

Church News

Trinity 12 - Sunday 22nd 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 - 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 Greatham at 11.00*

This Sunday 22nd August

09.30	Empshott	Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton & Elizabeth Hawkins
10.15	Hawkley	Morning Worship (CW) led by Peter Sutton
11.00	Greatham	Holy Communion (CW) led by Peter Sutton & Marjorie Arnold Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82666988420
14.30	Greatham	Baptism
15.30	Greatham	Baptism

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

Next Sunday

'Good Sunday' Walk - Sunday 29th August

A walk to celebrate our wonderful churches and to think about their role in the future.

From Priors Dean to Greatham via Hawkley and Empshott, walking cross country and on lanes (though some might prefer to drive or ride!)

(each of the walking routes is 30 – 40 minutes)

As we stop in each church there will be a short part of a service which builds up into a complete Morning Prayer but incorporating the tradition of each church. There will be a short homily in each church including a video message from the writer and broadcaster Canon Angela Tilby at Hawkley and Canon Karen Schmidt, formerly a parish priest and Bishop's Chaplain in this Diocese.

We will be celebrating the importance of 'the parish' as places for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as for Sunday Worship and a focus for local communities.

Join us for all or part of the morning; walk if you can, or drive to whichever part of the morning you are able.

There will also be an **8am BCP Holy Communion at Hawkley.**

The starting time below is fixed but other timings are approximate!

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

Walk, drive, cycle, ride; do the whole journey or just drop in for part. If you are walking the whole route you will need to plan how to return to pick up your vehicle from Priors Dean at the end.

Do come if you can and exercise of body, mind and soul – All are welcome!

If you have any questions or would like more information please ask.

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Did you know?

By the 12th century parishes were regarded as legal units with definite rights and boundaries. Wealthy residents of parishes vied to build new church buildings which added to their status and that of the village. The building of accessible church buildings was also required as the belief in early infant baptism was both necessary and desirable. Every parish had its own priest whose income came from tithes. Those who lived in the parish were also responsible for the upkeep of the building. Two words for the parish priest were coming into use: the 'rector' had absolute 'rule' of his parish, over both cure of souls and benefice rights – he lived in a 'rectory'. The space in between one rector leaving and another arriving became known as the 'interregnum', a term discouraged by the Church these days because it implies a 'princely' status of the clergy. In wealthy parishes where a clergyman was not obliged to be resident, he became known as a 'vicar' from *vicarious* or deputy.

Hawkey - 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.

Hawkey Coffee and Chat

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

Greatham Coffee Café starts on Thursday 2nd September

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

Hawkey Parish Walk and Vicarage Tea – Monday 30th August

Meet at the Hawkey 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

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 Hawkey Church.

Portsmouth Family Welfare

We shall be making our monthly delivery to Portsmouth on 25th August. If you would like to contribute to the food supplies already collected, please put donations in Hawkey Church porch.

Tinned foods - vegetables, soups, meat, fish, all preferably with ring-pulls, packets of sugar, cereal, biscuits. Pot noodles and pasta meals which only need hot water added. For a more comprehensive list please see the Charities Notice Board inside the church on the left. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ride & Stride- 11th 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 11th 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 and follow us on Facebook.

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, 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
- **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:

Hawley	Robin Crittenden	randmccrittenden@waitrose.com	01730 827969
Priors Dean	D Green	green@priorsdean.com	01730 827636
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com	01420538310
Empshott	Becky Smith	treasurerempshotpcc@gmail.com	01730 827397

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

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Thank you!