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Church News

8th June 2025 – Pentecost

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Judith Bee

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship

Elizabeth Hawkins and Paul Goddard

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion

Jan Fuller and Paul Goddard

Priors Dean 18.00 Evensong

Elizabeth Hawkins

All are Welcome!

Selection Process for our new incumbent...

You will probably be aware of meetings, planning, e-mails and all manner of 'behind the scenes' work going on, as the process of appointing Peter's successor gathers pace. Next week sees the 'Orientation Day' where the candidate will visit the churches and meet various people, followed by the formal interviews to be held at Bishopsgrrove.

Please pray for all involved; that God sends us the right person.

Looking ahead - more events and happenings in June

Dog Show and Summer Fete at St John the Baptist Church on 21st June, featuring NCMA Modellers' Association mobile railway layout (details attached)

Benefice Service to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St John the Baptist Church, Greatham with Bishop Jonathan – Sunday 22nd June, at 10.30am

5th Sunday Benefice Service marking the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, led by Bishop Ian. All are warmly invited to **Hawkey Church**, on Sunday 29th June at 10.30am



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
GREATHAM GU33 6HB

FUN DOG SHOW AND SUMMER FETE

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Nearly Competent

NCMA

Modellers Association

The NCMA Modular layout is based on the operation of a typical modern heritage railway based in the UK, giving the option to run a wide variety of stock. The layout's modular construction allows the railway to be assembled in a large number of configurations which can adapt to the space available.



The modules are all built by different members of the Nearly Competent Modellers Association who live throughout the UK. The modules had not been assembled into a single cohesive layout before our first show, in April 2024.



The layout is supported by Grainge & Hodder, who produced modified versions of their baseboards and by L-Cut Creative, who produced custom building kits to help the modular railway come to life. Construction of the original modules and the layout's first public show is featured on the LMM YouTube channel.

At present the club boasts over 60ft of track featuring aspects of a modern heritage railway such as museum, stations, countryside scenery and yards. We are an ever-evolving layout with new modules being constructed and added to the catalogue of modules we can pull from making the Modular layout unique for every show.

While the name of the association is a little tongue in cheek, our passion and dedication to our hobby is certainly not in question. We are first and foremost a group of friends, but we strive to put on a pleasing visual show for the public when we exhibit the layout.



We you enjoy the layout as much as we do.

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

The Roberts Centre continues to welcome our monthly donations of food to give to the homeless and those families who are struggling to feed their children.

Vacuum Cleaners, toasters, kettles are also required. The Centre will do all the necessary electrical checks if you have an item to spare.

We will continue to make our deliveries after the 4th Sunday of each month. Elizabeth has left some flyers with suggestions of food items in Hawkey Church porch. Please take one.



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

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Code Number: 290629086
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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	shedicker58@gmail.com
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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 now 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 – 15th June – Trinity Sunday

Priors Dean	08.45	Holy Communion
Empshott	09.15	Morning Prayer
Hawkey	10.15	Holy Communion
Greatham	11.00	Morning Worship