Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

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Church News
25th October 2026
Last after Trinity

This Sunday:

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

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

Greatham **11.00** **Morning Worship**
Richard Wharton

Next Saturday (31st October 2026):

All Souls Service at **Priors Dean** - starting at 5.30pm

This is a reflective service of comfort and hope, during which we will pray by name for departed loved ones. If you would like the name of a loved one who is no longer with us to be included in the prayers, there are sheets at the back of each of our churches which names can be added to, or please contact Rev'd Richard.

All welcome!

Coming up...

Sunday 25th October at 4pm – Ben Saul Organ Recital at **Hawkley Church.** Come and enjoy a virtuoso organ recital by Cathedral Organist Ben Saul, with tea and cake afterward. Details below.

Monday 2nd November – 2.00-3.30pm **– Church, Chat and Cake** at St Mary's, Liss, hosted by Richard Wharton – a monthly (first Monday in the month) event for seniors and carers in Liss and the surrounding villages. Details below.

Wednesday 4th November – 3.30-5.00pm – **Messy Church** at **St John the Baptist, Greatham.** Details below.

Coffee and Chat

Every Tuesday at 10.00 – noon, at Hawkley Village Hall

St John's Coffee Café

Every Thursday, between 10.00 and noon, in the Parish Room at Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Greatham

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.

Organ recital

by Ben Saul

4 p.m. at Hawkley Church
Sunday 25th October



Come and listen to a virtuoso Cathedral organist and musical impresario, Ben Saul, as he performs a recital featuring organ pieces by composers including Bach, Mendelssohn, Elgar and Sibelius:

Tea and cake will be served following the recital, which will last for about an hour.

Donations are encouraged to help pay for the restoration of Hawkley's magnificent stained-glass windows.

Church, Chat and Cake

For seniors and carers from Liss and surrounding villages, hosted at St Mary's Liss:

First Monday of each month, 2.00-3.30 p.m., starting Monday 2nd November

A place to sing hymns, talk together and have enjoy coffee and cake.
There will be a simple act of worship with familiar traditional hymns, lasting no more than 30 minutes, followed by coffee, cake and chat.





For more information, contact:
Revd Richard Wharton:
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Messy Church
Fun, Faith and Messy Activities for all children!
St John the Baptist Church, Greatham
Next session: 4th Nov
1st Wednesday of the month 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Adults to stay
Dinner for the children
Suggested £2.00 donation
For information please call:
Sam - 07858 378678
Carole - 07818 401853
or email: churchmessy@gmail.com
For parents
Please get in touch with Sam if your child is attending, as we need numbers for food and to know about any allergies or dietary requirements.

The Roberts Centre

The following items have been specifically requested:

- Clothing, especially warm items as winter approaches
- Food in suitable forms such as tins and dried items, with long sell-by dates
- Toiletries
- Food vouchers for supermarkets, or cash to purchase them* (please see below)
- Books, for young and old

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

*If you would like to give a voucher or a cash donation for the purchase of supermarket food vouchers, please put your donation in an envelope marked 'Roberts Centre Food voucher' and give it to Richard, or Jeremy/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, Hawkley	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:

Hawkley	Alex Wilkinson	Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com
Priors Dean	Carolyn Fair	carolyn.fair1@gmail.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:

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Readers:

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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)

Hawkley 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 Hawkley and Empshott)* and Elizabeth Hawkins.

Safeguarding Officers:

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

Electoral Roll Officers:

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Empshott	*Vacant*	
Hawkley with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday – 1st November 2026

All Saints

09.15	**Empshott**	**Holy Communion**
10.15	**Hawkley**	**Holy Communion *with Sunday Funday***
11.00	**Greatham**	**Holy Communion**

Please come and join us!