

Who's who in the Benefice:

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Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light, now in the time
of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Our Benefice Prayer

Lord God, in our striving towards your kingdom,
send the gift of your Holy Spirit to work through
our benefice.

Help us to look forward, to act together with
mutual support, to be open to your will, to seek to
avoid conflict and to nurture loving relationships.
Give us vision, patience and wisdom so that our
churches may grow and our communities be
blessed with your Grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Quiet Morning for Advent

In the church-room, All Saints', East Meon
Saturday 29 November 10am – 1pm

Led by Susan Berry, a Third Order Franciscan.

Please contact Susan asap.

Our sincere thanks go to Susan for all her hard
work that has gone into preparing this.

5th Sunday in November – Advent

The Upper Meon Parishes

East Meon, Langrish, Warnford and West Meon



*Lift up your voice with strength,
O herald of good tidings.*

Pew News

Sunday 30th November Sunday Services

Every Sunday

All Saints' Church, East Meon

8 am Holy Communion BCP

following the BCP Lectionary

30th November - Advent Sunday

Ps 9: 1-10; Is 52.1-12; Matthew 24.15-28

St John the Evangelist, West Meon

**18:00 - Candle-lit Evening Service of Lesson and
Hymns for Advent**

Services During the Week

The Season of Advent

The First Tuesday in the Month

6 pm Compline at Langrish

Each Wednesday

9 am Morning Prayer at West Meon & Langrish

Services for the next two weeks:

7th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Our Lady, Warnford

09:00 am – Mattins

Ps 72: 1-7; Is 11: 1-10; Matt 3: 1-12

All Saints' Church, East Meon

10:30 am - Advent Procession

A Service of Light with Advent Readings and Hymns
(A brief, optional Communion follows)

14th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61: 1-3, Mark 10: 13-16

St John the Evangelist, Langrish

09:00 am - Service of the Word

St John the Evangelist, West Meon

10:30 am – Benefice Eucharist

Culmination of the Toy Collection

Details of other services and events
will be in next week's Pew News.

For your prayers...

At Advent, we are encouraged to pray for:

The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ;

The leaders of the Church, and this year for the Archbishop of Canterbury elect;

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.

We continue to pray for peace among all peoples, not least in the Middle East, especially Israel and Palestine, in Sudan, and Ukraine. For Christians persecuted because of their faith world-wide.

IDWAL – Inter Diocesan West Africa Link



Our Benefice has links with Ghana. East Meon with Ayifah, Langrish with Jameso Nkwanto, Warnford & West Meon with Winneba. Please remember the people and priests of these churches in your prayers.

We pray for all our brothers and sisters of the Diocese, and especially for Bishop Jonathan, our Archdeacon Kathryn and our Area Dean Susie, and for our local brothers and sisters of all denominations.

We pray that as we move ever closer to becoming an Official Benefice we may unite through the love of Christ, respecting our differences and enjoying our fellowship. We pray for the community and parish of Langrish as the draft Pastoral Scheme enters the next phase having been considered by the Church Commissioners.

We pray for all our schools around the Benefice and for all those who lead them.

The Unwell – please pray for Joy's speedy recovery after surgery and please notify Fr Tony for other private or public prayers.



Recently Departed
Margaret Miller (East Meon)
Sue Stubbington (Langrish)
Simon Slaughter (East Meon)
Anthony White (East Meon)

Please keep the families and friends of Anthony, Margaret, Sue & Simon and the others who have lost loved ones this year in your prayers, especially in this season of commemoration for all those that we love but see no longer.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

NOTICES PLEASE

Notices for next week by

Tuesday, 2nd December at 12 noon please to:

beneficeuppermeon@gmail.com

NOTICES

All Saints' Church, East Meon

The East Meon community continues to surpass itself with the support it gives to those who put on events to raise money for the church. Following the fantastic Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, organised by the dynamic duo of Emma Gaisford and Clare de Lotbiniere, where everyone dug deep to support the event by purchasing tickets and then dug deeper to support the wonderful raffle organised by Sue Croft. The fantastic amount of just over £1,800 was raised. East Meon Arts then organised a talk in the church - Ship to Shore - given by Dominic Symington on the history of the port wine trade and its strong links with the UK. It was very well attended and much was learned from Dominic telling us all the various techniques of port making. A figure of just more than £1,350 was raised from that event. So - **THANK YOU EAST MEON AND BEYOND** - for your continued support. All Saints' will continue to stand tall thanks to your much appreciated generosity - and hopefully feel a little warmer too!

Jane's Boys! First Wednesday of the month, 6pm-8pm in the George on **Wednesday 3rd December** All men of drinking age welcome to join!

Ringin' News: Interested to know more about bell ringing? Already ring and would like to ring locally? We are a friendly band of ringers who practise most Fridays at 7.30. If you would like more information, including about our dedicated learner sessions, contact Pam Barnsley at pmbarnsley@hotmail.com.

St John the Evangelist, Langrish

Compline will be sung in Langrish Church on **Tuesday 2nd December at 6pm**. Do join us for this short, quiet, reflective service.

Please Note:

On Sunday 30th November, the only services in the benefice will be the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 8 am in East Meon and a traditional whole Benefice Advent Service at West Meon at 6 pm.

Toys for Children in real need.

Thank You for a wonderful Collection Last Year and please help again this year.

Together with both our schools, our parishes followed the example of St Nicholas, the patron saint of sailors and children, amongst other people. His legend speaks of him giving three girls a dowry to allow them to marry when their family fell on hard times. He delivered the gifts at night to avoid being recognised – Nicholas is the original Santa Claus – Father Christmas.

Last year, we collected a wonderful number of mostly brand-new toys for children, who have to spend their Christmases in women's refuges or in homeless hostels - escaping violence and abuse, but with very little other joy. Again this year, we shall make an anonymous toy collection for the children who will spend Christmas at the Roberts Centre in Portsmouth. So in advance:

THANK YOU! You will bring happiness to those children, and joy into your heart, by giving with willingness.