



# Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

## 6<sup>th</sup> March – First Sunday of Lent

*Whilst not mandatory, you remain very welcome to wear a face covering  
for all or any part of your time in church*

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| <b>Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>                             | 8.00  | Droxford            | Holy Communion (BCP)                       | Romans 10.8b-13  |
|   | 10.30   | Meonstoke           | Sung Eucharist (CW)                        | Luke 4.1-13  |
|   | 6.30<br>pm  | Exton               | Evensong (BCP)                             | Psalms 119.73-8;<br>Jonah 3; Luke<br>18.9-14             |
| <b>Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | 10.00   | Droxford            | Said Holy Communion (CW)                   |  |
| <b>Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>                            | 8.00  | Meonstoke           | Holy Communion (BCP)                       | Philippians 3.17 -                                       |
|   | 10.30   | Droxford            | Sung Eucharist (CW)                        | 4.1;<br>Luke 13.31-35                                    |
|   | 11.40   | Droxford            | AMP & APCM                                 |  |
|   | 6.30<br>pm  | Meonstoke           | A Lenten Meditation (Athanasian Consort)   | -  |
| <b>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>St Patrick</b>   | 10.00   | Droxford            | Said Holy Communion (CW)                   |  |
| <b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>  |   | Exton               | Wedding                                    |  |
| <b>Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>                            | 9.00  | Exton               | Holy Communion (BCP)                       | 1 Corinthians 10.1-13<br>Luke 13.1-9                     |
|   |   | <del>Droxford</del> | <del>Informal All Age—<br/>POSTPONED</del> |  |
|   | 10.30   | Corhampton          | Mattins (BCP)                              | Psalms 63.1-9;<br>Isaiah 55.1-9<br>1 Corinthians 10.1-13 |
|   | 11.40   | Corhampton          | C'ton & Meonstoke AMP & APCM               |  |
|   | <b>Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March (Annunc'n)</b> | 10.00               | Droxford                                   | Said Holy Communion (CW)                                 |
| <b>Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March</b><br><i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</i><br><b>Mothering Sunday</b> | 8.00  | Corhampton          | Holy Communion (BCP)                       | 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3, 11b-32               |
|   | 10.30   | Exton               | Sung Eucharist (CW)                        | Ex 2.1-10; John 19.25-27                                 |
|   | 11.40   | Exton<br>Exton      | AMP & APCM<br>Baptism                      |  |



**Bishop Jonathan Frost** will be installed in the cathedral as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Portsmouth on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth. Please pray for him and his family as he prepares for his installation.

## 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.



### Meon Valley Foodbank - 07956 375447

**Wickham Centre, Mill Lane Wickham PO17 5AL**

[www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk](http://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 needed for week beginning **7<sup>th</sup> March**:

*Tins of spaghetti; Savoury Biscuits and Crackers; Part baked bread; Steamed sponge puddings; Instant pasta, mugshots; 2 in 1 shampoo; Unisex deodorant; Soap bars; Kitchen roll*

THANK YOU for your continued support and your great generosity at harvest. PLEASE continue to give generously. AGM will be held on Zoom on Monday 21st March at 19.30. If you would like to join us, please confirm to [info@meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:info@meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk)

## NOTICE OF ECCLESIASTICAL CHURCH MEETINGS 2022

Notice is hereby given of the planned Parochial Meetings

| Meeting  | C'hampton & Meonstoke            | Droxford                          | Exton                             |
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| <b>Venue &amp; Time</b> (unless otherwise stated or subsequently notified) | Corhampton Church                | Lady Chapel, Droxford             | Exton Church                      |
| <b>Annual Meetings APM</b>   | Sunday<br>20 <sup>th</sup> March | Sunday,<br>13 <sup>th</sup> March | Sunday,<br>27 <sup>th</sup> March |
| <b>APCM</b>  | Corhampton Church                | 11.45                             | 11.45                             |
| <b>Brief PCC</b>   | 11.45                            |                                   |                                   |

### Combined PCC meeting and Planning Day

Saturday, 14th May, Droxford Church, 1330 - 1600

Policy updates as required. Main Items: Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Mission Action Plan, Stewardship, Patterns of Worship & Prayer.

## Prayers

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

**For Ukraine** and all places of violent conflict: For peace and justice, and the way forward to reconciliation and true peace.

Jesus said: 'In the world you will have trouble, but do not be afraid, I have overcome the world.' May God be with those who suffer today.

For world leaders and major organisations whose work is bring peace and succour. **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.

**For individuals:** the sick, those undergoing treatment, the anxious and lonely; the needy and those grieving, including Ninian's family and Joan Starkey and her family.

**The newly baptised:** Alexander and Robert, Margot and Persephone and **Married:** Jack & Alistair & Bethany Jones and Francesca & Shane Hocquard Massey. **For those, in 2022, preparing for Baptism:** Bodhi (Mar), Jasper, Saskia (Apr), Magnus (Jul) and Teddy (Jul), Arthur, Emily Evelyn, and Anna; and for **Marriage:** Matthew & Rebecca; Edward & Jennifer; Stephen and Joanna (+); Niall and Shawna; James & Laura.

**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:** Arthur Jewer, Ninian Stewart; Mary Watts; Alma Gray; Alan Starkey, Terry Farmer, Margaret White, and **the Year's Mind:** Grace Dumper (2016); Liz Gammell (2017); Simon Cassels (2019); Mark Williams (2020); Josephine Carey (2020). Rest in Peace.

# DEC UKRAINE APPEAL

They need  
shelter, food  
and water

**Donate**



## What can you do to support Ukraine & Ukrainians? COULD YOU ORGANISE AN EVENT or a COLLECTION in or around OUR CHURCHES?

Please visit our website (<http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984>) for fuller details, but some ideas are below:

### Donations

Christian Aid with DEC – On-line at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk), there is also an on-line petition here and some excellent prayer resources just a click or two away.

ALSO and as suggested by the Ukrainian Institute in London (again links on our website at [www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984](http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984)):

**Support Ukraine NOW** – Worldwide network with resources for donating, protesting, and volunteering. The website includes country specific tips for over 20 countries.

**With Ukraine**, is a special fund to provide humanitarian assistance to Ukraine's civilian population established by the Embassy of Ukraine in the UK

The **UNHCR** Refugee Agency emergency appeal to help ensure that Ukrainians forced to flee their homes are sheltered and safe.

**The Red Cross** have established a Ukraine Crisis Appeal to provide food, water, first aid, medicine, warm clothes, and shelter.

**Defend Ukraine** have collated a list of fundraisers, charities, and donation links in support of Ukraine, covering financial and humanitarian aid, medical supplies, and military support.

**The Ukraine Crisis Media Center** has published a list of recommendations of charities in Ukraine to support.

**Ukraine Charity**, London: humanitarian appeal – Ukraine Charity are a UK registered charity.

**British-Ukrainian Aid** – supports people suffering from the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine by aligning UK and Ukrainian efforts.

**The Kyiv Independent** needs support to continue reporting on the ground from Ukraine.

Trusted colleagues of the **Ukrainian Institute** are also advising donating to the National Bank of Ukraine, to transfer direct funding to the Ukrainian armed forces. The account accepts a number of currencies including GBP, EUR, USD, and CHF.

### **Other ways of showing your support**

Send an email to your **MP** urging them to support Ukraine by pushing for sanctions and safe passage for refugees. . A link to a drafted template email is available on our website. This will take you less than 10 minutes to do, and will make your voice heard by your MP.

Contact your child's **headteacher** to urge them to provide compassion and counselling to pupils, to ensure that discussions of the war in school show respect to Ukraine and perhaps request that the school fundraise for humanitarian aid in Ukraine.

Join your local demonstrations (follow Ukraine Solidarity Campaign, Euromaidan London for London). Consider printing leaflets and posters.

**Help Refugees in the UK** – Donation details for humanitarian and medical aid are on the website. Includes a Google Form allowing you to register the help you can offer for Ukrainian refugees arriving in the UK.

Consider signing one a petition e.g. through the Christian Aid website.

**UkraineNow** is a global effort to coordinate help: evacuations, medical & food supplies, information, and cash on the ground. Through UkraineNow you can sign up to **host Ukrainians** who have left the country.

## Hope and the Nearness of God: Weekly On-Line Lenten Reflections

You can participate at a time and in a place to suit you in this year's Lent 'Course'. It takes the form of a 'Retreat' and it can be reached from our Website: <http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/2022/02/lent-reflection-pray-as-you-go>. The reflections lead us on a journey through each week of Lent with the theme of 'HOPE' as we walk closer and closer both with and towards Christ this season. Our retreat this year is written by Teresa White and it is based on her new book, 'Hope and the Nearness of God' (Bloomsbury, 2021

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/hope-and-the-nearness-of-god-9781472984197/>)

After two very challenging years, we are in such need of the hope of Christ in all areas of our lives. It is our desire that you will deeply know this hope in your life, as you journey on this retreat.

**Ninian Stewart's funeral** is to be at Guildford Crematorium at 3.45p.m. on Wednesday March 23 and is open to all who would like to come. It is also going to be relayed on zoom.

### **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

### **Other Dates for your Diary in 2022**

Droxford **Country Fair** – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Exton, Corhampton & Meonstoke **Church Fete** – Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### **Supporting your Churches**

Can you help in any small way?

Or, do you know anyone who could help?

We rely entirely on volunteers

and with your help we could do much more!

There are probably jobs that we have not yet thought of, but existing roles vary from coming to clean part of one of our churches on a rota basis, to arranging flowers, joining the PCC as a trustee for the life of the church and its activities, being a Church Warden, to taking notes at meetings and sending out agendas, to reading the bible or saying prayers in a service, designing posters or helping make coffee.

We are also looking to start family-friendly all age services and we would like families to work together, with some guidance and support, to lead those services or activities in them – it is not as scary as it sounds! We would also like to train a small group to visit and perhaps distribute Communion at home.

### **The more help we have – the more we can do!**

Have a chat with Fr Tony or a Church Warden if you could bring something new to the team and our life together serving our communities.

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