

## **Church News – 3<sup>rd</sup> before Advent**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **Services this Sunday ...**

- 09.30 Empshott**     **Holy Communion (BCP)** with Peter Sutton
- 10.15 Hawkley**     **Holy Communion (CW)** with Peter Sutton
- 11.00 Greatham**    **Morning Worship (CW)** with Marjorie Arnold & Paul Goddard

*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:**

- *it is currently not necessary to book a place in Church*
- *wearing masks or face coverings is voluntary but **with the rise in infections strongly encouraged** - and especially for communal singing*
- *it is important that we are all mindful of others so that everyone is comfortable*

### **Holy Communion**



Our 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 altar to 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 as we get used to having communion in this way. It is not safe to return to sharing a common cup but hopefully everyone will value the opportunity of coming to the altar to make our communion.

## An Evening of Music & Comedy with Towns & Chatters

paying homage to Flanders & Swan.... at the drop of yet another hat!



### “At the Drop of a Hat”

Tickets for the event are sold out it is still possible to support the two village causes by purchasing tickets for the Fine Wine Raffle.

**For those who have tickets please note ....**

Revised timings - arrival 7pm for 7.30pm start of performance.

Everything is now happening in the Village Hall (not the church).

Please wear face coverings when moving around in the Hall - in line with the Chief Medical Officer's latest advice

#### **The Fine Wine Raffle**

A kind donor has given us two bottles of extremely fine wine to be raffled at the event. The two special wines are:

Château Calon Ségur, 3ème Cru Classé, St Estèphe, 1996

&

Château Léoville Barton, 2ème Cru Classé, St Julien, 1982

Both are outstanding clarets from extremely good years which will be delicious and are drinking well now; each wine would cost in the region of £100-£200 a bottle to buy. The raffle will also include a number of other good, albeit less grand, bottles.

The organisers of the evening are keen that wine-lovers from our whole community, not just those able to attend the event are able to have the opportunity to win one of these fine prizes. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, priced at £10 each please contact Robin Crittenden (tel 01730 827969).

All proceeds from the raffle will go to the two village causes supported by the “At the Drop of a Hat” event – the Church Bell restoration project and the Children’s Playground refurbishment – so please be generous!

### **Family Fun Afternoon**

**SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER, 1.30-4.30PM**

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH FIELD, GREATHAM**

*(The field behind the Church)*



St John's Church Field Trust invite you to an afternoon of crafts, activities, songs and stories to mark COP26 and to celebrate God's good gift of creation. Clay modelling, bird-box making, twig weaving and more, followed by refreshments, songs and stories around the camp fire. All are welcome to this free event but please let us know you are coming by emailing [jennychurchfield@aol.com](mailto:jennychurchfield@aol.com)

Flyer with more details attached. Offers of cake and help with serving refreshments from the Church Room in the day would be much appreciated- please contact Kate [loydjoneskate@gmail.com](mailto:loydjoneskate@gmail.com)



## Next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

08.00	Hawkley	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.45	Empshott	Service of Remembrance
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11.45	Greatham	Service of Remembrance
18.30	Priors Dean	Service of Remembrance

### 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.



## A further update from CMS Link Partners Tom and Verity Clare

We've now booked flights to return to Uganda on **Friday November 12th!** It is exciting to imagine ourselves returning, but also impossibly hard as we face the reality of leaving family and friends

for the second time. Our flight leaves Heathrow at 06:30am and gets in at around 11:15pm Uganda time (8:15pm UK time).

We'd appreciate prayer for Ezra (8) and Eli (7) particularly, who have both been struggling emotionally with the goodbyes so far (thus far it has been uncles, aunts and cousins, with some more aunts, school friends and grandparents still to come this next week).

They are finding it hard to get their head around the idea that we could be called somewhere else when all our family is here. We'd really appreciate prayer for them to know their identity fixed in God and for us to guide them wisely.

Pray also for Verity and Tom as they bid farewell to Chris, Verity's Dad, and Tom's parents until they will hopefully be able to visit Uganda next year.

Thank you so much for all your prayers, we'll send another update email to let you know we've arrived safely in Arua (some time shortly after November 15th when we expect to have arrived there).

Blessings,  
Tom, Verity and the boys

## 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:

- **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!**