



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

29th June 2025

Feast of St Peter and St Paul

**Benefice Service at
The Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Hawkley,
at 10.30am – led by Bishop Ian**

Please do join us!

Great and wonderful news...

Last Sunday, at the Patronal Festival and 150th Anniversary Service held at the Church of St John the Baptist, Greatham, Bishop Jonathan announced that the Reverend Richard Wharton has been appointed to succeed Peter Sutton, subject to the usual checks and clearance procedures.

Those of us involved in Richard's appointment are truly grateful for your prayers and support throughout what has been a busy period in the history of the Benefice. Some of you were able to meet Richard during his time with us a couple of weeks ago – thank you for your comments and guidance. We are very much hoping that Richard will be licensed at a special service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Hawkley, at 6.00pm on 25th September 2025. Please keep the date free! (More details will follow in due course.)

Looking ahead - more events and happenings in June and July

For the Beauty of the Earth

A weekend festival celebrating the gift of Creation

27 - 29th June at Church Field, Greatham

Friday 8pm: 'Why does Nature matter?' Talk & question time with Peter Harris, founder of conservation charity 'A Rocha'. Venue: the Manor House, Greatham GU33 6HF Coffee and dessert served 7:30pm

Saturday 10am-1pm: Family nature festival @Church Field: crafts, bushcrafts, games, scavenger hunt, tea, coffee & homemade cakes, with singing and a talk around the campfire

Saturday lunch: bring your own Picnic in Church Field

Saturday 2pm - 5pm Work Party in Church Field: building a hibernaculum and bug hotels, doing wildlife surveys and helping to create a food forest. Tea and cake served

Sunday 10.30am: Wild Church in Doug's Den (woods next to Church Field), led by Hope Church

Sunday lunch: Bring & Share Lunch

All the events are free and you are welcome to come to everything or just to one event

*Church Field is next to the Church of St John the Baptist,
opposite the Manor House in Greatham
The weekend is organised by St John Trust, Greatham*

Open Garden Event on 5th July, from noon – details below:

Open Garden

Saturday 5 July 2025

From 12 noon

Eveley Corner Cottage
(bottom of Firgrove Road)



Plant Sale
Teas Cake Sale
Bottle Tombola
Raffle

BBQ
Licenced Bar

In aid of The Friends of St Matthew's Registered Charity 1172369

Eveley Corner Cottage, Off Firgrove Road, Whitehill, GU35 9EQ

PRODUCE in the PORCH

Fresh garden produce - vegetables, fruit, flowers etc. will be in Hawkley Church porch from July 6th until September 6th. Any contributions gratefully received!



Please help yourselves! By putting a donation in the wall safe on the right just inside the glass doors, you will be helping **Liss Food Bank**, to where our donations will go to support their work with the homeless and families struggling to afford fresh food items.

Christians Against Poverty

In his sermon on Maundy Thursday, Bishop Jonathan challenged the diocese to help those living in poverty. He said the work of the Christians was to proclaim 'Good news to the poor'.



One of the charities supported across this diocese and throughout the UK is Christians Against Poverty which actively works providing free help for getting out of debt, budgeting, making budgets go further or help finding a job.

This is one of the charities supported in our benefice (website capuk.org)

The Roberts Centre

PFW/ Roberts Centre

Thank you for all the books which we have now delivered and were gratefully received by the Centre.

The Roberts Centre are now able to take donations of food. As for PFW it must have a long shelf life so please check the BBE date when you purchase.

The following items have been requested

Tinned and/or packets to supply a larder

Suggested items

- Sugar
- Long-life milk both skimmed, semi-skimmed, full fat
- Chunky soups
- Tinned vegetables including tinned potatoes
- Tinned meat and fish, baked beans, noodles, pasta
- Cereals
- Tea, coffee, including de-caff and squash
- Biscuits, chocolate, pre-wrapped cake
- Loo rolls, Kitchen towel, dish cloths
- Toiletries for men and women.

In addition Children’s clothing for 0 - 10/11 years and particularly boys clothing up to the age of 16 - 17 years.



Weekday Morning Prayer at Hawkley

Mondays	0900
Tuesdays	0900
Wednesdays	0730
Thursdays	0900

Morning Prayer from Common Worship is the contemporary version of the morning daily office. It follows a pattern of introduction, psalm(s), readings, canticles including the Benedictus and prayers appropriate to the day. Currently up to 5 or 6 people might come – it is a great way to start the day and there is room for a lot more! Morning Prayer last for 20 – 25 minutes.

Some attendees of Morning Prayer, but by no means all, use the App on their phones which saves having to look up readings and psalms – it's all on the phone! How times have changed. Whether you come to church for this or not, have a look at this App – you can, of course use it anywhere!

Everyone (and anyone) is always welcome!



How to Donate

We are very grateful to everyone who supports us financially – thank you! Each of our churches are members of the national Parish Giving Scheme which means that you can easily set up a way to give that suits you. Either visit the website use www.parishgiving.org.uk or telephone 0333 002 1260. Simply state the name of the Church you wish to support and their parish code:

St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley
Priors Dean Church
St John the Baptist, Greatham
Empshott

Code Number: 290629087
Code Number: 290629088
Code Number: 290629086
Code Number: 290629083

PGS will ask for your contact details and bank details: sort code, account number and account name. For details of other ways to support any of our churches, please contact the appropriate treasurer:

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Greatham Steve Hedicker
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Church News

If you know someone who would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Paul Goddard rattypaul@hotmail.com who has taken over editing and distribution during the interregnum.

We can also share details of events around our villages, as appropriate.

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Empshott: David Tucker (Church Warden and Vice Chair), Helen Sinclair (Church Warden), Carol Ashby, Sarah Walker, Verity Tucker, Susan Sinclair and Phil Momber. (*Safeguarding Officer: Jo Knight*)

Hawkey with Priors Dean: Neil Chrimes (Church Warden), Tom Wilkinson (Church Warden), Molly Keer, Alex Wilkinson, Jane Wyman, Carolyn Fair, D Green, Nick Pettman, Jo Knight (*Safeguarding Officer for Hawkey and Empshott*) and Elizabeth Hawkins.

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Next Sunday – 6th July – Trinity 3

Empshott	09.15	Holy Communion
Hawkley	10.15	Holy Communion
Greatham	11.00	Morning Worship