

*Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean*

## **Church News**

**Sunday 14 February 2021 – Sunday next before Lent**

### **Services this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February ...**

*We have set up one Zoom meeting which runs from 9.00 – 12.00 so you should be able to join when it is convenient to you. It is the same Zoom link for both services.*

**9.30am      Zoom Holy Communion (BCP – Traditional Language)**

led by Peter Sutton & Kate Lloyd-Jones

If you would like to share communion please, as you would when coming to church, have a small glass or cup of wine and a small piece of bread ready for the service. You may prefer just to observe.

**10.30am      Zoom Morning Worship (Contemporary Language)**

led by Kate Lloyd-Jones, Jacq Darby & Peter Sutton

You might like to have a candle at home ready to light at the start of the service.

**6.30pm      Zoom Evening Prayer (BCP Traditional Language)**

led by Elizabeth Hawkins, Marjorie Arnold, Kate Lloyd-Jones & Peter Sutton

### **Ash Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.00pm      Zoom Service to mark the beginning of Lent**

**Readings, music and a reflection**

led by Peter Sutton

### **Zoom link for all of these services**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032199878?pwd=aTVISXl3YnpXTct5VkNNTjZ5dTUyUT09>

Meeting ID: 810 3219 9878

Passcode: 566878

### **Open Churches**

Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment). Ask Peter Sutton for details.

## Zoom Coffee Morning – Tuesday 10am to 11am – join at the time that suits you.

Try dropping in – its open to anyone. You obviously have to drink your own coffee and, if you want, eat your own biscuits/cake (or not at all!) but, technology permitting, it is a chance to see and talk to others. Depending upon numbers present, we divide into breakout rooms for smaller groups.

### Tuesday Zoom Link:

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## Take up something for Lent

### Beginners with the Psalms

A Lent Course with Peter Sutton by Zoom 2.00 – 4.00pm Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March

We sometimes hear people say of a song, an album or even a whole musical genre: 'it was the soundtrack to my life'. The rock musician Bono, writing about the Psalms, said that 'King David was the Elvis of the Old Testament' and in many ways he was, although David didn't write all the psalms. Like the songs, the poetry and the prayers of generations that have followed them, psalms describe feelings and stories in ways that other forms of expression cannot. This Lent come and explore the Psalms and learn a little more of these great treasures.

Most people will have a phrase from the Psalms which resonates in a deeply personal way. It might just be 'The Lord is my Shepherd' or 'I lift up mine eyes unto the hills' - but there are countless others which hit the nail on the head to articulate our relationship with God. Thomas Merton said that the Psalms 'were written by men who knew who God was' – often created out of deep anguish or great joy. Come and explore whether you like them as prayers, songs, poems or just great literature. All are welcome.

### Shedfield Lent Lectures

Worshippers from St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, usually organise a series of lectures on topical issues during Lent. This year they are going ahead with a series of sessions entitled 'Perspectives on the Pandemic', which feature some high-profile speakers. They are taking place via Zoom, which allows anyone from across our diocese to attend. The details are as follows:

- **Mon 25 Feb, 7:30pm:** Rt Rev Dr Michael Beasley, Bishop of Hertford: '*Global Pandemic, Worldwide Church*'. Details and booking [here](#).
- **Mon 1 March, 7:30pm:** Canon Will Hughes, acting Archdeacon of the Meon: '*Pandemic and parish*'. Details and booking [here](#).
- **Mon 8 March, 7:30pm:** Professor Maggie Rae, UK Faculty of Public Health: '*Covid 19: - an unfair virus*'. Details and booking [here](#).
- **Mon 15 March, 7.30pm:** The Very Rev Nick Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury: '*Crisis in the city: a cathedral's response*'. Details and booking [here](#).
- **Mon 22 March, 7:30pm:** Dawn Champion, British Pilgrimage Trust: '*Moving on: pilgrimage through the pandemic*'. Details and booking [here](#).

For further details, click [here](#) or email the Rev Ruth Howlett-Shipley [here](#).

### Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre are currently asking for donations such as:

- skipping ropes, frisbees, bats, balls, yo-yos, spinners etc., anything to get the families playing outside together
- As an alternative to Easter eggs they would like packets of seeds, plant pots, compost
- Age appropriate Meal Kits - i.e. recipe cards with ingredients.

Please leave donations in the porch of Hawkley Church.

## How to Donate ....

Like every organisation, churches took a serious financial hit in 2020 and the situation obviously continues into this year as well. We are very grateful to everyone who supports us regularly or occasionally – thank you! Your generosity is enabling the churches to function albeit in very different ways.



Hawkley, Priors Dean and Greatham 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 <https://parishgivingscheme.org.uk> or telephone 0333 002 1260

To contribute to the life and ministry of Greatham, Hawkley and Priors Dean Churches by the Parish Giving Scheme you just need to decide:

- *how much and how often you wish to give.*
- *if you wish to increase your donation by Gift Aid.*
- *if you want your donations to be increased each year in line with inflation.*

Via the PGS website or by 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

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, for example by standing order or occasional donation please contact the treasurer:

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## Thank you!

Please let me know if you have any queries at all.

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

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