



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

1st June 2025 – Easter 7

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Sue Jones

Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion

Elizabeth Hawkins and Sue Jones

Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship

Kay Thorpe and Paul Goddard

All are Welcome!

Looking ahead - more events and happenings in May and June

Yewlian Meeting at Priors Dean, 7pm on Monday 2nd June

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

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

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

With the closure of Portsmouth Family Welfare, The Roberts Centre will take our monthly donations of food to give to the homeless and those families who are struggling to feed their children.

Jeremy Philp and Elizabeth Hawkins went to see Melanie Goddard, the CEO of the Roberts Centre a couple of weeks ago. They no longer want children's clothes or puzzles but **hardback and/or paperback books for adults and children**, both fiction and non-fiction.

In Hawkley Church porch, Elizabeth has left some flyers with suggestions of food items. Please take one.

Hooovers, 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.



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	Code Number: 290629087
Priors Dean Church	Code Number: 290629088
St John the Baptist, Greatham	Code Number: 290629086
Empshott	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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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 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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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*)

Hawkley 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 Hawkley and Empshott*) and Elizabeth Hawkins.

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

Next Sunday – 1st June – Easter 8

Empshott	09.15	Holy Communion
Hawkey	10.15	Morning Worship
Greatham	11.00	Holy Communion
Priors Dean	18.30	Evensong