

Meon Bridge Benefice Pew News

24th April 2022 – Easter 2

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



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

Sunday, 24th April 2nd Sunday of Easter	8.00 Corhampton Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 5.27-32; John 20.19-31
	10.30 Exton Sung Eucharist (CW)	
Thursday, 28th April	10.00 Droxford Said Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday, 1 May 3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00 Droxford Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 9.1-20; John 21.1-19
	10.30 Meonstoke Sung Eucharist (CW)	
	6.30 pm Exton Evensong (BCP)	Psalm 86; Isaiah 38.9-20; John 11.27-44
Thursday, 5 May	10.00 Droxford Said Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday, 8 May 4th Sunday of Easter	8.00 Meonstoke Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 9.36-43; John 10.22-30
	10.30 Droxford Sung Eucharist (CW)	
	6.30 pm Corhampton Evensong (BCP)	Psalms 114; Isaiah 63.7-14; Luke 24.36-49
Thursday, 12 May	10.00 Droxford Said Holy Communion (CW)	
Sunday, 15 May St Matthias 5th Sunday of Easter	9.00 Exton Holy Communion (BCP)	Acts 1.15-26; John 15.9-17
	10.30 Corhampton Mattins (BCP)	
		Psalm 148; Acts 11.1-18; John 13.31-35

Thank You

Jennifer and Ed would like to thank everyone for their good-wishes, kindness and generosity on the occasion of their wedding.

HM The Queen – Our prayers and congratulations for her **96th Birthday** on 21st April and for her **Platinum Jubilee** celebrations over the extended bank holiday, Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022. This is a wonderful opportunity for our communities to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

Please return your Jubilee questionnaires asap.

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 needed for week beginning **Mon, 25th April**:

Tinned meat meals including meatballs, Mince beef, Chicken in White Sauce; UHT Milk, all types; Tinned Potatoes and Instant Potato; Tins of Corned Beef, Ham, and Spam; Tinned Rice pudding; Shower gel; Shampoo.

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, 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. The Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Will, our acting archdeacon, David, our area Dean;

At Eastertide, we pray especially for: the people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord; God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care; Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ; Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection; Prisoners and captives.

Let us also pray for those preparing for **baptism** and confirmation: Jasper, Saskia (May), Magnus (Jul) and Teddy (Jul), Freya (August), Arthur, Emily Evelyn, and Anna,

and for **Marriage:** Stephen and Joanna (+); Niall and Shawna; James & Laura.
For individuals: the sick, those undergoing treatment, the anxious and lonely; and those in need.

The newly baptised: Bodhi, Alexander and Robert, Margot and Persephone and **Married:** Edward & Jennifer Bailey; Matthew & Rebecca Freemantle; Jack & Abi Tosdevine; Alistair & Bethany Jones and Francesca & Shane Hocquard 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: John, Sheila Kenyon's son, **Judith MacPherson, Paul Mulle, Robert Newbold**, Gordon Hope; Arthur Jewer; Ninian Stewart; Alison; Mary Watts; Alma Gray; Alan Starkey, and **the Year's Mind:** Christopher Pepys (Bishop 1974) Edward Parrett (2016); Robert Hodgson (2019); John Keith Foot (2020); June Vera Singleton (2021); Roger Nichols (2021).

Other Dates for your Diary in 2022

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

Droxford Country Fair – Saturday, 4th June 2022

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

What can you do to support

Ukraine & the Ukrainian People?

Could you organise an event or a

COLLECTION in or around OUR CHURCHES?

Could you and your neighbours host a coffee morning, soup lunch or cake sale?

Please visit our website (<http://www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984>)

Donations Christian Aid with DEC – On-line at

www.christianaid.org.uk , there are some excellent prayer resources just a click or two away. There are many suggestions from the

Ukrainian Institute in London on our website at

www.bridgechurches.org.uk/?p=5984. **Well done and thank you for the funds raised so far.**

Local Remembrance in Action on BBC

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ktYD3eL9g0>

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, advertising, 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.

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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