

Church News

Trinity 3 - Sunday 20th June 2021

Services in church will continue to be no longer than 35/40 minutes. The law requires that face masks be worn except by those with exceptions and that there is no communal singing indoors. Groups of six (or two households) can now attend together. To attend, please book a place using the details below.

We are trying now to stream one Benefice service each week. This Sunday the streamed service will be the 11.00 Communion Service from Greatham so even if you are away it is still possible to share in Sunday worship at home. If you do watch a streamed service, it would be helpful to have feedback so that we can work on improving our newly acquired skills!

More generally, the limit for those attending weddings and funerals depends upon the size of the building with social distancing arrangements in place. Choirs of up to six can now sing in church so long as they are socially distanced from each other and the congregation. Communal singing is permitted outside in multiple groups of 30. The advice remains not to have a shared cup (chalice) for communion.

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. If you are joining by Zoom, please have a small glass or cup of wine and a small piece of bread ready for the service. You may prefer just to observe.

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| 08.45 | Priors Dean | Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton and Jacq Darby
<i>To book a place contact Jane Wyman</i> jane.wyman@sillina.com 01420 511306 |
| 09.30 | Empshott | Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton, Becky Smith & Elizabeth Hawkins
<i>To book a place contact David Tucker</i> David.Tucker@vssecurityproducts.com 01420 538242 |
| 10.15 | Hawkley | Holy Communion (CW) led by Bishop Ian Brackley
<i>To book a place contact Neil Chrimes</i> thechrimes@btinternet.com 01730 827992 |
| 11.00 | Greatham | Holy Communion (CW) led by Peter Sutton, Marjorie Arnold & Paul Goddard
<i>To book a place contact Kay Thorpe</i> kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk 01730 892314 |

This service will be streamed. To watch the service from home at 11.00am please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86189297481>

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

Services Next Sunday – 27th June

09.30	Empshott	Flower Festival Service (BCP)
10.15	Hawkley	Morning Worship (CW)
11.00	Greatham	Morning Worship (CW)

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.

Tuesday Zoom Link:

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

Meeting ID: 810 3219 9878

Passcode: 566878

New Curate

Kate Lloyd Jones will be ordained in Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 26th June and in the following weeks we will welcome her to each of our churches. Please keep Kate and all those to be ordained in your prayers as they prepare for ordination.

Festival Services

As we hope lock down eases in the coming weeks there will be a number of 'Festival Services' to mark the occasion and celebrate new beginnings and hopes for the future. The services are planned for:

Empshott 27 th June	9.30am	A Flower Festival Service
Hawkley 4 th July	10.15am	The Village Fete and Sports Day has been postponed but we will still have a Festival Service to launch the appeal to restore the Church bells

The Greatham Festival Service has been rearranged for 26th September and a new date for the Priors Dean Service will be announced in due course.

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 FLOWER FESTIVAL - “ALL NATURE IS A GARDEN”

Saturday, 26th June 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday, 27th June 10.30 am to 5.00 pm

Entry £5 (children free) Stalls, including a plant stall Refreshments served all day

The festival will celebrate the idyllic rural setting of this charming, ancient church, its natural surroundings and the beauty of an English summer. The theme is “**All Nature is a Garden**” and we aim to bring the countryside into the church with lavish use of native, seasonal flowers and foliage. We will also pay tribute to Gilbert White of Selborne whose 300th birthday celebrations were postponed last year. We have designed our festival to use only recyclable materials. Flowers will be arranged in water or moss rather than floral foam.

Parking in nearby field, disabled parking available email empshottfestival@gmail.com

Instagram [@empshottflowerfestival](https://www.instagram.com/empshottflowerfestival)

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	randmcrittenden@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!