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Collect
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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.

Weddings:
Mary & Felix in East Meon on 25th April
Amanda & David in West Meon on 1st May.
Please remember them in your prayers.

East Meon Annual Parochial Meetings
East Meon **Annual Meeting of Parishioners** (to elect two churchwardens) will be held in the Church Room, East Meon **at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 27th May 2026** immediately followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** and thereafter a brief PCC meeting. Formal notices will be posted in due course in the statutory manner.

East Meon Arts presents: Vistas and Viewpoints Join local artist, teacher and writer Simon Sharp for an inspiring evening exploring the landscapes of the South Downs through art and creativity. Saturday 9th May, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. All Saints' Church, East Meon, Tickets £15 (includes a glass of wine) In support of church funds Available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-meon-arts or on the door. All are warmly welcome!

4th Sunday in April
The Upper Meon Benefice (Designate)
East Meon, Langrish, Warnford and West Meon

Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. (John 10: 9

Sunday Services

Every Sunday

All Saints' Church, East Meon
8 am Holy Communion BCP

Services During the Week

The First Tuesday in the Month
6 pm Compline at Langrish

Every Wednesday
9 am Morning Prayer in Langrish and West Meon

26th April
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday
Acts 2.42-47, John 10.1-10

St John the Evangelist, Langrish
10:30 am – Benefice Eucharist

St John the Evangelist, West Meon
10:30 am – Service of the Word

Services for the next two weeks:

3rd May
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7.55-60, John 14.1-14

Our Lady, Warnford
09:00 am – Mattins

All Saints' Church, East Meon
10:30 am – Benefice Eucharist

10th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17.22-31, John 14.15-21

St John the Evangelist, West Meon
10:30 am – Benefice Eucharist

All Saints' Church, East Meon
Meet in the churchyard

3.00 pm a short local walk to bless the fields and pray for all the harvests across the area of our parishes, finishing with light refreshments in the vicarage garden with Fr Tony and Linda at 4 pm.

For your prayers…

Each morning, we are encouraged to pray for:
the day ahead and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life.
In the evening, we might pray for: peace throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine and in Sudan, and individuals and their needs.

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; and
Prisoners and captives.

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 clergy of these churches in your prayers.
Could you be our Wast Africa Link for the Benefice?

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 well as our other parishes, as the Pastoral Scheme enters its closing stages.

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. We hold before God Andrew Spiller, Sue Davidson and David Cooke and pray for their loved ones and friends.

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, 28th April at 12 noon please to:
beneficeuppermeon@gmail.com

NOTICES

All Saints' Church, East Meon

East Meon Flower Festival 2026!
May 22nd - 25th

Join us for a beautiful celebration of flowers, community, and village life at All Saints' Church, East Meon from 22nd–25th May 2026!

✨ Over 20 stunning floral displays in and around the church
🎨 Art Exhibition
🍰 Delicious Teas & Cakes
🎶 Live Music including Octavus Choir & Jazz with Kati Whitaker
🔔 Bell Ringing, Church Tours & Special Sunday Service

A wonderful event for all ages in the heart of our picturesque village. Tickets just £10, All Saints' Church, East Meon.
Come and enjoy a truly special weekend celebrating rural life and our amazing community—we'd love to see you there!
Tickets are officially on sale:
https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eastmeonflowerfestival2026

Pop-Up Choir Tuesday 28th April, 7:15-8:15pm in East Meon Village Hall. Neil Diamond, Beatles, Abba, Grease!

Jane's Boys! First Wednesday of the month, 6pm-8pm in the George on **Wednesday 6th May.** All men over 18 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.

Friends of East Meon School (FEMS)
East Meon Regatta
Saturday 16th May 1130am -3 pm
Details on poster attached and further details on www.meonmatters.com. Please park in the village car park.

St John the Evangelist, Langrish.

Farm Cream Tea at Lower Farm, Ramsdean
Come and enjoy a delicious cream tea in the beautiful South Downs countryside and meet the farm's friendly sheep, including Swiss Valais Blacknose, Welsh Balwen and Badger Face! Sunday 26th April, 2.00–4.00pm Lower Farm, Ramsdean (GU32 1RU) £3 per adult | Children free
A lovely afternoon out for all ages—everyone welcome!
Enquiries to langrishramsdeanfriends@gmail.com

Our Lady, Warnford

Spring Walk in Warnford Park
Sat 9 May 2026, 2:30PM - 5:00PM
Entry by ticket only: (www.warnfordparkwalks.org.uk/events)
Saturday May the 9th from 2:00 to 5.00 pm, Warnford Park will be hosting once again, "Spring Walk in Warnford Park".
Come and tour the park in its spring magnificence!
Complimentary teas and cakes in the church
All in support our the Rosemary Foundation.

St John the Evangelist, West Meon

Friends of West Meon School (FOWMS) Charity Bingo Night *Saturday 16th May 6-9pm*
Details on poster attached.
We have some great prizes on offer including £50 voucher for the Butchers, Wine tasting at Hambledon vineyard, Family Entry to Butser Ancient Farm, Entry to Fisher's Adventure Farm and Entry to Thrive & Wild Soft play!
Get your tickets from next week from the school, shop, pub or butchers in West Meon.