

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

## **Church News**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021 – Lent 3**

### **Services this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March ...**

*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.*

**9.30am          Zoom Holy Communion (BCP – Traditional Language)**

led by Kate Lloyd-Jones & Peter Sutton

**10.30am        Zoom Holy Communion (CW - Contemporary Language)**

led by Kate Lloyd-Jones & Peter Sutton

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. It is equally fine if you would prefer just to observe.

### **Zoom link for all of these services:**

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

**Meeting ID: 810 3219 9878**

**Passcode: 566878**

### **Resuming Sunday Services – Mothering Sunday**

We are planning to resume communal worship in our churches from Mothering Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> March), when there will be the following services:

9.30    Empshott (BCP Holy Communion)

10.15   Hawkley (CW Morning Worship)

11.00   Greatham (CW Morning Worship)

12.00   Zoom (CW Holy Communion)

Church News next week will provide details of how to book a place at any of the services.

The church services will be no longer than 30 minutes in duration and, for the time being, Zoom services will continue for those unable to attend church in person.

## 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](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)  
UNICEF [www.unicef.co.uk](http://www.unicef.co.uk)  
MENCAP [www.secure.mencap.co.uk](http://www.secure.mencap.co.uk)

## Open Churches

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 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. Depending upon numbers present, we divide into breakout rooms for smaller groups.

**Tuesday Zoom Link:**

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

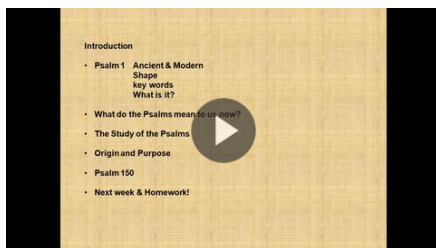
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## Take up something for Lent – Beginners with the Psalms – Week 2 This Wednesday

Week 2 of a Lent Course with Peter Sutton by Zoom 2.00 – 4.00pm Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup> March (Zoom link as above).

**To see a recording of Week 1**



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

**Preparation for this week ....**

Read Psalms 42 & 43 each day

Look for the words that stand out for you

Try to imagine a context when this Psalm may originally have been used.

All are welcome – do come and explore the Psalms!

## Shedfield Lent Lectures

Worshippers from St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield, usually organise a series of lectures on topical issues during Lent. This year they are going ahead with a series of sessions entitled 'Perspectives on the Pandemic', which feature some high-profile speakers. They are taking place via Zoom, which allows anyone from across our diocese to attend. The details are as follows:

- **Mon 8 March, 7:30pm:** Professor Maggie Rae, UK Faculty of Public Health: '*Covid 19: - an unfair virus*'. Details and booking [here](#).
- **Mon 15 March, 7.30pm:** The Very Rev Nick Papadopoulos, Dean of Salisbury: '*Crisis in the city: a cathedral's response*'. Details and booking [here](#).
- **Mon 22 March, 7:30pm:** Dawn Champion, British Pilgrimage Trust: '*Moving on: pilgrimage through the pandemic*'. Details and booking [here](#).

For further details, click [here](#) or email the Rev Ruth Howlett-Shipley [here](#).

## Weekdays in Lent at 8.30pm

Every weekday from Ash Wednesday, St Mary's Liss Ministry Team are offering a short reflective service of Night Prayer (Compline) at 8.30pm or something similar via Zoom. The service will be led by Liss Readers and Clergy.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9346575571?pwd=czR2K3RvREp4cEJpRDlqa0czZzEzUT09>

## 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:

- **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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## Thank you!

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

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