

*Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean*

## **Church News**

**Sunday 31 January 2021 – Epiphany 4**

### **Services this Sunday 31st January ...**

*In this third national lockdown, whilst communal worship is permitted by law, the current plan is to continue with Zoom on Sundays until 14<sup>th</sup> February and review again in time to decide if it is possible to resume communal worship from Ash Wednesday. We may look at the possibility of communal/online worship but will decide that nearer the time depending upon Government and Church advice.*

*To give you an indication of how this has gone: these three weeks 16 people managed to join in via Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 41 people on the 17<sup>th</sup> January and 50 people on the 24<sup>th</sup> January. It hasn't been without its hitches, and it isn't the same as being together in our much-loved churches, but a number of people have expressed not only their appreciation of it but also that they have learnt a lot and been challenged by the experience. In both services last Sunday children participated by helping turn water into wine – Wilfred at 9.30 and Eddie at 10.30. We hope that children will also be helping us this Sunday!*

*This Sunday we have two services of Holy Communion. We have set up one Zoom meeting which runs from 9.00 – 12.00 so you should be able to join when it is convenient to you. It is the same Zoom link for both services. Before, in between and after services there is opportunity for chatting (Zingling!)*

**9.30 Zoom Holy Communion (BCP – Traditional Language)** led by Peter Sutton, Jacq Burrell & Elizabeth Hawkins

If you would like to share communion please, as you would when coming to church, have a small glass or cup of wine and a small piece of bread ready for the service. You may prefer just to observe.

**10.30 Zoom Holy Communion (Contemporary Language)** led by Peter Sutton & Kate Lloyd Jones

If you would like to share communion please, as you would when coming to church, have a small glass or cup of wine and a small piece of bread ready for the service. You may prefer just to observe.

### **Sunday Zoom link – Join in at the time that suits you:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032199878?pwd=aTVISXl3YnpXTct5VknNTJz5dTUyUT09>

**Meeting ID: 810 3219 9878**

**Passcode: 566878**

Zoom continues to be a new experience and there may well be some technical hiccups. If you would like a practice Zoom beforehand please contact Peter and he will try to do that on Saturday.

Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment) so you might, as part of your physical exercise, think of walking to church if you can, pausing for a while in silence, and perhaps use this prayer amongst any others you wish to say.

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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 and, if you want, eat your own biscuits/cake (or not at all!) but, technology permitting, it is a chance to see and talk to others. We've had 3 Tuesdays so far and, depending upon numbers present, we divide into breakout rooms for small groups.

### **Tuesday Zoom Link:**

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

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

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