

Church News - Trinity 17

Sunday 26th September

09.30 Empshott Harvest Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton

10.15 Hawkley Morning Worship (CW) led by Elizabeth Hawkins

Greatham Festival Service - all are welcome – Together with St John's, Hope Church and L'Abri

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 13th century church

1145 Walk to the Manor House

1200 Music and words reflecting on the hospitality of God, followed by a closing hymn with L'Abri Fellowship

1215 Coffee, tea and cake

All are welcome!

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 3rd October

09.30 Empshott Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15 Hawkley Holy Communion (CW)

11.00 Greatham Morning Worship (CW)

Sponsored Walk, 29th September

Elizabeth Hawkins will be walking to raise money for Hawkley's Bell Appeal. If you would like to sponsor her, join her or come with your own sponsors please let her know 01730 827502. Full details are on her sponsorship form in Hawkley Church.

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.

Blackmoor Apple Tasting Day – 10th October 10am – 4pm

Greatham Church runs a Coconut Shy at this great event for Church funds. If you can help run the stall and raise funds for St John's please let Carole or Dave Rudd know.

Diocesan and Deanery Plans

There was a Diocesan Clergy Day and a Lay Ministers' Conference this week at St Mary's Portsea to discuss the Diocesan Vision and how at this time we as individuals feel about it. The next stages are:

29th September Deanery Consultation – open to all – 7.00pm St Peter's Church Petersfield.

11th October Meeting of Greatham, Empshott, Hawkley with Priors Dean and Blackmoor PCCs with Acting Archdeacon Will Hughes at Hawkley. There will be a Zoom link for those not able to attend in person.

Details of the Deanery Consultation are pasted immediately below, and the latest Diocesan Live|Pray|Serve update is attached.

Deanery Consultation 29th September – All are Welcome!

There will be Deanery Consultation meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday 29th September, at St Peter's Petersfield. A summary of the current state of play is printed below:

Petersfield Deanery Consultation - St Peter's Church, Petersfield - 7:00pm 29th September 2021

1. Introduction

You will be aware that over the last 15 months members of Deanery Synod and your PCC have been discussing a new Deanery Plan as a framework within which to pursue Growth in Impact, Depth and Numbers and to accommodate a reduction in stipendiary clergy to help balance the books at Diocesan level.

In February this year Jane Ball, the (former) Area Dean and Vanda Leary, Deanery Lay Chair, met with Bishop Christopher and his senior team to discuss our ideas as part of a coordinated programme of discussion across the Diocese and, indeed, across the country. There have also been discussions between individual parishes or united benefices and a team from the Diocese led by Will Hughes, our acting Archdeacon.

The next step is a Deanery Consultation to which all are invited whether members of Synod or PCCs or not.

This paper is intended to provide a briefing on the position in the Petersfield Deanery as preparation for that meeting for those who have hitherto not engaged with Deanery Synod or the Diocese on this important topic. Our hope is that by being informed you will feel better equipped to come to the meeting and join in the discussion.

2. Deanery Plan

Our Deanery Vision is that our churches will be praying communities embedded in the life of our towns and villages: growing in faith, welcoming all, and caring for our neighbours and communities.

We will share the light and love of God in the communities of Petersfield Deanery by:

- praying together and so expecting great things of God
- sharing the light and love of Christ individually, in our communities, and in our workplaces
- offering engaging worship and prayer
- growing our faith and that of the next generation
- contributing to the well-being of our communities, making a difference to the poor, marginalised and suffering
- caring for God's creation, using its resources wisely

To achieve this our strategy is to work through cooperation, collaboration and sharing of resources at three levels - Deanery, groups of parishes and parishes. There are some things that can be best done by working together as a Deanery and the first of these that we are starting to look at is ministry to secondary school children. We are initiating a series of conversations between parishes that could work together more closely as groups not only between parishes that might be obvious partners but also between parishes where there is some resistance to have open and honest discussions to understand both the fears that underpin that reluctance and the opportunities that might be available if that can be overcome. We need to involve the laity in leading the church more not only as lay readers but in all areas of our communal life.

Deanery Synod has been most reluctant to adopt the Teams approach that the Diocese is promoting. We believe that the homogeneity of a single solution is inappropriate in a Deanery that has such variety within its boundaries. We want any changes that are necessary to be mission-driven, reflecting in the best way possible the most effective ways of executing God's plan in this area. We have some parishes that are resource rich, with a wealth of active retired clergy with Permission to Officiate and an enthusiastic group of Lay Readers which require nothing more in terms of spiritual resource. At the other extreme we have parishes already in a united benefice which currently have no team rector in place and urgently require the sharing of resources to lead worship and pastoral work from outside. In between we have groups that might be able to offer help in some areas but need

assistance in others. Forcing our parishes into a small number of Teams is neither necessary nor helpful in delivering our Vision.

3. Mixed Ecology Approach

You may be aware that PCCs and Deanery Synod have been discussing a paper that sets out a mixed ecology approach that envisages a strengthened role for the Area Dean and a mixture of Teams, Groupings and Single Parish Benefices working together, sharing resources and united in driving forward Growth in Impact, Depth and Numbers without the need for uniformity of structure. At its meeting on 7th September Deanery Synod voted to adopt the principles of the approach, without commitment at this stage to any specific groupings or legal structures.

4. Finance

Deanery Synod accepts, with reluctance, that it may be necessary to reduce the number of stipendiary clergy in the Deanery in order to make the Diocese financially sustainable, but only after there has been an independent, thorough and transparent review of all the Diocese's expenditure. Further cuts in central costs may be painful, but will they be as damaging as cutting the number of clergy in the parishes? We are pressing the Bishop's Senior Team to put in place the necessary review now, rather than waiting until after the parishes have been reorganised and clergy numbers reduced.

5. Conclusion

We hope that this short paper has helped you in understanding the journey that we are on, and the direction we wish to take. We have an opportunity on 29th September to share this with the Senior Team from the Diocese and we hope that you will accept this invitation to join us.

Chris Williams
Area Dean
13th September 2021

Vanda Leary
Deanery Synod Lay Chair

All are welcome to attend the meeting in Petersfield. If you plan to attend, please could you let Peter Sutton know so that we can advise on numbers.

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 Empshott, 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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| • 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:

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Empshott	Becky Smith	treasurerempshottpcc@gmail.com	01730 827397

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

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Thank you!