

The Meon Bridge Benefice

(Corhampton & Meonstoke, Droxford and Exton with Preshaw)

Activity or Service	Very Likely	Fairly Likely	Fairly unlikely	Very Unlikely
Others types of activity or need (please specify):				
Personal Spirituality:				
Sit quietly to think or pray				
for 'a quiet word and a listening ear'				
Light a candle				
Other (please specify):				

Other possible activities or local needs (please specify):

Section 4 – About your experiences before

1. Approximately how often do you go into one of our churches for services? (Please tick one)
 Weekly: ___; Monthly: ____; Once or twice a year: _____;
 Only for christenings, weddings or funerals: _____; Never: _____.

2. If we would consider using the church for (a) a christening: Yes/No*; (b) a wedding: : Yes/No*; and/ or a funeral: Yes/No*

3. Approximately how often do you go into one of our churches for reasons other than services? (Please tick one)
 Daily: ___; Weekly: ____; Monthly: ____;
 Once or twice a year: ____; Never: ____.

4. What was it like? E.g. (un)welcoming, cold/ warm; (un)friendly; unattractive/ beautiful: _____

5. How often do you look at the Church or Friends of the Churches websites?
 Daily: ___; Weekly: ____; Monthly: ____;
 Once or twice a year: ____; Never: ____.

6. How often do you look at the Church noticeboards?
 Daily: ___; Weekly: ____; Monthly: ____;
 Once or twice a year: ____; Never: ____.

Invitation to Follow Up

Please be assured that your replies will be treated as confidential and individuals' details will not be published. Please place your reply in an envelope if you wish your response to be seen only by me alone. If you are willing to be contacted in the event that we need further information, please attach your contact details or email me. Do feel free to send me any comment about the churches and what they offer and do already.

Return

Please return your completed questionnaire to me at The Rectory, Rectory Lane, Meonstoke, SO32 3NF or place it in a sealed envelope in the boxes provided in each church by 23rd December 2015, or download the on-line questionnaire and email it to me at: rector.meonbridge@btinternet.com by the same date.

I have been in post as the Rector of the Benefice for a couple of months now and I am learning fast about the formal religious needs of community, but now I would like to know more about the wider community and how the Church, both buildings and people, can support it better. We are also blessed with four lovely buildings and some land, which can be an even better resource in serving and welcoming both the communities and visitors alike.

Some minor refurbishments and some significant improvements are in the planning stages, some are underway, and now we need to know more about what the wider communities think. Historic church buildings are, I believe, a vital part of our cultural, social, religious, and artistic heritage. In them, we can continue the long Christian tradition of serving the community and not least by providing a place to gather, a place of help and hope, and a place to learn

I believe we should, as the Bridge Benefice, offer opportunities for bridge-building: links for people of faith and those of none; and, for people with gifts to offer and those who wish to learn of things sacred or secular .

To help us see what is wanted and needed, please complete all sections of this questionnaire in confidence, and if you wish anonymously. Please, either use this paper questionnaire or go on-line to our website (www.bridgechurches.org.uk). Please feel free to email me or drop me a line with any other ideas you may have.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP. LARGE PRINT COPIES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

Section 1 - About Your Household

Your name (optional): _____

For how long have you lived in the Benefice (longest in household)?: _____ yrs

How many female adults live in your household? _____;

How many male adults? _____. How many dependent children? _____

Please place a tick (✓) per person who is in any of the following age ranges:

0-4	5-7	8-11	11-16	16-19	20-29	30-44	45-59	60- 79	80+

Your postcode: _____ so we can analyse the results by village

Section 2 - About the Community

The three best aspects of/ things about living in my community are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The most important aspect of/ thing in our community is:

Section 2 - Continued

The two worst or most difficult things about living in my community are:

1. _____

2. _____

If our community lost all its written records, it would never forget the time when:

If this community could only celebrate one special event per year, it would be:

If, during the next ten years, there could be just one change to the community, it should be:

Section 3 - About what is needed

None of the Church buildings can be a clinic, post office or even a village hall, but they have great potential alongside sacred use to serve the community, which is a gospel value. We look forward to sign-posting people to the other excellent amenities already in our communities.

Here are examples of activities, although we could not deliver them all, please indicate how likely it would be for you or a member of your household to make use of them.

Activity or Service	Very Likely	Fairly Likely	Fairly unlikely	Very Unlikely
Drop-in:				
coffee Mornings/ afternoon teas				
financial advice				
finding help or support in the area				
meeting others e.g. at home parents with pre-school children				
social activities with refreshments e.g. lunch club				
starting out on (new) employment				
using a computer e.g. WiFi, Broadband, Tablet, Smartphone				
Other (please specify):				

From time-to-time, information on:

'big' health issues e.g. cancer, Alzheimer's, stroke, mental health				
Caring for others at home				

Activity or Service	Very Likely	Fairly Likely	Fairly unlikely	Very Unlikely
meetings/ events for groups to raise funds for those in need				
Computer safety e.g. Internet security , phishing and scams				
safety at home e.g. fire, security				
spirituality or prayer				
staying healthy and well-being				
Other (please specify):				

Activities for adults:

local history/ archaeology				
architecture				
practical arts & crafts				
local landscape/ natural history				
flower and other festivals				
self-help groups (please specify):				
education/ training (please specify):				
Parent and Toddler groups				
Walking/ rambling group				
Other interests (please specify):				

Activities for children/ teenagers:

local history/ archaeology				
arts & crafts				
local landscape/ natural history				
after-school club with parents				
holiday clubs				
teenager drop-in				
mentoring (please specify):				
Other (please specify):				

Cultural Activities:

Exhibitions of local interest (adults' and children's work)				
Concerts from local groups (adults' and children's performances)				
Rehearsal space for musical societies and bands				
Other (please specify):				