

*Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean*



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

## **Church News**

### **13<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

### **Trinity 15**

#### **This Sunday:**

**Priors Dean 08.45      Holy Communion**

Sue Jones

**Empshott 09.15      Holy Communion**

Richard Wharton

**Hawkley 10.15      Holy Communion**

Sue Jones

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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...

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - please join us in the Churchyard at Holy Rood, Empshott for the **annual working party** when we get ready for the winter season. We need to trim, weed, clean and clear, prune plants, strim, rake and more, including jobs inside the church.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm – A Beginner’s Introduction to Line Dancing**, to be held at **The Empshott Hut**. Details below. To book your place please email [empshottevents@gmail.com](mailto:empshottevents@gmail.com) Everyone is welcome. Dress code casual. Smooth shoes, flat trainers or low heel boots are good to dance in. Hats are fun but not essential!

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October – 10.00-16.30 – Blackmoor Apple Tasting Day** (details to follow)

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Hawkley Harvest Festival and Lunch** – There will be a family-friendly service in the Church, followed by lunch together in the Village Hall. All welcome at either/both parts, but, for catering purposes, places for lunch must be pre-booked. (Flyer below)

## Coffee and Chat

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

## St John's Coffee Café

The Thursday **Coffee Café**, between 10.00 and noon, in the Parish Room at

The Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Greatham

A group of people, mostly women, are line dancing in a rustic wooden hall. They are wearing cowboy hats, plaid shirts, and jeans. The room has large windows in the background, letting in warm, golden light. The floor is made of wide wooden planks. The text "BEGINNER'S INTRODUCTION TO LINE DANCING" is overlaid on the top half of the image in a stylized, white, outlined font.

# BEGINNER'S INTRODUCTION TO LINE DANCING

**FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

**7.00PM | EMPSHOTT HUT**

**£10 entrance fee – Booking Essential for this  
class as places are limited.**

**email: [empshottevents@gmail.com](mailto:empshottevents@gmail.com)**

**Proceeds in aid of Empshott Church**



**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





# **FAMILY HARVEST LUNCH**

**HAWKLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER**

**12.00 FOR 12.30PM**

**2 COURSE LUNCH**

**BAR OPEN**

**Adults £15.00    Children Free**

**PLACES NEED TO BE PRE-BOOKED**

*(Please let us know of any dietary requirements)*

Contact Jo Humphrey  
[johumphrey1@gmail.com](mailto:johumphrey1@gmail.com)  
or 07825 327892

*Proceeds to the Church  
and Village Hall*

## 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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) or telephone 0333 002 1260. Simply state the name of the church you wish to support and their parish code:

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|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley</b> | Code Number: 290629087 |
| <b>Priors Dean Church</b>                   | Code Number: 290629088 |
| <b>St John the Baptist, Greatham</b>        | Code Number: 290629086 |
| <b>Empshott Holy Rood</b>                   | 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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|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Hawkley</b>     | Alex Wilkinson | <a href="mailto:Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com">Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com</a> |
| <b>Priors Dean</b> | Carolyn Fair   | <a href="mailto:carolyn.fair1@gmail.com">carolyn.fair1@gmail.com</a>                 |
| <b>Greatham</b>    | Steve Hedicker | <a href="mailto:shedicker58@gmail.com">shedicker58@gmail.com</a>                     |
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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](mailto:rattypaul@hotmail.com)

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

## Clergy Contacts:

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## Readers:

Elizabeth Hawkins 01730 827502

Paul Goddard 07837 651579 ([rattypaul@hotmail.com](mailto: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:

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Greatham                | Carole Rudd   | <a href="mailto:carolerudd2412@gmail.com">carolerudd2412@gmail.com</a>       |
| Empshott                | <i>Vacant</i> |                                                                              |
| Hawkey with Priors Dean | Tom Wilkinson | <a href="mailto:tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk">tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk</a> |

# **Next Sunday – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

## **Trinity 16**

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| <b>09.15</b> | <b>Empshott</b>    | <b>Holy Communion</b> |
| <b>10.15</b> | <b>Hawkley</b>     | <b>Holy Communion</b> |
| <b>11.00</b> | <b>Greatham</b>    | <b>Holy Communion</b> |
| <b>18.00</b> | <b>Priors Dean</b> | <b>Evensong</b>       |

***Please come and join us!***