

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

Church News

Easter 4 - Sunday 25th April 2021

Services continue in Churches along with a 'Zoom at Noon' option for those who prefer to worship from home. Please note that services in church will be no longer than 30 minutes. The law requires that face masks are worn except by those with exceptions, and that there is no singing or mingling outside of household bubbles. To attend, please book a place using the details below. Apart from funerals and weddings, only Sunday services will take place in Church. Risk Assessments have been updated and we need to remind everyone that those who are vulnerable should seriously consider not returning to communal worship yet. We also remind you that whilst those who have received the vaccine have a reduced risk of infection, the risk to ourselves and others is not removed completely. We therefore encourage everyone to recognise our responsibility to others as well as ourselves.

Holy Communion – If you are coming to church, please bring a small piece of bread for communion and a small cup or glass cup into which we 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.

- 9.30am** **Empshott** **Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Peter Sutton & Elizabeth Hawkins
To book a place contact David Tucker David.Tucker@vssecurityproducts.com 01420 538242
- 10.15am** **Hawkley** **Morning Worship (CW)** led by Peter Sutton
followed by APCM
To book a place contact Neil Chrimes thechrimes@btinternet.com 01730 827992
- 11.00am** **Greatham** **Morning Worship (CW)** led by Paul Goddard & Marjorie Arnold
To book a place contact Kay Thorpe kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk 01730 892314
- 12.00 noon** **Zoom at Noon** **Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Peter Sutton
Zoom link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032199878?pwd=aTVISXI3YnpXTct5VkNNTjZ5dTUyUT09>
Meeting ID: 810 3219 9878 Passcode: 5668

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 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

Services Next Sunday – 1st May

09.30	Empshott	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15	Hawkley	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00	Greatham	Holy Communion (CW)
12.00	Zoom	Holy Communion (CW)

Hawkley APCM

The Hawkley APCM will take place after the 10.15 service today (approx. 11.00) The agenda, minutes of last year's meeting, the 2020 Annual Report and Accounts are attached to the covering e-mail.



Leprosy Mission

Special thanks have come from the Leprosy Mission for the support we give them from our church which we do via our used stamps collection. Keep those stamps coming, along with any other collectibles. Stamps are getting rarer but hence more valuable to collectors! Currently the charity is receiving matched funding for their work in Mozambique which is highlighted in an appeal introduced by Darcy Bussell. Their work is aimed to cure people with leprosy, break down stigma and raise living standards across communities in desperate need. A short film and more info at https://url6.mailanyone.net/v1/?m=1lVznT-0002Zs-4V&i=57e1b682&c=eMkTurXSyF03d3Xca0ot2wRBV0d9Wp6ZmTWCNem1GetHaiqNROhoLa7tIGlYcfOXdl5T0wb69zd1342wYnwxkj8B-vH2o-zYvqPV6_sDHrlQ5FXPp7ZXfUtk1eWOUsk8yoJPGvL3pH2PB1kNrVI1WYecAZ7tgNQ42hyFjIYtrANJ2LYov6WYgaTaUZSA4m_jxJpXpBwLWuAzoE1ngKBzUBXGjnggDlcKck-t2Lmz6Q.

The UK government's offer to double your gifts to The Unconditional Appeal ends on 24th April so a speedy response is needed to double your gift and help cure, care and transform a life torn apart by leprosy.

Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre would now like to receive the following:

Food, Toiletries, Children's clothes - coats etc, NEW soft toys and new books [second-hand ones no longer acceptable]. Due to lack of space they cannot take any bedding or games at the moment.

Please leave donations in the porch of Hawkley Church.

Petersfield Deanery Pentecost Praise

23rd May – Pentecost Sunday 2.30pm to 3.30pm - St Mary's Liss

An opportunity to gather together as a Deanery to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. All are welcome.

Please book in by clicking on this link – <https://st-mary-s-church.reservio.com/events/aede3c6a-95bb-4583-a1cd-4f1d827587af/>

Or phone St Mary's Church Office 01730 892552 or email lissparish@gmail.com with your name, number in party and email address (or phone number).

The usual Covid guidelines will be in place – please wear face masks and stay at a safe distance – the seating will be arranged in a suitably safe way.

The service will be live streamed and available to watch live or at a later time on St Mary's Facebook page.

Empshott Flower Festival 26th and 27th June 2021 Saturday 10am to 5pm, Sunday 10.30am - 5pm

Last year many hopes were dashed, and many projects shelved, including the flower festival that we were so looking forward to staging last June. Now, with a "road map" to the end of lockdown in place, we are daring to reschedule the festival to 26th and 27th June. With fingers crossed we are looking forward to it with as much excitement and optimism as ever.

The festival will celebrate the idyllic rural setting of this 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.

Outside the church there will be stalls and a tea tent for a cup of tea or coffee and slice of cake before or after your visit.

Working together to create a festival can be great fun, and we would like to involve as many people as possible. A number of you volunteered last year, and we hope you will still be keen to help. Please confirm that you are still willing and able. New volunteers are also very welcome. Please let us know if you could do any of the following:

- bake cakes/biscuits for the tea tent
- serve teas, coffee and cakes
- be a steward in the church
- provide flowers and/or foliage
- help to put up tents
- help with admin/PR
- be a sponsor

Please contact Carol Ashby if you can help in any way 01420 538386 or carol_ashby@hotmail.com

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.



Hawklely, 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, Hawklely 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:

- **St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawklely** 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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Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com	01420538310
Empshott	Becky Smith	treasurerempshottpcc@gmail.com	01730 827397

Thank you!

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

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