

## **Church News – All Saints’ – All Souls’**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

### **This week ...**

*In each of our churches today we will remember those who have died, and we bring all those names together in the Service for All Souls’ at Priors Dean.*

*If you would like to add names to the list, available at the back of each church – please do so before the start of the service.*

- 09.30 Empshott**     **Holy Communion (BCP)** with Peter Sutton and Kate Lloyd-Jones
- 10.15 Hawkley**     **Holy Communion (CW)** with Peter Sutton
- 11.00 Greatham**     **Morning Worship (CW)** with Peter Sutton, Kate Lloyd-Jones and Marjorie Arnold
- 16.00 Priors Dean**     **Service for All Soul’s Day (CW)** with Peter Sutton and Kate Lloyd-Jones

*Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment). Ask Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or [peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org](mailto:peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org)*

### **Covid Update:**

- *it is currently not necessary to book a place in Church*
- *wearing masks or face coverings is voluntary but with the rise in infections it is strongly encouraged - and especially for communal singing*
- *our method of having communion changes this week – see notes below*
- *it is important that we are all mindful of others so that everyone is comfortable*

### **Holy Communion**



From this week a new way to have communion. The priest will consecrate a tray of glasses which have wine in them and a communion wafer resting on top. Come to the receive communion whilst standing, coming one pew at a time, and, after eating the bread and drinking the wine, place the glass in the basket provided before returning to your place.

If you prefer to have communion brought to your pew that is fine, just make sure the priest knows beforehand.



Please ensure you allow sufficient social distancing and where there are steps ... be extra careful.

Peter will explain the process at the start of Sunday services as we get used to having communion in this way. It is not safe at the moment to return to sharing a common cup but hopefully everyone will value the opportunity of coming to the altar to make our communion.

## Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November

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

## All Souls' Service – 4.00pm Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

A service at Priors Dean to remember those who have died. If you would like loved ones remembered, please add names to the list in each of our churches.

## 6<sup>th</sup> November - Hawkley Village presents... 'At the Drop of a Hat'

A village fundraiser to support the Church Bells Project & Children's Playground refurbishment



[with grateful thanks to Flanders & Swann, Noel Coward, Richard Curtis, Rowan Atkinson, Tom Lehrer & Peter Christie - Instant Sunshine]

Performed by



**Paul Towns & John Chatfeild-Roberts**



Accompanied by Jenny Walker on the piano.

**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**The whole event will now take place in**

**Hawkley Village Hall**

**Tickets £25 to include**

**a free glass of wine from 7.00pm before the performance which starts at 7.30pm.**

**A Buffet Supper will be served in the interval; the Hall Bar will be open.**

**Fine Wine Raffle!!**

Tickets available from Elizabeth Hawkins 01730 827502 or Robin Crittenden 01730 827969 on receipt of payment.  
Cash, or cheque to Hawkley PCC with "concert" on the back.

## 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 welcome 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. Instead of an Advent GiftTree in Hawkley Church Porch this year, The Roberts Centre are asking for **monetary donations** so that vulnerable families can be given a Supermarket voucher to buy what they require for Christmas.

If you would like to contribute to the voucher scheme [requested amount is multiples of **£5**] please make out a cheque to The Roberts Centre and give to Robin Crittenden. **The final date for receiving donations will be 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the Pandemic with gifts of clothes, food and other requested donations.

## **Confirmation**

There will be a Deanery Confirmation on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to consider being confirmed please let Peter Sutton or Kate Lloyd-Jones know.

## **From CMS Link Partners Tom and Verity Clare**

We hope you're all keeping well. We were hoping to be emailing today to let you know our dates for flying back to Uganda. Unfortunately we've had a couple of delays and so we're still holding off on booking flights just yet. We're currently isolating at home as Simeon, our four-year-old, tested positive for Covid-19 at the weekend. We are thankful that he seems well enough in himself- he has a cough and runny nose and we're all currently negative otherwise. Joel has developed exactly the same cold symptoms as Simeon but another PCR test yesterday just came back negative. This has slightly confused things but as things stand, we'll be free on Tuesday.

As an aside, it's been interesting -and at times frustrating- that the UK won't accept that we're double vaccinated and therefore have told us to isolate, as our first vaccine was in Uganda. Fortunately, though, the older two boys have spent a lovely couple of days with Tom's parents at the start of their half term as planned. We're doing daily tests and hoping that we can continue to meet up with various of our different family members over half term, as planned, and as ever, we're trusting in God's wisdom and protection to keep us, and those we're hoping to spend time with, safe.

As frustrating as it has been to have to cancel seeing friends and family and one of our churches this Sunday, we've actually appreciated a bit of time at home after spending the last 5 weekends travelling around on both days, visiting churches and catching up with friends around the country.

It's been a real pleasure to be able to visit a good number of our link churches and to see the shared joy in church families being able to meet in person again. It's been difficult hearing how the pandemic has affected everyone since we left but also lovely to hear how churches have been able to support members and reach out to the wider community at this time. Thank you to those of you who have hosted us and chatted to us after services and helped to entertain our boys!

While we've been gone, the news from Uganda has been mixed. The initial 6-week lockdown from June, due to an increase in the prevalence of Covid, came to an end but with some restrictions remaining, including schools being closed until January. Many of the younger classes haven't returned since the initial lockdown in March 2020 and the planned reopening of schools is linked to teachers being vaccinated, while the vaccine uptake remaining a challenge.

As devastating as this is, it has meant that once again our garden has been full of students playing football. The couple who are staying in our house have been hosting a discipleship programme three afternoons a week, with students who would usually be away at school or university. They've really appreciated the location of the house and football pitch in the garden for their ministry and it's been great to hear how God has used the house while we've been gone.

We would love to have a date to fly back to Uganda and to know for certain that nothing will happen in the meantime to prevent us returning. But I think we've all learnt over the last 18 months that we can't be so sure of things going ahead, which previously we would have taken for granted. Our current feeling of uncertainty is a familiar one and a reminder that we need to fully trust in God and his plans for us. Some of the lines from the Bethel song, It is Well, keep coming to mind recently:

*Far be it for me to not believe  
Even when my eyes can't see...*

*Through it all, through it all  
My eyes are on You  
It is well, it is well*

*So let go my soul and trust in Him  
The waves and wind still know His name*

## 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, Empshott, 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:

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

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## Thank you!