

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



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Church News

23rd August 2026

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This Sunday:

Empshott **09.15** **Holy Communion**
Richard Wharton

Hawkley **10.15** **Morning Worship**
Elizabeth Hawkins and Paul Goddard

Greatham **11.00** **Holy Communion**
Richard Wharton

All welcome!

Deanery Confirmation Service

This year's Deanery Confirmation Service will be held at Hawkley on Sunday 22nd November at 4.00 p.m.

Confirmation is a special service where people confirm to the bishop that they agree with the promises that were made when they were baptised (i.e. the promises made by godparents when people were baptised as infants). The bishop places his hands on the heads of the individual candidates and special prayers are said for them.

People can be confirmed at any age as long as they are old enough to make the promises for themselves (usually 10 years plus). If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore this, please do approach or message Rev'd Richard.

Weekday Services at Hawkley:

Holy Communion - Wednesdays 7.30am

An early, said, Holy Communion (without hymns), is held on Wednesdays and is ideal for those who appreciate a quiet, reflective and peaceful form of midweek communion. With readings, prayers and Eucharist, lasting around 25 minutes, it is ideal for those who start the day early or have a commute.

Morning Prayer - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, all at 9.00am

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. 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!

Everyone (and anyone) is always welcome.

Coming up...

Sunday 23rd August – 5.30-7.30pm – Garden Open at Field House, with Summer Madrigals performed by local Choir Members – details below

Monday 31st August – August Bank Holiday Walk and Tea - gathering at the lychgate at Hawkley Church at 2.00pm, a walk of about an hour, finishing with tea in the Vicarage garden at about 3.00pm.

Wednesday 2nd September – Messy Church – 3.30-5.30pm, to be held at the **Church of St John the Baptist, Greatham** – details and contact numbers below.

Saturday 5th September – Greatham Flower and Produce Show at Greatham Village Hall, from 3.00pm – details follow.

Saturday 12th September – Ride and Stride – details can be found in **The Village Magazine**. A great opportunity to visit other churches and raise some money for the Hampshire and the Island Historic Churches Trust.

Saturday 19th September – The Kings Pond Shantymen will be visiting St John the Baptist, Greatham, for another evening of entertainment. Doors open at 6.30pm, for a 7.00pm start. Further details below.

Sunday 27th September – Greatham Village ‘Church Crawl’ – our annual opportunity to worship together in the different venues and styles. Please put the date in your diary! Details follow, below.

St John’s Coffee Cafe

The Thursday Coffee Café is taking a break throughout August, not least due to the road closure affecting traffic through the village. We plan to recommence in September – keep your eyes open for further announcements!

Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat – Continues every Tuesday at 10.00 – noon, at Hawkley Village Hall

Garden Open at Field House, Sunday 23rd August 2026

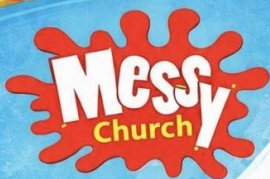
By kind permission of Rosemary and Mike Lanning
Field House, GU34 3SF (where Empshott Green Lane
intersects the road from Hawkley)

5.30pm to 7.30pm

RSVP to empshottevents@gmail.com



Enjoy a drink and nibbles while you visit the beautiful
grounds and garden with lovely views of the Hangers.
Listen to summer Madrigals sung by local choir members
Entry £10 (cash or card to include welcome drink)
Event in aid of Empshott Church.



JOIN US FOR

MESSY CHURCH!

1st Wednesday
of the month

3.30pm till 5.30pm.

Adults to stay – tea provided for the children
at St John the Baptist Church Greatham

Suggested Donation: £2.00

- For more information please contact:

Sam Day on 07858378678,

or Carole Rudd on

07818401853

Email: churchmessy@gmail.com



GREATHAM FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September 2026

Greatham Village Hall at 3.00pm



KINDLY SUPPORTED BY GREATHAM INN & LISS YARNS

RAFFLE TEA CAKES

Admission 50p Children free

Show Team Contacts:

Tricia Porter 07950 613660

Rebecca Dowling, Lucy Carter, Claire Cornell, Liz Wilkinson

**THE KINGS POND SHANTYMEN
AT
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
GREATHAM HANTS GU33 6HB
ON THE
19th SEPTEMBER 2026**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM
FOR A 7PM START**

**TICKETS £10
TO INCLUDE A PLOUGHMANS SUPPER
CASH BAR RAFFLE**

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION
TELEPHONE 07818401853 OR EMAIL
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Join us for the annual Greatham Village Church Crawl

10am Sunday, 27th September

Whether you are of the Christian faith, other faith, or no faith, you are warmly invited to join the parish church, Hope Church and L'Abri for the fifth annual 'Church Crawl'. We'll be walking from Greatham School, to the Old Church, to the Manor House and then to St. John's, pausing at each one for readings, reflections, creative prayer and music. We finish with a picnic lunch in Manor Field. Please bring your own sandwiches and we will provide drinks and deserts.

You are welcome to come along to some or all of the gathering places.

10:00 Greatham School: Coffee and Pastries

10:30 Welcome by Hope Church

10:45 Walk to Greatham Old Church for 11AM

11:15 Walk to the Manor House for 11:30 AM

(Please use the front entrance)

11:45 Walk to St John the Baptist Church for 12 Noon

12:15 Picnic at Manor Field



The Roberts Centre and Portsmouth Family Welfare

...can take donations of food. Donations must have a long shelf-life so please check the BBE date when you purchase.

The following items have been requested:

Sugar

Long-life milk: 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-caffeinated, and squash

Biscuits, chocolate, pre-wrapped cake

Loo rolls, kitchen towel, dish cloths

Toiletries for men and women. Sanitary pads, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo

Babies nappies.

In addition, children's clothing for 2 - 12 years.

Please leave any donations in Hawkley Church porch or in the container by the font at St John's, Greatham.

They are continuing with Supermarket vouchers. If you would like to make a cash donation for a voucher so that clients can buy for themselves under supervision, please put a donation in an envelope marked 'Roberts Centre Food voucher' and give it to either Jeremy or Elizabeth at Hawkley, or Paul at Greatham.

Thank you for your continued support.



How to donate and support our work

We are hugely grateful to everyone who supports us financially - thank you! Each of the four churches is a member 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, Hawkey	Code Number: 290629087
Priors Dean Church	Code Number: 290629088
St John the Baptist, Greatham	Code Number: 290629086
Empshott Holy Rood	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:

Hawkey	Alex Wilkinson	Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com
Priors Dean	D Green	green@priorsdean.com
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com
Empshott	Verity Tucker	verityvmtucker@gmail.com

Church News

If you know someone who would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Paul Goddard rattypaul@hotmail.com

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

Clergy Contacts:

Rev'd Richard Wharton richardjwharton@outlook.com 07972 099230

Readers:

Elizabeth Hawkins 01730 827502

Paul Goddard 07837 651579 (rattypaul@hotmail.com)

Parochial Church Councils:

Greatham: Kay Thorpe and Simon Lewis (Church Wardens), Carole Rudd (Secretary & Safeguarding Officer), Debbie Hedicker, David McConnell, Ruth Wey, Steve Hedicker and Paul Goddard.

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

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

Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham:	Carole Rudd	01420 538160
Hawkey with Priors Dean and Empshott:	Jo Knight	01730 827974

Electoral Roll Officers:

Greatham	Carole Rudd	carolerudd2412@gmail.com
Empshott	<i>Vacant</i>	
Hawkey with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday – 30th August 2026
Trinity 13

**There will be a Joint Benefice Service at the Church of St John the Baptist,
Greatham, starting at 10.30am**

Please come and join us!