

## **Church News**

**Trinity 11 & Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### ***Covid Update:***

- *it is no longer necessary to book a place in Church; however, please either sign in using the track and trace list or use the QR code with the NHS Covid App when you enter church*
- *wearing masks or face coverings is voluntary but strongly encouraged - and especially for communal singing*
- *our method of having communion (bringing our own small cup and piece of bread) will continue at least until the end of August 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. As services become a little longer we will review service times for the start of September*
- *we normally aim to stream one Benefice service each week – this Sunday, from Hawkley at 10.15*

### **This Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

<b>08.45</b>	<b>Priors Dean</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> led by Peter Sutton and Elizabeth Hawkins
<b>09.30</b>	<b>Empshott</b>	<b>Morning Prayer (BCP)</b> led by Kate Lloyd-Jones
<b>10.15</b>	<b>Hawkley</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b> led by Peter Sutton & Elizabeth Hawkins Please click the link below to join the webinar: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415553612">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415553612</a>
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Greatham</b>	<b>Morning Worship (CW)</b> led by Marjorie Arnold, Paul Goddard and Kate Lloyd-Jones

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

### **Next Saturday – 21<sup>st</sup> August**

11.00 Hawkley      Baptism (CW)

### **Next Sunday – 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

09.30 Empshott      Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.15 Hawkley      Morning Worship (CW)  
11.00 Greatham      Holy Communion (CW)  
14.30 Greatham      Baptism (CW)  
15.30 Greatham      Baptism (CW)

## 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.

## 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.

## Hawkley Coffee and Chat

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

## Greatham Coffee Café starts on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

## 'Good Sunday Walk' – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August

The future of the Parish system is fragile as the national Church and Diocese looks to the future beyond the Pandemic in the face of financial challenges. Larger teams, groups and benefices potentially threaten the independence and unique character of parishes and this could be especially true in rural communities.

For the last two years we have not been able to have our Good Friday Walk across the Benefice so here is an alternative for our first Benefice Service for a long time: a **fifth Sunday Benefice 'Good Sunday' walk** with approximately 15 minutes in each Church to build up a complete service of Morning Prayer but along the way enjoying the distinctive traditions of each Church as we gather there. There will be a short homily in each church that celebrates the importance of parish and explores the challenges that lie ahead. As we leave each church there will be a question or quotation to ponder as we walk. At the Hawkley part of the service there will be a video message from writer and broadcaster Canon Angela Tilby and at Empshott the talk will be by Canon Karen Schmidt, a former Chaplain to Bishop Kenneth and Bishop Christopher. The approximate timings are:

<b>09.15</b>	<b>Priors Dean</b>	Part 1 of the service, leaving Church at 09.30
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Hawkley</b>	Part 2 of the service, leaving Hawkley at 10.15
<b>10.45</b>	<b>Empshott</b>	Part 3 of the service, leaving Empshott at 11.00
<b>11.30</b>	<b>Greatham</b>	Part 4 of the service, concluding not later than 12 Noon

Join us for all or part of the morning; walk if you can or drive to whichever part of the morning you can. Alternatively, there will be an **8am BCP Holy Communion at Hawkley** for those who cannot join in the 'Good Sunday' Walk.

### **Did you know?**

*Parishes began to be created between 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> centuries then by the 12<sup>th</sup> century parishes were regarded as legal units with definite rights and boundaries that could only be changed with the permission of the Bishop, the Pope, the owner or clergyman of a mother church. Boundaries were especially important as tithes, which had become normal by the 10<sup>th</sup> century needed to be collected from local estates and tenants. Parish boundaries came to be known and patrolled!*

*By 1200 England possessed some 9,500 churches forming a network that covered the whole country.*

*Until the Toleration Act of 1689 every adult was expected to attend for baptism, marriage and burial, to visit for worship on Sundays and festivals and to support the cost of buildings and furnishings.*

## Save the Parish

A new movement was launched last week which seeks to help the Church of England rebalance the Church of England back towards a love of and support for its parish system. The evening was a great success and you can watch the speeches by the Revd Professor Alison Milbank and the Revd Stephen Trott by clicking image below.



## Hawkley Parish Walk and Vicarage Tea – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August

Meet at the Hawkley Church Lychgate at 2pm for the walk and come for tea in the Vicarage at 3pm. There will be a £1 raffle to support the Bells Restoration Project. All are welcome but to help with numbers please RSVP either to Elizabeth Hawkins 01730 827502 or Pippa Dice 01730 827998 [pippa.dice@btinternet.com](mailto:pippa.dice@btinternet.com)

## Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre would now like to receive the following:

Food and Children's Summer clothes in good condition. Also, painting and decorating equipment for New Start homes. They cannot take anything else until further notice.

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.



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:

- **St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley** Code Number: 290629087
- **Priors Dean Church** Code Number: 290629088
- **St John the Baptist, Greatham** Code Number: 290629086
- **Empshott** 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
<b>Priors Dean</b>	D Green	<a href="mailto:green@priorsdean.com">green@priorsdean.com</a>	01730 827636
<b>Greatham</b>	Steve Hedicker	<a href="mailto:shedicker58@gmail.com">shedicker58@gmail.com</a>	01420538310
<b>Empshott</b>	Becky Smith	<a href="mailto:treasurerempshottpcc@gmail.com">treasurerempshottpcc@gmail.com</a>	01730 827397

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

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**Thank you!**