 14th December – Droxford Carols in the Square Wrap up well and bring a torch

6.30 pm Sunday, 19th December - Candlelit Carols and Lessons Wrap up well (and bring a torch in case outside).

Supporting your Churches

Can you help in any small way?

Updates Direct to your inbox: To sign up for occasional electronic newsletters, please email Angela Peagram (angela@angelapeagram.co.uk) and she will add you to our distribution list. You can opt out at any time.

Other Services in December

Sunday, 12 th 3 rd Sunday of Advent	0800	Meonstoke	Holy Communion (BCP)
	100	Droxford	Sung Eucharist (CW)
	1400	Exton	Wedding
	1830	Corhampton	Taizé style Compline in Advent
Tuesday, 14 th	1900	Droxford Churchyard	Carols in the Square by Torchlight
Thursday, 16 th	1000	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday, 19 th 4 th Sunday of Advent	9 am	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	1030	Corhampton	Mattins with Carols (BCP)
	1830	Exton	Traditional Carols and Lessons – see <i>notices for details</i>
Thursday, 23 rd	1000	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)
	1500	Droxford	Informal 'Nativity from Scratch'
Friday, 24 th December	2330	Meonstoke	Midnight Mass
Saturday, 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	0800	Exton	Holy Communion (BCP)
	0930	Meonstoke	Family Service + Holy Communion (CW)
	1100	Droxford	Family Service + Holy Communion (CW)
Sunday, 26 th	1030	Exton	Said Eucharist (CW) St Stephen
Thursday, 30 th	1000	Droxford	Said Holy Communion (CW)

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