

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean
Church News

Sunday 17 January 2021 – Epiphany 2

Services this Sunday 17th January ...

In this third national lockdown, whilst communal worship is permitted by law, the Vicar, Churchwardens and PCCs have agreed to meet via Zoom for two more Sundays and to review this decision after 24th January.

Last Sunday was only 50% successful so sincere apologies to those who had looked forward to the first service which didn't happen – Zoom technology got the better of us. While we recognise that this is not the same as meeting together in Church, we do hope that you will give it a trial if you can. This Sunday we will try again to have two services which Peter Sutton will lead from the Vicarage. Both orders of service are attached if you would like to print them, but we hope (!) to have the words on the screen as well. If you cannot, or choose not to join in via Zoom, you might wish to print the order of service and use it at home.

We have set up one Zoom meeting which runs from 9.15 – 11.30 so you should be able to join when it is convenient to you. It is the same Zoom link for both services.

At each of these services we hope to be able to introduce and welcome Kate Lloyd-Jones who will come to the Benefice as curate in the summer. Because of Covid restrictions the parish placement which Kate was due to take at this time as part of her training was not possible and so she will be joining us over the next six weeks in whatever way worship can happen here.

9.30 Zoom Morning Prayer (BCP – Traditional Language) led by Peter Sutton

10.30 Zoom Morning Worship (Contemporary Language) led by Peter Sutton and Paul Goddard

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89066702913?pwd=K0VORVE4NFBPSWc3NmVac0ITRzBLdz09>

Meeting ID: 890 6670 2913 Passcode: 422519

This is a new experience for us and there may well still be some technical hiccups – please bear with us! If you would like a practice Zoom beforehand please contact Peter and he will try to do that on Saturday.

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.**

Zoom Coffee Morning – Tuesday 10am to 11am

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81455991114?pwd=djZsS0pUMTk2eDZHM3hUWklOTDRtUT09>

Meeting ID: 814 5599 1114

Passcode: 713467

Try dropping in. You obviously have to drink your own coffee and eat your own cake but, technology permitting, it is a chance to see and talk to others. Again, this is a first attempt so please bear with us on the technology.

Portsmouth Family Welfare and Roberts Centre

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

And finally.....



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

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