

Who's who in the Benefice:

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Could you design our new Benefice badge or logo?

When the official benefice is formed on 1st October of this year, it would be good to have a badge that represents the three parishes of East Meon & Langrish, Warnford and West Meon. I am inviting suggestions, sketches or even fully developed suggestions. It would be good to receive these by 15th August, so the final design can be agreed and worked up in time for our first service at the beginning of October.

Happy designing!

Collect – 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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.

NOTICES PLEASE

Notices for next week by

Tuesday, 7th July at 12 noon please to:

beneficeuppermeon@gmail.com

1st Sunday in July

The Upper Meon Benefice (Designate) East Meon, Langrish, Warnford and West Meon



Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11: 28

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

Sunday Services

Every Sunday

All Saints' Church, East Meon

8 am Holy Communion BCP

5th July

5th Sunday after Trinity

Our Lady, Warnford

09:00 am – Mattins

Ps 145.8-15, Zech 9.9-12, Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

All Saints' Church, East Meon

Romans 7.15-25a, Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

10:30 am – Benefice Eucharist

Services for the next two weeks:

12th July –Trinity 6

Romans 8.1-11, Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

St John the Evangelist, Langrish

09:00 am – Service of the Word

St John the Evangelist, West Meon

10:30 am – Benefice Eucharist

19th July –Trinity 7

Romans 8.12-25, Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

Our Lady, Warnford

09:00 am – Holy Communion

All Saints' Church, East Meon

10:30 am – Service of the Word

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.

As we approach Petertide, please pray for those preparing for ordination as deacon or priest and those preparing for licensed lay ministry.

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 West Africa Link?*

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. For young people sitting exams or preparing for the next stage in their education.

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.

Upcoming Marriage:

Megan Kelly and Seb Tuff (8/8/26)

Please remember them, and the recently married couples in your 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 Sue Williams & Lady Sheena Eaton 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.

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The Official Formation of the Upper Meon Benefice

The legal processes in readiness for the formation of our Benefice have now been completed and will come into effect on 1st October 2026.

The Bishop will lead us in a **Service of Thanksgiving** for the role that the Church of St John the Evangelist, Langrish, and the people of the Parish of Langrish have played in the service of God and community on **Sunday, 6th September at 1030 at Langrish Church**. We shall, of course, mourn the church's closing, but we also have so many memories to share and to remember with each other and before God. Please consider what artefacts or photographs you might be able to bring to the service as we acknowledge our loss and hope for the future.

On **Sunday, 4th October**, the Archdeacon of the Meon will lead us in thanksgiving for the **formation of the Upper Meon Benefice** comprising of the extended *Parish of East and Langrish*, the Parish of Warnford and the Parish of West Meon, in **All Saints' Church, East Meon at 1030**.

Both these services will be the only mid-morning services on each of those days. All very welcome!

All Saints' Church, East Meon

East Meon Arts Presents: Amici!

Join us for an enchanting evening of music from the 16th and 17th centuries, performed by the Amici Ensemble. Featuring: Mark Williams (Tenor) & Pat Glynn (Lute).

Enjoy beautiful music for viols, lute and voice in the stunning setting of All Saints' Church, East Meon.

Saturday 11th July - 6:00pm (1 hour approx.)

All Saints' Church, East Meon

£15 (including a glass of wine)

All proceeds go towards supporting the church.

Tickets are available via Ticket Source

www.ticketsource.co.uk/east-meon-arts or on the door (subject to availability).

We hope you will join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of music!

Ringings 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 the Tower Secretary, Pam Barnsley, at pmbarnsley@hotmail.com

St John the Evangelist, West Meon

August Teas

Every Sunday in August in and around the church. 3 pm – 5 pm.