

Church News

Easter 6 - Sunday 9th May 2021

Services continue in Churches along with a 'Zoom at Noon' option for those who prefer to worship from home. Please note that services in church will be no longer than 30 minutes. The law requires that face masks are worn except by those with exceptions, and that there is no singing or mingling outside of household bubbles. To attend, please book a place using the details below. Apart from funerals and weddings, only Sunday services will take place in Church. Risk Assessments have been updated and we need to remind everyone that those who are vulnerable should seriously consider not returning to communal worship yet. We also remind you that whilst those who have received the vaccine have a reduced risk of infection, the risk to ourselves and others is not removed completely. We therefore encourage everyone to recognise our responsibility to others as well as ourselves.

Holy Communion – If you are coming to church, please bring a small piece of bread for communion and a small cup or glass into which we pour wine as you arrive. If you are joining by Zoom, please have a small glass or cup of wine and a small piece of bread ready for the service. You may prefer just to observe.

- 09.30** **Empshott** **Holy Communion (BCP)** led by Jacq Darby, Peter Sutton & Paul Goddard
To book a place contact David Tucker David.Tucker@vssecurityproducts.com 01420 538242
- 10.15** **Hawkley** **Morning Worship (CW)** led by Peter Sutton and Neil Chrimes
To book a place contact Neil Chrimes thechrimes@btinternet.com 01730 827992
- 11.00** **Greatham** **Morning Worship (CW)** led by Marjorie Arnold & Paul Goddard
To book a place contact Kay Thorpe kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk 01730 892314
- 12.00** **Zoom at Noon** **Holy Communion (CW)** led by Peter Sutton
Zoom link
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032199878?pwd=aTVISXI3YnpXTct5VknNTjZ5dTUyUT09>
Meeting ID: 810 3219 9878 Passcode: 566878
- 18.30** **Priors Dean** **Evening Prayer (BCP)** led by Elizabeth Hawkins & Peter Sutton
To book a place contact Jane Wyman jane.wyman@sillina.com 01420 511306

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

Hedging at Greatham – This Saturday 8th May

St John's Church has been awarded 240 hedging whips by The Woodland Trust (thanks to Carole Rudd's application, and also whips not required by the Village Hall). The hedgerow along the boundaries with Church Field, the copse behind the churchyard and a stretch from Church Lane to the composting bays, are mostly denuded and need 'beefing up'!

Planting takes place this Saturday 10am–lunchtime and it would be great to have some help. A spade is all you need to bring plus some elbow grease.

If it is possible to let Josh Dale-Harris know if you are coming that would be very helpful. daleharrisj@gmail.com

Zoom Coffee Morning – Tuesday 10am to 11am – join at the time that suits you.

Try dropping in – it's open to anyone. You obviously have to drink your own coffee but, technology permitting, it is a chance to see and talk to others. Depending upon numbers present, we divide into breakout rooms for smaller groups.

Tuesday Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81032199878?pwd=aTVISXl3YnpXTct5VkNNTjZ5dTUyUT09>

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Ascension Day – Holy Communion – 7.00pm Thursday 13th May



40 days after Easter marking the ascension of Jesus into heaven, a service of Holy Communion to reflect upon how God is not confined by human limitations.

Zoom link

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Services Next Sunday – 16th May

08.45	Priors Dean	Holy Communion (BCP)
09.30	Empshott	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15	Hawkley	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00	Greatham	Holy Communion (CW)
12.00	Zoom	Holy Communion (BCP)

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

Peter Sutton 01730 827459

peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

Roberts Centre

The Roberts Centre would now like to receive the following:

Food and Children's Summer clothes in good condition. They cannot take anything else until further notice.

Please leave donations in the porch of Hawkley Church.

Petersfield Deanery Pentecost Praise

23rd May – Pentecost Sunday 2.30pm to 3.30pm - St Mary's Liss

An opportunity to gather together as a Deanery to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost. All are welcome.

Each parish is invited to contribute a banner, art work or flower arrangement if they wish. Liss church will be open on Saturday 22nd (all day) to receive things and Eleanor Childs will be there in afternoon from 2pm-4pm.

Please book in by clicking on this link – <https://st-mary-s-church.reservio.com/events/aede3c6a-95bb-4583-a1cd-4f1d827587af/> or phone St Mary's Church Office 01730 892552 or email lissparish@gmail.com with your name, number in party and email address (or phone number).

The usual Covid guidelines will be in place – please wear face masks and stay at a safe distance – the seating will be arranged in a suitably safe way.

The service will be live streamed and available to watch live or at a later time on St Mary's Facebook page.

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.



Hawkley, Priors Dean and Greatham 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:

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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 |

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	randmcrittenden@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

Thank you!



FLOWER FESTIVAL

“ALL NATURE IS A GARDEN”

Church of the Holy Rood, Empshott

Saturday, 26th June 10.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday, 27th June 10.30 am to 5.00 pm

Entry £5 (children free)

Stalls, including a plant stall Refreshments served all day

The festival will celebrate the idyllic rural setting of this charming, ancient church, its natural surroundings and the beauty of an English summer.

The theme is “**All Nature is a Garden**” and we aim to bring the countryside into the church with lavish use of native, seasonal flowers and foliage.

We will also pay tribute to Gilbert White of Selborne whose 300th birthday celebrations were postponed last year.

We have designed our festival to use only recyclable materials.

Flowers will be arranged in water or moss rather than floral foam.

Parking in nearby field, disabled parking available

email empshottfestival@gmail.com

Instagram [@empshottflowerfestival](https://www.instagram.com/empshottflowerfestival)

Update from Tom & Verity Clare – Hawkley’s CMS Link Mission Partners in Uganda

We’re emailing to ask for prayer and to update you on a new development for us. As we’ve mentioned before, Verity’s mum has had secondary brain cancer for the last four years. She’s been on various treatments, but it’s got to the point where they’re now stopping further treatment. This means we’ll be moving back to the UK for some time, hoping to travel in the next few weeks

It’s obviously a difficult time for the whole family and these last few days have been filled with all sorts of conversations with friends and staff here and family and CMS staff back in the UK. We explained things to the boys and they've been generally understanding but have all reacted differently. We've been surprised especially with how reluctant Eli is to leave Uganda so soon. It's good in a way though as they'll have positive things to look forward to whenever we return.

We appreciate your prayers as we book flights and tie things up here. For Tom, this means working out who he can hand over his jobs to and what work he needs to finish off before we go. We also need to decide what happens to our house and staff etc when we’re gone. Fortunately, there’s a great missionary community here with a lot of experience in these things, who can help advise us.

Aside from the obvious things to pray for, we’d appreciate prayer for the following-

- For wisdom for Tom in leaving his work well, when we don’t know how long we’ll be gone for.
- For the boys as they process the news and transition.
- For a house for us to stay in/rent, in the Bournemouth region preferably.
- For someone to be able to use our house here while we’re gone.
- For the right flight that doesn't go through a red-listed country (and for Uganda to stay off the list).
- For Tom as he works out if he can now keep his UK GP license as we’re coming back sooner than planned.
- For us as we transition back to life in the UK - Verity is feeling particularly apprehensive about coming back, especially to a new house and city etc when life here is so different.

In many ways, it’s a hard time to leave as we’re just feeling settled in Arua and Tom’s getting stuck into his role at work. We’ve always known we might have to go back suddenly like this though, so it’s not unexpected and we trust God’s timings. We’re also very thankful that the boys are at a point of feeling settled here, so they’ll have things to look forward to when we come back.

Thank you, as always, for your prayers and support. We are so thankful we have a loving father who has good plans for us and our families. We trust that he will guide us through this time, as he has always been faithful in doing in the past.

Blessings,

Verity, Tom, Ezra, Eli, Simeon and Joel