

Holy Week and Easter Services

Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday

19.00 Zoom CW Holy Communion
led by Peter Sutton, Elizabeth Hawkins and Kate Lloyd-Jones



Maundy Thursday recalls Jesus' meeting with his disciples, washing their feet and sharing bread and wine. You might like to have with you a small dish of water and instead of washing feet we will gently rub water into the palms of our hands as we recall the servant ministry of Jesus.

If you would like to share communion 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.

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday Meditation

14.15 Zoom *led by Kate Lloyd-Jones*



“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?": prayer and meditation at the foot of the cross, focussing on Psalm 22.

Saturday 3rd April – Holy Saturday

19.00 Zoom *led by Marjorie Arnold*



‘Waiting with the followers of Jesus’ - a 40-minute meditation using pictures and music. A time to sit and wait with the followers of Jesus in their confusion and sadness after the horror of seeing Jesus being crucified. A time ... to reflect on how they are feeling, to feel their pain and loss and to ponder our own ‘waitings’.

Zoom link for all services

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Easter Sunday 4th April

08.45	Priors Dean	BCP Holy Communion
09.30	Empshott	BCP Holy Communion
10.15	Hawkley	CW Holy Communion
11.00	Greatham	CW Holy Communion
12.00	Zoom	CW Holy Communion

Giving Thanks for your Vaccine

Lots of charities are helping people in new ways during the pandemic. As a way of giving thanks for receiving your vaccine why not make a donation to help others at this time. Not sure who to support? Some suggestions of websites to look at to see what each organisation is doing:

Christian Aid www.christianaid.org.uk
UNICEF www.unicef.co.uk
MENCAP www.secure.mencap.co.uk

Make an Easter Garden

If your child /children would like to make a small Easter Garden and bring it with you when you come to Church on Easter Day that would be lovely. There will be a table just inside the church door for you to put it on. To get you started there are some simple instructions attached.

You will need a container with a small ridge all round. It can be any size and shape – tin lid, foil case, tray.



1. Collect some large stones or pieces of rock.
2. With half make a stone hill and with the rest make a cave. If you have a roundish pebble put this at one side of the cave entrance. The cave is where Jesus' friends put his body when he died.
3. With some thin twigs and some thread make 3 crosses – one for Jesus and one each for the 2 robbers. Put some moss on the top of your hill and push the 3 crosses into it.
4. Put soil or potting compost around the edge of your container making a gentle slope.
5. Find some small watertight containers - egg cups or old bottle tops and sink them into the soil as mini flowerpots.

6. With gravel or small pebbles make a path in your garden.

7. With your parents' permission pick small flowers- primroses, heather, violets etc and with only a short stem put them into your 'flower pots'.

8 Cover the soil with moss so that it looks like a grassy bank. If you can find something for a tree that would be good. Give your garden a good spray of water and it should last for Easter Day. **Happy Easter gardening!**

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>

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A 'Lent becomes Easter' Course – Beginners with the Psalms

There will be a third session for those interested in the Psalms on what are called the 'Hallelujah Psalms' – those that begin and end with the word 'Hallelujah', by Zoom at 2pm on Wednesday 14th April. All are welcome. To see Sessions 1 and 2 ...

To see a recording of Week 1

<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/Mjt5nvNKppg6ggSw2DxcTq?>

To see a recording of Week 2

<https://share.vidyard.com/watch/4GSmiNcbkrcq6zWMbBw2uz?>

More details of session 3 in the coming weeks of Church News.

Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre are currently asking for donations such as:

- skipping ropes, frisbees, bats, balls, yo-yos, spinners etc., anything to get the families playing outside together
- As an alternative to Easter eggs they would like packets of seeds, plant pots, compost
- Age appropriate Meal Kits - i.e. recipe cards with ingredients.

Please leave donations in the porch of Hawkley Church.

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.



Hawley, 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, Hawley 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, Hawley | 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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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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