



Church News

19 January 2025 – Epiphany 2

Priors Dean 08.45 Holy Communion

Sue Jones

Empshott 09.15 Morning Prayer

Becky Smith and Elizabeth Hawkins

Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion

Peter Sutton

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion

Kay Thorpe & Elizabeth Hawkins

All are Welcome!

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

Contact Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or

peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

Joint PCCs 18th January

The next meeting of Benefice Joint PCCs is 1000 – 1130 on Saturday 18th January at Greatham Church. The PCCs are continuing to work together in preparing a Parish Profile and making preparations for the forthcoming clergy vacancy.

Hawkley Heating

The Hawkley heating boiler has a limited life span and may not be working – please wrap up warm just in case! More news in the coming weeks.

Burns Night – 25th January

The Empshott Hut



**Come and celebrate Burns Night on
Saturday 25 January at 7.00 for 7.30**

A traditional Burns Night supper of haggis, neeps and tatties (mashed turnip and potato, plus a vegetarian haggis option), washed down with whisky and accompanied by bagpipes and a reading of Burn's *Address to a Haggis*.

The feast will be followed by two or three reels for those who wish,
and the Empshott Bar will be open.

Entrance £10.00 on the night.

**For bookings & offers of help with food contact
sarah.walker@netcom.co.uk or 07771 990403**



Coffee? Cake?

Come, chat, make new friends.

Tuesdays at Hawkley Village Hall 1000 – 1200.

Thursdays in Greatham Church Centre 1000- 1200.

Norma Tomlinson – 1st February

Service of thanksgiving for the life of

Norma Mary Campbell Tomlinson

Saturday 1st February, 2025 11:30am

St Peter and St Paul Church,
Hawley, GU33 6NF



10th July 1943 - 19th December, 2024

Norma wanted everyone to wear colour.

If you would like to make a donation in place of flowers, the family suggest either the Rosemary Foundation or Macmillan Cancer Support.

Parking is limited at the village hall and is otherwise on the nearby roads.

Please join us for refreshments in the village hall afterwards.

RSVP: Lucy - 07813 877509 - lucy@lucytom.com

Mike - 07376 236046 - k6@comego.org

If you need a bed for the night, please let us know



Greatham 150

Evensong with

Portsmouth Cathedral Choir

to begin Greatham Church's

150th Anniversary Year

6.30pm 9th February 2025

Preacher: Revd Canon Karen Schmidt

St John's Greatham begin their 150th Anniversary Year with a service of Choral Evensong sung by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir at 1830 on 9th February. The preacher will be the Revd Canon Karen Schmidt. This service looks back and celebrates the life of the Church in Greatham and forward to all that lies ahead.

Canon Karen has shared in Benefice services before. She was a colleague of Peter Sutton when he was vicar of Lee-on-the-Solent. Subsequently she was Vicar of St John the Baptist, Purbrook when they celebrated their 150th Anniversary and of St Andrew's Chale, on the Isle of Wight, with whom she celebrated their 900th Anniversary! Karen was Chaplain to Bishop Kenneth Stevenson and Acting Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight before retiring to Swindon. She now assists at St John Baptist, Cirencester.

As we look forward and prepare to enter a period of clergy vacancy it is an opportunity to pray for the future, to look forward to welcoming some familiar and new people who will be leading worship in the coming months and to pray for those, especially our Church Wardens and members of our PCCs, who share in the responsibility of appointing a new priest. This service is the first in a number of special events being planned for the Church's Anniversary year. Bishop Jonathan will be here for Greatham's Patronal Festival in June

With our Cathedral Choir, the service of Evensong is a beautiful and important part of our Christian heritage but also, as a service rooted in the Word of God, an opportunity to celebrate, to think and to pray.

All are Welcome!

Electoral Roll

New Electoral Rolls must be created this year. In each of our churches there are application forms and a Pdf version is attached if you prefer to print off your own). Please consider whether you would like to be on it – and return your application form as soon as possible, either to the Church or to the Officer direct. (Even if you are on the existing Roll you need to complete a new application).The dates by which forms must be returned are:

Empshott	22 nd March
Hawkley with Priors Dean	9 th April
Greatham	26 th April

The Empshott Annual Meeting is 6th April, Hawkley with Priors Dean's is 4th May and the Greatham meeting is on 11th May. The Electoral Roll Officers for each individual Parish are:

Greatham Carole Rudd carolerudd2412@gmail.com

Empshott Sarah Walker sarah.walker@netcom.uk

Hawkley with
Priors Dean Tom Wilkinson tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Portsmouth Family Welfare

Deliveries of food donations to Portsmouth Family Welfare will resume after the 4th Sunday in each month until further notice. Please leave donations in Hawkley Church Porch to be collected **before** the following delivery dates.

Forthcoming dates of deliveries: 27th January; 24th February; 24th March and 28th April.

PFW have written to say thank you for Hawkley's donated Sunday collection on Advent Sunday. Thank you to all who contributed to the £426 that we were able to send.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you need any additional information please contact Elizabeth Hawkins.



Weekday Morning Prayer at Hawley

Mondays	0900
Tuesdays	0900
Wednesdays	0730
Thursdays	0900

Morning Prayer from Common Worship is the contemporary version of the morning daily office. It follows a pattern of introduction, psalm(s), readings, canticles including the Benedictus and prayers appropriate to the day. Currently up to 5 or 6 people might come – it is a great way to start the day and there is room for a lot more! Morning Prayer last for 20 – 25 minutes.

Some attendees of Morning Prayer, but by no means all, use the App on their phones which saves having to look up readings and psalms – it’s all on the phone! How times have changed. Whether you come to church for this or not, have a look at this App – you can, of course use it anywhere!

Everyone and anyone is always welcome!



How to Donate

We are very grateful to everyone who supports us financially – thank you! 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 use www.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
Priors Dean Church
St John the Baptist, Greatham
Empshott

Code Number: 290629087
Code Number: 290629088
Code Number: 290629086
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:

Hawley	Alex Baker	Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com
Priors Dean	D Green	green@priorsdean.com
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com
Empshott	Verity Tucker	verityvmtucker@gmail.com

Church News

If you would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Peter Sutton peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

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Revd Sue Jones

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Readers:

Elizabeth Hawkins 01730 827502

Paul Goddard 07837 651579

Parochial Church Councils:

Greatham: David Rudd (Church Warden), Kay Thorpe (Church Warden), Carole Rudd Secretary & Safeguarding Officer), Steve Hedicker, Simon Lewis and Paul Goddard and Peter Sutton.

Empshott: David Tucker (Church Warden), Helen Sinclair (Church Warden), Carol Ashby, Sarah Walker, Verity Tucker, Susan Sinclair, Phil Momber and Peter Sutton

Hawley with Priors Dean: Neil Chrimes (Church Warden), Tom Wilkinson (Church Warden), Molly Keer, Alex Wilkinson, Jane Wyman, Carolyn Fair, D Green, Nick Pettman, Jo Knight (*Safeguarding Officer for Hawley and Empshott*), Elizabeth Hawkins and Peter Sutton

Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham:	Carole Rudd	01420 538160
Hawley with Priors Dean and Empshott:	Jo Knight	01730 827974

Electoral Roll Officers

Greatham	Carole Rudd	carolerudd2412@gmail.com
Empshott	Sarah Walker	sarah.walker@netcom.uk
Hawley with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday – 26th January

Empshott	09.15	Holy Communion
Hawley	10.15	Morning Worship
Greatham	11.00	Holy Communion