

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



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Church News

15th February 2026

Sunday before Lent

This Sunday:

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Richard Wharton

Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion

Richard Wharton

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion

Beth Izzard

Priors Dean 17.30 Evensong

Richard Wharton

All welcome!

Benefice Service for Ash Wednesday

Please come and join us at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 18th February, at St Peter and St Paul, Hawkley, as we mark the beginning of Lent with a Holy Communion service, during which there will be an opportunity to be marked with the ashes, which are traditionally made from last year's palm crosses. The Ash Wednesday service offers an opportunity to reflect on God's call upon us to make a difference in the world.



Stations of the Cross for Lent

We will be holding a short time of reflection based on the Stations of the Cross on each of the Wednesdays between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday (25th Feb, 4th March, 11th March, 18th March, 25th March). This will be at 6.00 p.m. at St Peter and St Paul, Hawkley. Do come and join us on any week if you are able.



Coming up...

Saturday 21st February – 7.00pm: William Selborne will be giving a talk and presentation on behalf of 'The Selborne Landscape Partnership' at Blackmoor Village Hall (poster below) Tickets (£12.50 per head, to include finger buffet) are available from Jilly Prideaux 07715 454748

Saturday 28th February – St John's Quiz Night at Greatham Village Hall. More details below

A talk and presentation



on

The Selborne Landscape Partnership

*farmers working together for the wildlife
in our parish*



By

William Selborne



Saturday 21st February 2026

7pm at Blackmoor Village Hall



Licensed Bar & finger buffet

Raffle

Tickets £12.50

Contact Jilly Prideaux on: 07715454748

In aid of The Friends of St Matthews – Registered Charity 1172369

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH GREATHAM

QUIZ NIGHT



28TH FEBRUARY 2026
VENUE
GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL
GU33 6EY

Doors open at 6:30 PM QUIZ starts at 7:00PM
£11 per person includes a Fish and Chip Supper
Tables of 6 players

BYO DRINK

CASH RAFFLE

Telephone 07818401853 or 01420 538160

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-caff, 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 for delivery in March
They can no longer take curtains and bedding but will accept duvets and duvet covers.

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.

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, Hawkle
Priors Dean Church
St John the Baptist, Greatham
Empshott Holy Rood

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:

Hawkle	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.

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Parochial Church Councils:

Greatham: David Rudd (Church Warden), Kay Thorpe (Church Warden), Carole Rudd (Secretary & Safeguarding Officer), Steve Hedicker, Simon Lewis 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)

Hawley 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 Hawley and Empshott*) and Elizabeth Hawkins.

Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham: Carole Rudd 01420 538160

Hawley with Priors Dean and Empshott: Jo Knight 01730 827974

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Empshott *Vacant*

Hawley with

Priors Dean Tom Wilkinson tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday – 22nd February 2026

First Sunday of Lent

09.15 – Empshott - Holy Communion

10.15 – Hawkley – Morning Worship

11.00 – Greatham – Holy Communion