

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

## Church News

Sunday 13 December 2020 – Advent 3



### Services this week ...

*Please note that social distancing is practiced and face-coverings worn unless there are valid exemptions. Those attending cannot interact with anyone outside their household or support bubble. Places must be booked – please use either the telephone or email contacts below.*

**9.30am Empshott - Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Peter Sutton

To book a place please contact Peter Sutton [peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org) 01730 827459

**10.30am Hawkley – Morning Worship (CW)** led by Marjorie Arnold and Paul Goddard

To book a place please contact Neil Chrimes [thechrimes@btinternet.com](mailto:thechrimes@btinternet.com) 01730 827992

**11.00am Greatham – Holy Communion (CW)** led by Peter Sutton

To book a place please contact Kay Thorpe [kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk) 01730 892314

**6.30pm Priors Dean – Evening Prayer (BCP)** led by Elizabeth Hawkins

To book a place please contact Jane Wyman [jane.wyman@sillina.com](mailto:jane.wyman@sillina.com) 01420 511306

**Readings for today:** I Thessalonians 5: 16-24      John 1:6-8,19-28

### Christmas

The announcement about the easing of restrictions for the Christmas period (December 23th to 27th) doesn't radically change what happens in churches. So-called 'Christmas bubbles' comprising three separate households can attend places of worship, but each of these larger groups shouldn't interact with each other. Churches are still restricted to their Covid secure number which varies slightly according to household groups wishing to attend and seating plans will continue to be prepared for each service.

We have regrettably decided not to hold carol or Christingle services inside or outside church.

**Carol Singing.** In **Hawkley**, from 4.30pm on Sunday 20th December, a small band of 6 wandering carollers led by Henny Chrimes will sing carols outside at Lower Green and Hawkley Hurst Courtyard, and on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> around Upper Green from 6.00pm. They will adhere to the strict Covid protocols for carol singers, and have a bucket for donations to the Roberts Centre. Details of the precise routes and timings will be given in next week's Church News. Everyone is encouraged to join in *from their doorsteps* in line with government guidelines - ensuring safe social distances from both the singers and other households!

Christmas will be much reduced in terms of what happens in our Churches, and this of course comes as a disappointment to us all. Please keep an eye on Church News for any additions or changes to the schedule. Even in a few weeks it is difficult to know how the pandemic situation will change. We are, after assessing the risks, being more cautious than some other churches, with our greatest concern being for the safety of all.

The current plan for Christmas Services is:

24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.30pm	Greatham	Midnight Mass	Peter Sutton	Spaces Available
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Priors Dean	Holy Communion	Peter Sutton	Spaces Available
	9.30am	Empshott	Holy Communion	Bishop Ian Brackley	Nearly Full
	10.30am	Hawkley	Holy Communion	Peter Sutton	Spaces Available
	11.00am	Greatham	Morning Worship	Paul Goddard & Marjorie Arnold	Spaces Available
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am	Greatham	Holy Communion		Spaces Available

To book a place at any of these services please contact:

Greatham	Kay Thorpe	<a href="mailto:kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk">kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk</a>	01730 892314
Empshott	Peter Sutton	<a href="mailto:peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org">peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org</a>	01730 827459
Hawkley	Neil Chrimes	<a href="mailto:thechrimes@btinternet.com">thechrimes@btinternet.com</a>	01730 827992
Priors Dean	Jane Wyman	<a href="mailto:jane.wyman@sillina.com">jane.wyman@sillina.com</a>	01420 511306

*Please specify which service you would like to attend – seating plans are prepared for each act of worship.*

## Christmas Giving:

### HomeStart Petersfield

Empshott Church is supporting HomeStart Butser. To see what they do and to donate directly visit their website

[www.homestart-butser.org.uk](http://www.homestart-butser.org.uk)

### Children's Society

Greatham Church is supporting the Children's Society. To see what they do and to donate directly visit their website

[www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

### Roberts Centre

Hawkley and Priors Dean are supporting the Roberts Centre.

We have been asked to supply **gifts for boys aged from 0 – 10 years**, but no cuddly toys. Please would you attach your own age-related tag to the gift you are donating before you put it in the box. Due to Covid regulations all toys etc will have to be quarantined before they can be distributed. Therefore, please **bring your gifts to Hawkley Church by the final date 13 December**.

The Roberts Centre are also asking for **monetary donations** so that they can buy Food Vouchers for as many families as possible. If you would prefer to donate towards these rather than a specific present for a child, please give your donation (requested amount is multiples of £5) either by cheque made out to 'The Roberts Centre' or cash in an envelope marked 'Roberts Centre,' to Robin Crittenden at Jolly Robins Barn, Hawkley.

## Community Support

The EHDC website where there is a list of all known additional support 'available to all' this year.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/christmas>

The Hampshire Coronavirus Support Helpline (0333 307 4000) remains operational and details can be found at the top of the webpage.

All Foodbank information, including Christmas opening hours can also be found at:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/foodbanks>

**Next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, the services are expected to be:**

**9.30 Empshott – Morning Prayer (BCP)** Lay led

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

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