



Church News

Sunday 3rd December Advent Sunday

Readings: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13: 24-end

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion (BCP)

Led by Peter Sutton

Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion (CW)

Led by Elizabeth Hawkins, Kate Lloyd Jones and Peter Sutton

Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship (CW)

Led by Paul Goddard and Peter Sutton

Petersfield 16.00 Confirmation Service

Orin Gavin is to be confirmed by the Bishop at 4pm today at St Peter's, Petersfield. All are very welcome to come and support Orin on this important day.

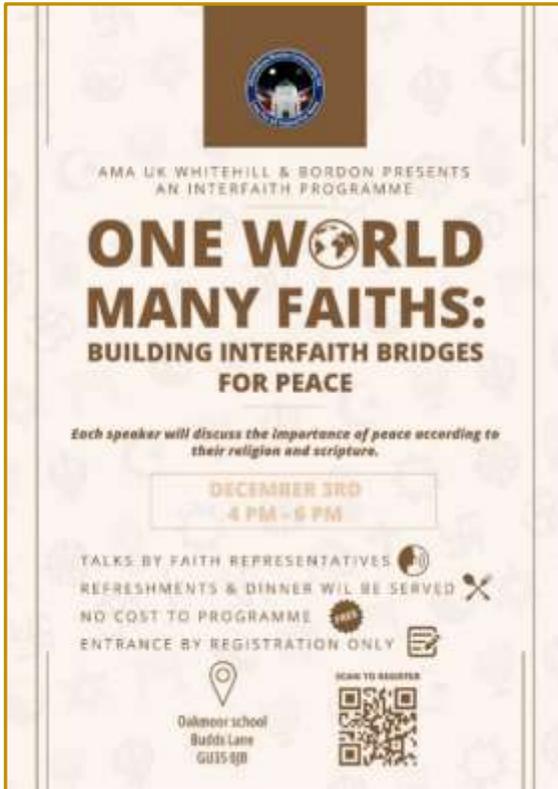
All are Welcome!

Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment).

Contact Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or

peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

Interfaith Bridges for Peace 3rd December



Greatham Advent Fayre – 25th November

Thank you to everyone who enabled and supported the Advent Fayre which raised £122. Thank you!

Come for Coffee!



Hawkey - Tuesdays 10 – 12 for 'Coffee & Chat'
Greatham - Thursdays 10 – 12 for 'Coffee Café'
All are welcome!

Christmas Carol Competition

Can you write a Christmas Carol. After the success of the last competition we are having another one. A Christmas Carol to celebrate the birth of the Christ-child. All entries welcome either with music you have composed or set to a tune to which the words fit! Entries to Peter Sutton by Sunday 10th December. We shall try and sing some of the carols at the Benefice Christmas Service on Sunday 31st December.

Portsmouth Family Welfare

If you are able to supply some Christmassy food and **new** gifts for children from 8 years up they would be most grateful. Please leave the children's gifts **unwrapped**. Please leave donations in the porch at Hawkley Church. Thank you!



Yewlian Meeting 4th December

The next Yewlian Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 4th December at Priors Dean. A short reading followed by 30 minutes of silence. Silence to meditate, to pray, to think. The Church today remembers Nicholas Ferrar, founder of Little Gidding. The Yewlian meeting will contemplate the power of a praying community. All are welcome.



The Christmas Story with Bishop Ian Brackley Wednesday 6th December 1400 – 1600

You think you know the Christmas story? Well, come along to discover the quite distinctive ways in which the Gospel writers portray the birth of Christ and why the details vary so much. Bishop Ian Brackley will lead a session looking at how Matthew's and Luke's gospel accounts of the birth of Christ serve quite different purposes.

This will take place from 2.00 - 4.00pm on Wednesday 6th December in Hawkley Village Hall. It would be helpful if you were able to have a look at Matthew chapters 1 & 2 and Luke chapters 1 & 2 beforehand. If not, then come along anyway and enjoy the session.

For those who cannot make the Hawkley session, Bishop Ian will give the course on two other occasions at St Peter's, Petersfield, Monday 20th November 2.00 - 4.00pm and Wednesday 22nd November 7.00 - 9.00pm.

If you would like to attend the Hawkley session, please sign the list in Church or let Peter Sutton know.



Funeral for Claire Baker

**2pm Friday 8th December
at Hawkley**

The funeral of Claire Baker takes place at 2pm on Friday 8th December in Hawkley Church followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Claire's son Aaron adds: 'hats are not compulsory but highly desirable!' All are very welcome.



HEN Meeting – 10.30- 12.00 9th Dec

Christmas Doesn't Have to Cost the Earth! A family event to have fun making tree and table decorations from simple and colourful materials and to share mince pies and maybe have a glass of mulled wine! All are welcome! 10.30 - 12.30.



**Greatham
Old Church
Carols
18.00 Saturday
9th December**

**Hawkley Christingle Service
16.00 Saturday 16 December**

in Hawkley Church followed by a Christmas Tea at Hawkley Village Hall. Father Christmas will be making a visit. Please let Elizabeth Hawkins, telephone 01730 827502, know asap if your child or children are coming so that he can get his helpers busy on supplying a gift for all. Elizabeth would also like to know the ages of children and any food allergies.

This invitation is open to children from 0 – 8 years.





How to Donate...

Why give money to the Church?

Because it is giving one aspect of our resources to God. We give many other parts of our lives – our worship, our gifts and our skills but financial resources will help the church to function – to keep clergy in post and our buildings and churchyards in good condition for church and community.

How to give

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. Simply state the name of the Church you wish to support and their parish code:

St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawley	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, please contact the appropriate treasurer:

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Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com
Empshott	Becky Smith	treasurerempshotpcc@gmail.com

Coming Soon:

2 nd December	11.30am Baptism	Hawkey
3 rd December	4pm Confirmation Service	Petersfield
3 rd December	4pm One world, many faiths	Bordon
4 th December	7pm Yewlian Meeting	Priors Dean
6 th December	Bishop Ian Brackley on the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke	Hawkey
7 th December	FROGS Carol Concert	Greatham
8 th December	2pm Funeral – Claire Baker	Hawkey
9 th December	10.30 HEN Meeting	Greatham
9 th December	6pm Old Church Carols	Greatham
16 th December	4pm Christingle Service	Hawkey
17 th December	11am Carol Service	Greatham
17 th December	1.30 Baptism	Greatham
17 th December	6pm Carol Service	Hawkey
19 th December	9.30am Tot's Christmas Event	Greatham
22 nd December	6pm Carol Service	Priors Dean
22 nd December	7pm Carols on the Green	Hawkey
23 rd December	12noon Baptisms	Greatham
23 rd December	Village Carol Singing	Greatham

Christmas Eve

24 th December	4pm Christingle	Greatham
24 th December	6pm Carol Service	Empshott
24 th December	11.30pm Midnight Mass	Hawkey
24 th December	11.30pm Midnight Mass	Greatham

Christmas Day

25 th December	9.15am Holy Communion	Empshott
25 th December	9.30am Holy Communion	Priors Dean
25 th December	10.30am Family Communion	Hawkey
25 th December	11am Sunday Worship	Greatham

Sunday after Christmas

31 st December	10.30am Benefice Service	Greatham
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Church News

If you would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Peter Sutton.

Next Sunday 10th December Advent 2

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Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship (CW)

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion (CW)

Priors Dean 17.30 Evensong (BCP)