

Church News

Holy Communion – ‘Holy What?’ - Week 5 – Thursday 23rd June



The fifth of six Thursday communions which are an opportunity to think about Holy Communion and learn more about it: they are also part of Kate Lloyd-Jones's preparation for ordination as priest on 2nd July. It is an opportunity too for people to think a little more about what Holy Communion is, how it began, how it has changed and what it means today.

This week, we return to Common Worship again and think about the concepts of thanksgiving and consecration and the journey the Church has made in the development of liturgy. What happens to the bread and wine? The service which includes a short homily lasts about 35 – 40 minutes and follows on from Coffee Cafe at Greatham for anyone who would like refreshment of body ahead of refreshment of mind and spirit. All are welcome.

Services this Weekend

Sunday 26th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

09.15	Empshott	Holy Communion (BCP) led by Peter Sutton
10.15	Hawkley	Morning Worship (CW) led by Paul Goddard and Kate Lloyd-Jones
11.00	Greatham	Holy Communion (CW) led by Elizabeth Hawkins & Peter Sutton

*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*

Benefice Service

10.30am Sunday 3rd July to celebrate Kate Lloyd-Jones's ordination as Priest

Revd Kate Lloyd-Jones will be ordained priest at 4pm on Saturday 2nd July at Portsmouth Cathedral by the Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Portsmouth. Because of a lifting of restrictions all are now welcome to this service.

Kate will preside at Holy Communion for the first time at a Benefice Communion Service at 10.30am Sunday 3rd July 2020 at St John the Baptist, Greatham. All are welcome to this special celebration and for the reception that follows. Please come if you can and, to help us organise the catering, RSVP Maggie Johnson 01730 827222 or email maggie.johnson01@gmail.com

Please note that there are no other services in the Benefice on this day.

Greatham Fete and Flower Festival Thank You



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, enable and support the Greatham Fete and Flower Festival to be such a successful and happy community occasion.

From Hawkleys CMS Link Partners, Tom and Verity Clare

It's hot here in Arua, but from what we hear, those of you in the UK may be similarly stifled. We hope that you all enjoy the heat wave and perhaps you can share in our newfound love of shade and rain...?!

Since we last wrote, we have said farewell to my (Tom's) parents, who stayed with us for a total of over 7 weeks, initially in Kampala and then here in Arua. It was such a joy to have them here, of course for all of the children, but also for us to give them a taste of our life here and to enjoy their giftings and company. Alison (my Mum) was a huge help with homeschooling particularly, re-establishing art lessons which had somewhat fallen by the wayside and injecting energy and enthusiasm to support Verity in the huge challenge of educating 3 children whilst looking after another 2! Chris (my Dad) was able to continue some work of his own during school hours at the café next door to us here and was as ever a great source of fun for all the children when school finished. We even took the opportunity too to spend a couple of nights in Murchison Falls National Park together. Do thank God on our behalf for their time here and their support as we continue to live so far from their home in the UK.



It was an honour to be part of a Diocesan celebration for 8 members of the Diocese who've been blessed with babies recently, especially as Tom's parents could be a part of it too. (Eli took the photo with the pole unfortunately obstructing the Bishop's face!)

Change of Direction at Work

Because my parents were here for such a long period, I got straight back to work when we returned to Arua, heading back to the Health Office. Having finally appointed the Kuluva Hospital Board of Governors through the Synod meeting after a long battle, I then managed to sit down with the Diocesan Secretary and discuss some of the difficulties I've been having regarding my current role as Health Coordinator (ie doing very little clinical medicine or training!). Praise God, he agreed that I should be spending more time on that side of things and we will be handing most of the administration formally over to Esther, the wonderful assistant recruited in February to work in the Health Office.

Having agreed to make that change, however, we are now on the cusp of returning to the UK for a few weeks, for Verity's sister's wedding in early July. We are so thankful that Amara's travel document came through and we're excited to see all our family and some friends. We are also looking forward to returning here in mid-July to continue with God's calling on our lives for the rest of our time here.

Baby Awaniya



Having a bit of a chat!

Thank you for all your kind emails in response to the news of Amara's birth. She's a lovely little soul and has already brought so much joy into our lives. So many people in the local community have been asking after her since we returned, and many are overjoyed that we finally have a girl! She's been given the name 'Awaniya' in the local language, meaning 'thank you' and we continue to thank God for such a precious gift.

As we travel, we're praying for good health and that we'd remain COVID-free – we know of a couple of cases in the ex-pat community recently and it's generally on the rise here. The three older boys still have to have a negative PCR test to leave and re-enter Uganda so we're praying we can all keep clear in the next few days.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We're sorry we won't be able to visit our link churches in this brief time back in the UK, but we love to hear your news.

Blessings,

Tom, Verity, Ezra, Eli, Simeon, Joel and Amara



St John's Greatham, Baby & Toddler Group

An informal drop-in session with refreshments, chat and play.
All welcome on Tuesdays in term time from 9.30-11.30am at St John's Church Greatham
GU33 6HB - £1 per family per session. Further information:
Kate Lloyd Jones 07824 113819 lloydjoneskate@gmail.com

If you hear the Church bell ring at around 11.30 - it's the toddlers 'waking up the old ladies!'

Come for Coffee!



Hawkley - Tuesdays 10 – 12 for 'Coffee & Chat'

Greatham - Thursdays 10 – 12 for 'Coffee Café'

All are welcome!

Morning Prayer



Greatham 09.00 Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Hawkley 07.30 Wednesdays

If you use Apps, download the Daily Prayer App. You can use it if you come to Church (though books of course are available) or at home. The great thing about the App is that it has the psalms and readings all in one place. All are welcome. The App looks like this:



The service lasts about 20 – 25 minutes. All are welcome!

Roberts Centre

At the moment the Roberts Centre cannot take any more children's toys or men's clothing. PFW are appealing for duvets and, amongst food supplies, a particular request for ring-pull tins of meat.

Hop, Skip and Jump has been relaunched to encourage and support Children enjoying the fun of physical play to improve physical and mental health. Parents and children can throw and catch together increasing their fun and reducing the stress for both. Parents and children improving their physical health and being family. Please donate **Skipping ropes, Frisbees, Balls, mini diablos, Yo-Yos...**



We shall continue to take donations after the 4th Sunday in each month. Please leave any contributions in Hawkley Church Porch. Thank you!

How to Donate...

Churches took a serious financial hit in 2020 and 2021 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://parishgiving.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:

Hawkley	Robin Crittenden	randmcrittenden@waitrose.com	01730 827969
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Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com	01420538310
Empshott	Becky Smith	treasurerempshottpcc@gmail.com	01730 827397

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

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Thank you!