

Church News

16th March 2025 – Lent 2

Priors Dean 08.45 Holy Communion

Sue Jones

Empshott 09.15 Morning Prayer

Becky Smith and Elizabeth Hawkins

Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion

Sue Jones and Tom Wilkinson

Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship

Kay Thorpe and Elizabeth Hawkins

All are Welcome!

Thank you

Thank you so much for all of your kindness and generosity to me and to Pippa over the last two Sundays. Thank you very much for the beautiful and very generous gifts, cards and kind words.

My thanks to Kevin Jacot, Chris Palmer, Henny Chrimes and the Choir for the wonderful concert on Saturday and to those who organised the lovely reception that followed. And, for your support and encouragement during my time as vicar here to Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean – thank you!

I will be around for part of the time until the end of April, assisting with funerals and baptisms, sorting loose ends and handing over work to try and ensure all goes smoothly in the coming months. Thank you!

Peter Sutton.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH GREATHAM

QUIZ NIGHT



SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 2025

VENUE
GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL
GU33 6EY

Doors open at 6:30 PM QUIZ starts at 7:00PM
£10 per person includes a Fish and Chip Supper
Tables of 6 players

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15th March Greatham Quiz Night



Resound Worship

Downcast Souls Expectant Hearts



www.resoundworship.org

Sunday, 16th March,
6pm for 6.30pm start.

Suggested donation £10 pp.
Bring cash or card on the night!

To book: contact *The Parish Office*
admin@sheet.church 01730 642129

St. Mary Magdalen Church, Sheet, GU32 2AQ

Resound Worship at Sheet
16th March

Skittles at Empshott 22nd March



Bishop's Lent Appeal

Now that Lent has begun, the Bishop's Lent Appeal is now officially open. This year's good causes are:

Tearfund: the charity that partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries to tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice.

USPG: an Anglican mission agency that partners with churches worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.

Vista: based at Harbour Church, Portsmouth, which offers support to women involved in the sex industry, past or present.

You can make a donation by visiting the Portsmouth Diocesan website.



Preparing for the Passion 9th April

Bishop Ian Brackley will lead a study on the Passion Narratives 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday, 9th April in the Hawkley Village

Hall. A perfect preparation for Holy Week which begins with Palm Sunday on 13th April.

If you would like to attend, please let Jane Wyman know:

jane.wyman@sillina.com

Advanced Notice – events and happenings in April

YEWLIAN MEETING – 7 April at 7pm

A short reading followed by 30 minutes of silence in **Priors Dean Church**. Time to meditate, to pray, to think and to listen to God. All are welcome.

COFFEE & CHAT will take a break in Holy Week. There will be **NO** meeting on **15 April**. We will resume on **22 April**.

April 17 Maundy Thursday

There will be a 7.30pm Holy Communion Service at Blackmoor. All are welcome to attend. There are also Services at Liss and Petersfield.

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR EASTER

Saturday 19 April

HAWKLEY: from 9am – 12pm. [please note decorating to be done by 12pm as there is a Baptism in the afternoon.] If you would like to decorate a specific area please contact Elizabeth Hawkins. Offers of greenery most welcome.

Lent courses and resources in Petersfield Deanery

Steep

“The place where beauty starts”; a course by Brian Draper. Weekly sessions on Wednesdays at 2:15pm starting on 5th March. Contact Caroline on 01730 263460 for more details.

Liss

“Living life in all its fullness”; Exploring Christian Spirituality through scripture, film, texts, poetry, art and more. Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm starting on 11th March

Liphook

“Living in the Spirit”; Weekly sessions looking at the gifts of the Spirit. Contact the parish office for details on 01428 725390 or office@liphookchurch.co.uk

Buriton

“Practicing the Way”; Four 1 hour sessions on how to rest, read the bible, pray and serve 17th and 24th March at 2pm, 31st March and 7th April at 7:30pm in the Seward room, in St Marys church.

Petersfield

“The joy of the Lord is my strength”; Finding strength in the face of the challenges of today - a 5 week course for Lent. Each session runs on Tuesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 12 noon (starting on Tues 11th March & Thurs 13th March). The Meeting Room in St Peter’s church.

“Preparing for the Passion”

A study session with Bishop Ian, looking at the passion in Luke’s gospel.

Wednesday 9th April 7-9pm or Friday 11th April 1-3pm in the Meeting Room in St Peter’s church and also Wednesday 9th April 2pm to 4pm in the Hawkley Village Hall.



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!

Portsmouth Family Welfare

PFW are in need of boys clothes for 10 - 14 years as well as the usual food items. **Roberts Centre** has re-opened in temporary buildings. They do not have space at the moment for food but would be delighted to receive **Children’s books and puzzles.**

Please leave items in the Church Porch. Once they are fully operational we will update you on what else they require. Our next delivery will be during the first week in April. Thank you.

If you need any additional information please contact Elizabeth Hawkins.

Electoral Roll

New Electoral Rolls must be created this year. 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). Dates by which forms must be returned are:

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

In each of our churches there are application forms or please contact the Electoral Roll Officer if you would like to receive the application form by email. 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.co.uk
Hawkley with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Hawley Quarter Peal – 9th March



Congratulations and thank you to the Hawley ringers: Anita A Regin, Julia Brunt, Rachael Barber, Francesco Greenslade, Ellen Barber, Nicholas James, Roger Barber (Captain) and John Regin in 43 minutes in memory of John Gresswell and to mark the retirement of Peter Sutton.



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, 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, please contact the appropriate treasurer:

Hawkley	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, for the next few weeks, Peter Sutton
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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 and Vice Chair), Helen Sinclair (Church Warden), Carol Ashby, Sarah Walker, Verity Tucker, Susan Sinclair, Phil Momber and Peter Sutton. (*Safeguarding Officer:* Jo Knight)

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

Next Sunday – 23rd March

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