

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

Church News

Sunday 10 January 2021 – The Baptism of Christ

Services this Sunday 10th January ...

As we are now in the third national lockdown, and although by law communal worship remains permitted, the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCCs have agreed that - to ensure the safety of all, in light of the rapid acceleration of Covid cases locally and the potential vulnerability of our congregations - we should meet only via Zoom for the next three Sundays. This decision will be kept under review in the hope that conditions will allow us to restart communal worship soon. We recognise that this is not the same as meeting together in Church, but hope that you will nonetheless give it a trial if you can. This Sunday we will have two services, in traditional and contemporary language. Copies of both are attached; if you are able to join in you might like to print off the appropriate service. If you cannot or choose not to participate in the Zoom services you might anyway wish to print the order of service to use at home.

9.30 Zoom Morning Prayer (BCP – Traditional Language)

led by Peter Sutton and Paul Goddard

To join this service please click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8063966454?pwd=UXNoVkZWdkFXSmNETUVkeEpMSTR1dz09>

Meeting ID: 806 396 6454

Passcode: BCP

10.30 Zoom Morning Worship (Contemporary Language)

led by Peter Sutton, Elizabeth Hawkins
and Marjorie Arnold

To join this service please click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8063966454?pwd=bIV3WkdFK1RYeWd1VU05QXhuRUpTdz09>

Meeting ID: 806 396 6454

Passcode: CW

This is a new experience for us and there are bound to be a few technical hiccups. If you would like a practice Zoom beforehand, please contact Peter and he will try to do that on Saturday. Peter will outline the etiquette to be followed (eg use of mute and your own video) at the start of each service.

Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment) so you might, as part of your physical exercise, think of walking to church if you can, pausing for a while in silence, and perhaps use this prayer amongst any others you wish to say.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Portsmouth Family Welfare and Roberts Centre

Portsmouth Family Welfare are receiving donations again as is the Roberts Centre. Please leave any contributions in the Hawkey Church porch. They are particularly needing kitchen utensils or items helpful to those setting up home.

If you have any concerns and would like to talk, please contact:

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