

## Church News - Trinity 16

### Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup> September

09.30	Empshott	<b>Patronal Festival Holy Communion (BCP)</b> led Peter Sutton and Kate Lloyd-Jones – followed by refreshments
10.15	Hawkley	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b> led by Peter Sutton
11.00	Greatham	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b> led Kate Lloyd-Jones and Peter Sutton
18.30	Priors Dean	<b>Harvest Festival Evensong (BCP)</b> led by Elizabeth Hawkins and Peter Sutton <i>Produce for Harvest Festival can be brought to the church at any time on Saturday when the building will also be open for Ride and Stride.</i>

### **Covid Update:**

- *it is currently not necessary to book a place in Church.*
- *wearing masks or face coverings is voluntary but encouraged - and especially for communal singing*
- *our method of having communion (bringing our own small cup and piece of bread) will continue as we wait for advice and PCCs can make firm decisions about the best way forward.*
- *it is important that we are all mindful of others so that everyone is comfortable.*

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

### Next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

08.45	Priors Dean	Holy Communion (BCP)
09.30	Empshott	Morning Prayer (BCP)
10.15	Hawkley	Harvest Festival Morning Worship (CW)
11.00	Greatham	Morning Worship (CW)

### **Morning Prayer**

Tuesdays and Thursdays 09.00 at Greatham – all are welcome.

### **Hawkley - Produce in the Porch**

Raising funds for the Church Bells – please leave donations of fruit and veg in the porch and donations for them in the pot provided.

### **Hawkley Coffee and Chat**

It's back in the Village Hall – Tuesdays 10.00 to 12.00, all welcome.

### **Greatham Coffee Café**

It's back in the Church Centre – Thursdays 10.00 to 12.00, all welcome.

### **Greatham – Recycling used (empty) blister packs**

If you have used (empty) medication blister packs, please leave them in the box at the back of Church. The aluminium content is separated and sold for recycling which is used to help fund medical training in Kenya.

## Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre would now like to receive the following:

Food donations and warm winter coats in good condition for children particularly required. Also, painting and decorating equipment for New Start homes. Please leave donations in the porch of Hawkley Church.

## Ride & Stride- 11<sup>th</sup> September

Our benefice churches have benefited from Hampshire and the Islands Historic Church Trust grants so please think about joining in Ride and Stride on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Your route can be as challenging or as relaxed as you wish using whatever means of transport you find convenient between the hundreds of churches in Hampshire. If you cannot participate yourself perhaps you could encourage others to participate or sponsor the event. As you may know, half the funds raised are given directly to the church you nominate and the other half, together with the Gift Aid, is used for grants.

The Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust offers grants for the repair, maintenance and development of around 900 historically noteworthy churches in the county. You can register and find out more on our website at [www.hihct.org.uk](http://www.hihct.org.uk) and follow us on Facebook.

## Children's Harvest Workshop in Hawkley Village Hall

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 10.00 – 11.45am. Open to all young children in the Benefice.

## Hawkley Harvest Festival Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Donations of fresh produce and tinned or packets of food for Whitegates in Liss and Portsmouth Family Welfare will be most gratefully received. If coming to the Service please bring with you or leave in the porch on Saturday.

## Hawkley Harvest Supper in the Village Hall:

6pm for 6.30pm. Tickets include supper and a glass of wine. Cost £10 for adults and £5 for children. Please book by contacting Elizabeth Hawkins 01730827502.

## Greatham Festival

Village Festival Service – **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Walking through the village to the various places that Christians gather on Sundays – come to some or all. The programme is ....

- 1000 Drinks and Pastries at Greatham School
- 1030 Welcome, children's activities and singing with Hope Church
- 1045 Walk together to St John the Baptist Church
- 1100 'God's Creative Generosity': readings and hymns with St John the Baptist Church
- 1115 Walk together to Greatham Old Church
- 1130 A taste of traditional and ancient liturgy once used in this 13<sup>th</sup> century church
- 1145 Walk to the Manor House
- 1200 Music and words reflecting on the hospitality of God, followed by a closing hymn with LABri Fellowship
- 1215 Coffee, tea and cake

All are welcome!

## News from Hawkey CMS Links Verity & Tom Clare

Thank you for the various emails and messages we've received since we last sent an update and thank you for your prayers - apologies that we've not been able to respond to everyone. My mum passed away last Tuesday, August 31st, peacefully at home. We're so thankful that she is now with her saviour, free from pain and suffering. It has been such a blessing to be here over the last three months, to be living so close to my parents and to be able to spend so much time with them and other family members too. We've all enjoyed catching up with family and friends over the summer and the boys have had a great time, especially with their different cousins.

The boys are really happy to be back at school and the routine seems to be good for us all, after a particularly unsettled few weeks of uncertainty at the end of my Mum's life. Simeon has settled well into the Reception class and we're so thankful for the friendly, small size of the school and the support offered by the teachers.

Starting to look forward ....

As much as it's been an unexpected blessing to be able to return to the UK, considering the sad reason for our return, we have always been conscious of the fact that we are here temporarily and are keen to return to Uganda when we are ready. We hope to return in a couple of months and plan to spend the next few weeks catching up with our link churches and supporters, as well as making the most of being in the same country as family and being here to support my Dad as we grieve together as a family.

Losing my Mum has obviously been hard for us all but the boys are conscious that Grandma dying is tied up with our return to Uganda and they've been asking a lot of questions about what this means. Ezra in particular (our eldest at 8 years) seems to have been most affected by my Mum's death and he's also very aware of the difficulties in transitioning again between countries.

We'd appreciate prayer that as a family we would have time to properly grieve for my Mum and support my Dad while we're so close by, but also to prepare well for returning to Uganda. We want to appreciate this relatively settled time over the next couple of months, with the boys back in school, and make the most of seeing friends and family while we're in the UK.

We've had some good conversations, particularly with the older two boys, over the last few weeks, about Heaven, God's character, his plans and promises for his children. Just as we trust that Grandma is safe in heaven with God, we trust that, as his children, he has good plans for us and will continue to guide us and provide for us as he so clearly has done on this journey so far. We know that he is our anchor, our rock and source of strength and peace as we once again prepare to move.

Thank you again for all your support and prayers and we look forward to seeing some of you as we travel around the country in the next few weeks.

Blessings

Verity, Tom, Ezra, Eli, Simeon and Joel Clare

## 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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| • <b>St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley</b> | Code Number: 290629087 |
| • <b>Priors Dean Church</b>                   | Code Number: 290629088 |
| • <b>St John the Baptist, Greatham</b>        | Code Number: 290629086 |
| • <b>Empshott</b>                             | 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:

<b>Hawkley</b>	Robin Crittenden	<a href="mailto:randmcrittenden@waitrose.com">randmcrittenden@waitrose.com</a>	01730 827969
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If you have any concerns and would like to talk, please contact:

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## Thank you!