



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

14th September 2025

Holy Cross Day

This Sunday:

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion
Archdeacon Kathryn Percival

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship
Elizabeth Hawkins

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion
Elizabeth Hawkins and Archdeacon Kathryn

Priors Dean 18.00 Evensong
Elizabeth Hawkins

All welcome!

RIDE and STRIDE Saturday 13 September 2025

Last call to join the Charity Walk & Cycle event to collect funds for the Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust, between 10am - 6pm. This charity raises funds for the restoration of places of worship of many denominations and includes refurbishment, fabric repairs, maintenance or alterations and often provision for additional disabled access. A few years ago Empshott received a very generous grant to help with re-shingling the spire.

You are free to choose your own route and to visit as many of the churches in the area you choose as you wish, any time between 10am and 6pm. You may cycle, walk, run, ride or drive to raise money for the region's historic churches and chapels. Refreshments are available at some of the churches.

The money you raise from your sponsors will be divided between the Hampshire and the Islands Churches Trust (HIHCT) and the church of your choice so it's a really good way of raising money for your local church.

For further details have a look at www.hihct.org.uk and click on Ride & Stride. Sponsorship can be registered on line or you can register your participation and receive a sponsorship form from your local representative.

Empshott - Carol Ashby 01420 538386

carol_ashby@hotmail.com

Greatham - David Rudd 01420 538160

Greatham Old Church - Boopie Cope 01420 538241

Hawkley & Priors Dean - Nick Pettman 01730 827641 nick.pettman@gmail.com

Details of our church openings:

Empshott - open all day with refreshments available

Greatham and Hawkley – open all day

Priors Dean - open from 10am til 4pm.

A full list of church openings and facilities is available on the HIHCT website



FAMILY HARVEST LUNCH

HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER

12.00 FOR 12.30PM

2 COURSE LUNCH

Children's Menu

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 or 07825 327892

HANGERS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK: HEN

Want to make your home warmer and cheaper to run, but don't know where to start?

HEN is inviting you to a special evening to learn about a new Hampshire energy efficiency initiative

MY HOME MADE BETTER

Wednesday 17th September Hawkley Village Hall. 7.00 for 7.30 till 9.00.

My Home Made Better provides free, independent, impartial advice about home energy efficiency. An advisor offers help and support from any initial enquiry about options, through to coming to a decision on whether or what action to take.

Neil Hammond, recently appointed by PeCAN (Petersfield Climate Action Network) to deliver this service, will give us an introductory presentation which will include case studies, financial information and ways we can be supported in assessing our best ways forward. **There will be plenty of time for questions and, we hope, some feedback from homeowners who have already accessed this service.**

This should be a highly informative evening, helping us to think more clearly about an important aspect of our lives.

This free and independent service is delivered via **phone and email**, and is supported by Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and delivered by the Southampton-based charity the Environment Centre.

You can find out more at: www.myhomemadebetter.org

Or email: hangersenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com



The Roberts Centre

PFW/ Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre is now able to take donations of food. As for PFW it must have a long shelf life so please check the BBE date when you purchase.

The following items have been requested

Tinned and/or packets to supply a larder

Suggested items

Sugar

Long-life milk both 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.

In addition Children's clothing for 0 - 10/11 years and particularly boys clothing up to the age of 16 - 17 years.

Coming up: September and beyond!

Saturday 13th September – Ride and Stride – details of which can be found above and on the HIHCT Website www.hihct.org.uk

Saturday 20th September at 6.30pm – The Kings Pond Shantymen at Greatham Church

Sunday 21st September at 10.30am – Benefice Holy Communion Service at Hawkley Church with Bishop Jonathan

Thursday 25th September at 6.00pm – Richard Wharton’s Licensing at Hawkley Church

Sunday 5th October - Greatham Church Crawl (please note change of date)

Sunday 12th October – Hawkley Harvest Lunch at midday, for 12.30 start – see above

Sunday 12th October – 10.00-16.30 – Apple Day 2025



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 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
Priors Dean Church
St John the Baptist, Greatham
Empshott

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:

Hawkley	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 who has taken over editing and distribution during the interregnum.

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

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Paul Goddard 07837 651579 (rattypaul@hotmail.com)

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, 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.

Safeguarding Officers:

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

Electoral Roll Officers:

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Empshott	Sarah Walker	sarah.walker@netcom.uk
Hawkey with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday – 21st September – Trinity 14
Feast of St Matthew

Benefice Service of Holy Communion
at the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Hawkley
To be led by Bishop Jonathan