

Who's who in the Benefice:

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LAST CALL for Designs for YOUR Benefice 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.

The closing date for suggestions, rough sketches, draft ideas or even fully developed suggestions: **2 pm Sunday 16th**

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 – 11th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

Collect – 12th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

3rd and 4th Sunday in August

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



*'And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock
I will build my church'
(Mt 16:18)*

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

16th August – BVM & Trinity 11

Our Lady, Warnford

Is 61.10,11; Gal 4.4-7; Luke 1.46-55

9 am – Patronal Festival Communion

All Saints' Church, East Meon

Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Matthew 15.21-28

10.30 am – Service of the Word

23rd August – Trinity 12

Isaiah 51.1-6; Mat 16.13-20

St John the Evangelist, Langrish

10.30 am – Benefice Eucharist

No Service at West Meon

We invite everyone to support Langrish today.

Services Further Ahead:

30th August – Trinity 13

East Meon

10.30 am – Outdoor Garden Service

Readings: *Nature Trail* by Benjamin Zephaniah,

Gen 2: 4b-9, 18 & Mark 4: 3-8

NOTICES PLEASE

Notices for w/c Sunday 30th August by

Tuesday, 25th August at 12 noon please to:

fr.antony.forrest@gmail.com

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.

We pray for those whose lives or livelihoods are endangered by natural phenomena or human strife and warfare.

We pray that as we move ever closer to becoming a new Benefice, we may unite through the love of Christ, valuing our distinctiveness but growing together. 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 young people awaiting exam results or preparing for the next stage in their education.

We pray for all our visitors to our villages and any of our friends and family on holiday.

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 other denominations that we may grow ever closer in Christ.

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?*

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.

Baptism and Marriage:

Please remember all the recently baptised and the recently married, and all those preparing for baptism or marriage 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 Rosemary Nockolds and David Lewin 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.

Caution!

There have been two recent cases where someone has 'impersonated' Fr Tony's email address asking for the recipient for a phone call to discuss a sensitive matter. Please do not answer any such email, it is not from him. If you have any doubt telephone his landline number (01730 642115) and check. Most of Fr Tony's emails have their usual signature block. If you are confident with such things, you can often see the real email address in brackets after the name it is purporting to be Fr Tony and this can be blocked and reported to your provider.

NOTICES

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 small artefact or photograph you might be able to bring to the service as we remember, give thanks, and 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 Meon 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.

An Important Date for Your Diary: You are cordially invited to share a day together on **Saturday, 10th October in Warnford Village Hall** to enumerate our strengths, identify opportunities and explore our 'next steps' and hopes for the future following the launch of the Benefice. Come and share your wisdom and insights, or your worries or concerns, to shape the best possible future for our Benefice under the expert guidance of the Revd Andrew Axon, the diocesan lead tasked with revitalising our diocese. Andrew will help us to discern the priorities for our plans so that we may grow together as a new Benefice. *All interested parties from our communities are very welcome – please pass this on.* In September we shall be asking for 'bookings' as places are limited.

All Saints' Church, East Meon

Ringling 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.

Please see the posters or contact Susan Berry for further details