

Church News

Trinity 7 - Sunday 18th July 2021

Covid Update

Covid-19 restrictions are lifted from Monday 19th July. These changes come as concern to some members of our community, especially those who are vulnerable or still shielding, and no doubt a relief to others. My primary objective for the coming weeks is to ensure that everyone feels safe and comfortable.

Since Mothering Sunday we have offered worship in all our Churches moving from Zoom to streaming as well as communal worship. Streaming has been particularly valued at baptisms, weddings and funerals where services have been shared by people as far away as Kenya, Australia, Northern Island, Canada and France. We have learnt a great deal, but the coming weeks will be a period of transition as we adjust to new freedoms and responsibilities.

For now, the responsibility for making decisions lies with local churches. My personal intention is to wear a mask in church except for when I am speaking from the front and reasonably distanced, and I will encourage others leading, reading or singing to do likewise.

From next Sunday 25th July:

- it will not be necessary to book a place in Church; however, please either sign in using the track and trace list as you enter or the QR code with the NHS Covid App;
- wearing masks or face coverings is voluntary but strongly encouraged - especially for communal singing;
- our method of taking communion (bringing our own cup and piece of bread) will continue until at least the end of August as we wait for advice and PCCs can make firm decisions about the best way forward.

It is important that we are all mindful of others, so that everyone can be comfortable. As services become a little longer we will review service times from the start of September.

We will normally aim to stream one Benefice service each week – but not on 25th July and 1st August. This Sunday the streamed service will be the 11.00 Holy Communion from Greatham.

For services of **Holy Communion** – If you are coming to church, please bring a small piece of bread for communion and a small cup or glass into which we will pour wine as you arrive. We wait further advice about singing in church.

I am grateful for the patience and willingness of everyone to be compliant with the law, the Church of England guidelines and most importantly, the sensitivity shown to people of differing needs and views. We all owe particular thanks to our Church Wardens and others who have prepared our churches for worship and cleaned them afterwards, as well as to those who have taken bookings and prepared seating plans. Thank you!

This pandemic isn't over – as we learn to worship in more familiar ways let us keep in our minds those who are ill, those who have died, those who mourn and those who work so hard to overcome the battle Covid-19.

Peter Sutton.

This Sunday 18th July

08.45	Priors Dean	Holy Communion (BCP) led by Elizabeth Hawkins, Peter Sutton and Kate Lloyd-Jones. To book a place contact Jane Wyman jane.wyman@sillina.com 01420 511306
09.30	Empshott	Holy Communion (BCP) led by John Gibbon, Peter Sutton, and Kate Lloyd-Jones. To book a place contact David Tucker David.Tucker@vssecurityproducts.com 01420 538242
10.15	Hawkley	Holy Communion (CW) led by Peter Sutton & Paul Goddard To book a place contact Neil Chrimes thechrimes@btinternet.com 01730 827992
11.00	Greatham	Holy Communion (CW) led by Peter Sutton, Kate Lloyd-Jones and Marjorie Arnold. To book a place contact Kay Thorpe kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk 01730 892314

To watch this from home at 11.00am, please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81744805793>

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

Next Sunday – 25th July

09.30	Empshott	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15	Hawkley	Morning Worship (CW)
11.00	Greatham	Morning Worship (CW)

Empshott Hut

Hut Working Party - 17th July from 10.00am. At this working party we anticipate painting the exterior wooden boards with a wood treatment, and people willing to wield a brush are requested to come along and help. (Again, this may be weather-dependant). We will also be demolishing the old lean-to loo to make way for a small storage shed for chairs and children's toys. An hour of help at any time will be gratefully received. We will be mindful of covid restrictions while carrying out this work and hand gel and face masks will be available. Also, we have some eye protection and gloves but please feel free to bring your own. All who turn up will be welcome but if you want to let us know in advance please email David Tucker. David.Tucker@vssecurityproducts.com

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

Try dropping in – it's open to anyone. You obviously have to drink your own coffee 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.

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84027732867?pwd=VWRmMEpvUFAYK0FwaTRuN3hhWC9nZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 2773 2867

Passcode: 384044

Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre would now like to receive the following:

Food and Children's Summer clothes in good condition. Also, painting and decorating equipment for New Start homes. They cannot take anything else until further notice.

Please leave donations in the porch of Hawkley Church.

Empshott & Hawkley Gardeners Club – Summer Event 24th July 10 – 12 Noon

We will be putting on an event on Saturday July 24th from 10 - 12 at the Village Hall. Ordinarily we would be having our Summer Show on this date. Instead, we have decided to provide a sale which we hope will attract many.

There will be stalls: Plant, Produce and Cakes and Preserves.

Refreshments will be served.

The stalls will be run by the committee, but we welcome any contributions to them.

Tony Madeley, one of our honorary members, will be on hand to advise on the plants and their care.

All goods will be locally sourced.

We are taking the opportunity to let you find out about the bell restoration work that is to be undergone and we are hoping to provide a video of the bells being rung with a chance to see inside the bell chamber.

All proceeds from the sale will go towards the newly established Hawkley Bell Restoration Fund.

All are welcome!

How to Donate...

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.



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 <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 Parish Giving Scheme website or by telephone (**0333 002 1260**) simply state the name of the Church you wish to support and their parish code:

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

Hawkley	Robin Crittenden	randmccrittenden@waitrose.com	01730 827969
Priors Dean	D Green	green@priorsdean.com	01730 827636
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com	01420538310
Empshott	Becky Smith	treasurerempshottpcc@gmail.com	01730 827397

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

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Thank you!