

## Who's who in the Benefice:

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please also contact Fr Tony. Watch this space for new information in the near future.

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## Collect

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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.

## Preliminary Benefice Discussion Morning

– Please note the details –

You are all invited to a preliminary discussion about how we are as churches and how we could serve each other and our communities better. Focussed group discussions and practical feedback tools will help shape our future discussions.

**The Church Room East Meon,**

**10.00 -12.30**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**RSVP: [fr.antony.forrest@gmail.com](mailto:fr.antony.forrest@gmail.com)**

There will be later opportunities for more discussion and planning in due course

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in January

**The Upper Meon Parishes**

**East Meon, Langrish, Warnford and West Meon**



## Pew News 11th January 2026

### Every Sunday

**All Saints' Church, East Meon**

**8 am Holy Communion BCP**  
following the BCP Lectionary

### Services During the Week

**The First Tuesday in the Month**

**6 pm Compline at Langrish**  
(Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January – The Epiphany)

### Each Wednesday

**9 am Morning Prayer at West Meon & Langrish**

## Sunday Services

### **11th January 2026**

#### **Baptism of Christ**

Acts 10.34-43, Matthew 3.13-17

**St John the Evangelist, Langrish**

**09:00 am – Service of the Word**

**St John the Evangelist, West Meon**

**10:30 am - Benefice Eucharist**

### Services for the next two weeks:

### **18<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

*I Corinthians 1.1-9, John 1.29-42*

#### **Our Lady, Warnford**

**09:00 am - Holy Communion BCP**

**All Saints' Church, East Meon**

**10:30 am - Service of the Word**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**18-25 Jan 26**

### **25<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Conversion of St Paul**

*Matthew 19.27-30, Matthew 19.27-30*

**St John the Evangelist, Langrish**

**10:30 am – Service of the Word**

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## For your prayers...

In the Christmas Season, we are encouraged to pray for:

The Church, especially in places of conflict

The Holy Land, for peace with justice, and reconciliation

Refugees and asylum seekers and homeless people

Families with young children

We continue to pray for peace throughout the world.

**IDWAL – Inter Diocesan West Africa Link**



Our Benefice has links with Ghana. East Meon with Ayifuah, 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 the full and speedy recovery of those who are unwell or recovering from treatment at this time. Please notify Fr Tony for other private or public prayers.

### The Departed



Please keep the families and friends of all who have lost loved ones this year in your prayers. We commend the souls of all those that we love but see no longer into God's care.

*Rest eternal grant unto the departed, 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, 13<sup>th</sup> January** at 12 noon please to:

[beneficeuppermeon@gmail.com](mailto:beneficeuppermeon@gmail.com)

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### Whole Benefice

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### All Saints' Church, East Meon

**Jane's Boys!** First Wednesday of the month, 6pm-8pm in the George on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**  
All men of drinking age welcome to join!

**Ringing 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](mailto:pmbarnsley@hotmail.com)

### St John the Evangelist, Langrish

Compline will be sung in Langrish Church on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 6pm**. Do join us for this short, quiet, reflective service.

### Our Lady, Warnford

It's Snowdrop time again for Warnford Church in February.

### Snowdrop Saturdays in Warnford Park

Here in the Meon Valley we are blessed with a wonderful display of Snowdrops in a secret garden spot on a private estate usually not open to the public.

You can book ahead and wander around Warnford Park's beautiful snowdrops on four Saturday afternoons this February (7, 14, 21 and 28 Feb 2026, 2pm – 5pm).

Nestling in the valley, Warnford Park is a magnificent late 18th Century landscape park and pleasure grounds designed by Capability Brown as the setting for a country house and is the home of the Snowdrop Walk.

If you wish to be refreshed after your journey, wonderful tea and cakes await you in the Bell Tower of the Church, with music from the organ to entertain you.

Snowdrop Saturdays contribute funds to help with the running of our historic Warnford Church. Attendance is by pre-booked tickets only, to manage attendance and traffic carefully to ensure the best visitor experience possible.

Tickets for the Saturday opening are available on the Warnford Snowdrops website <https://www.warnfordparkwalks.org.uk/>