

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

Sunday 20 December 2020 – Advent 4



Services this Sunday 20th December ...

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. There is no communal singing. Places must be booked – please use either the telephone or email contacts below. For services of Holy Communion – please bring to church with you a small piece of bread and a small cup or glass. We will pour communion wine into your cup on arrival.

8.45 Priors Dean – Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton

To book a place please contact Jane Wyman jane.wyman@sillina.com 01420 511306

9.30 Empshott – Corona Carols led by Peter Sutton

Collection today for HomeStart Petersfield.

To book a place please contact Peter Sutton peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org 01730 827459

10.30 Hawkley – Corona Carols (CW) led by Elizabeth Hawkins

Collection today for The Roberts Centre.

To book a place please contact Neil Chrimes thechrimes@btinternet.com 01730 827992

11.00 Greatham – Corona Carols (CW) led by Marjorie Arnold, Paul Goddard and Peter Sutton

Collection today for the Children's Society.

To book a place please contact Kay Thorpe kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk 01730 892314

Corona Carols

Today at Empshott, Hawkley and Greatham services we have audio recordings of our Benefice Choir to listen to interspersed with readings from the carol service. We cannot sing but we can listen. Please book in if you would like to attend any of these services.

Christmas

The announcement about the easing of restrictions for the Christmas period (December 23rd 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 the numbers within each household group wishing to attend; seating plans will continue to be prepared for each service to ensure safe distancing.

Christmas will be much reduced in terms of what happens in our Churches and this of course comes as a disappointment to us all. We will send out an email to those who have booked a day or two before Christmas with any further information.

The *current* plan for Christmas Services is:

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

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

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| Greatham | Kay Thorpe | kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk | 01730 892314 |
| Empshott | Peter Sutton | peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org | 01730 827459 |
| Hawkley | Neil Chrimes | thechrimes@btinternet.com | 01730 827992 |
| Priors Dean | Jane Wyman | jane.wyman@sillina.com | 01420 511306 |

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

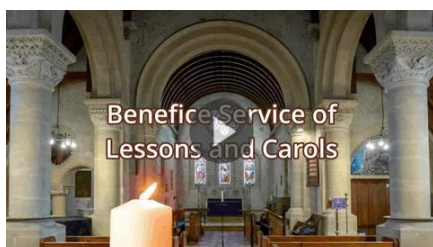
Roving Carol Singers

In **Hawkley**: from 4.30pm on **Sunday 20th December**, a small band of six wandering carollers led by Henny Chrimes will sing carols outside, starting in the Hawkley Hurst Courtyard and then making their way down Standfast Lane and on to Lower Green. On **Monday 21st** they will start at 6.15pm outside The Old Barn in The Hollow, and then proceed around Upper Green and towards Jolly Robbins. They will adhere to the strict Covid protocols for carol singers, and will have a bucket for donations to the Roberts Centre – a Portsmouth organisation supporting children and families in difficult situations which our church is supporting. It is hard to give exact timings for their progress as it will depend on the weather - and whether anyone encourages them to stop and sing some more! 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!

You might like to watch from Hangers Together

Video Carol Service (15 minutes)

Hangers Together Carol Service. Over the last two months members of the Benefice Choir have recorded carols for this video service and children have recorded readings. Beautifully edited by Chris Wyman this short video will hopefully enable you to enter into the Christmas Spirit at home. Do forward the link to those you know who might value seeing this, and perhaps singing along to the carols in the safety of their own homes!



<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/npNCSqYM4tbWzdcCLAQV1L?>

Hangars Together Christingle Video (5 minutes)

A five-minute introduction to Christingle by Peter Sutton. Christingles are easy to make and help us all focus on Jesus, light of the whole world. Christingle packs have been delivered to Hawkley children on the Sunday School Workshop, Babes in the Wood and Storytime registers. If you do not attend these groups but would like to receive a pack please contact Elizabeth Hawkins jollyrobincottage@gmail.com or phone 01730 827502 with your address and she will deliver to you before Christmas.

Here are the links to the Christingle video:



<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/hLNyKtLbUGXStm3Dsv6PNW?>

A Virtual Kingsley Christmas by Hawkley organist Kevin Jacot

<https://youtu.be/uJbqI9vFByk>

Vicar's Message

To come We hope also to have a Christmas Message Video for those unable to get to Church and the link for this will be sent out just before Christmas.

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

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

Roberts Centre

Hawkley and Priors Dean are supporting the Roberts Centre.

The Roberts Centre are also asking for **monetary donations** so that they can buy Food Vouchers for as many families as possible. To donate towards these 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. Alternatively, donate directly via their website www.robertscentre.org.uk

Next Sunday, 27th December, there will be just one service in the Benefice:

11.00 Greatham – Benefice Holy Communion (CW) led by Peter Sutton and Elizabeth Hawkins

To book a place please contact Kay Thorpe kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk

01730 892314

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

Peter Sutton 01730 827459 peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org