

Church News

9th February – 4 before Lent

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion
Peter Sutton

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship
Tom Wilkinson & Sue Jones

**Greatham 18.30 Choral Evensong with
Portsmouth Cathedral Choir**
Preacher: Canon Karen Schmidt

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

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.



Coffee? Cake?

Come, chat, make new friends.

Tuesdays at Hawkley Village Hall 1000 – 1200.

Thursdays in Greatham Church Centre 1000- 1200.

**St John the Baptist, Greatham
begins its 150th Anniversary Year with
Evensong sung by Portsmouth Cathedral Choir
Preacher: Revd Canon Karen Schmidt**



**6.30pm Sunday
9th February 2025**



A service to look back and celebrate the life of the Church in Greatham and forward to all that lies ahead. An opportunity to pray for the future life and ministry of the Church in this village and benefice.

Portsmouth Cathedral Choir contributes to the pattern of daily cathedral worship and also at various special services and events both locally and internationally. They have broadcast live on the BBC.

Remembering the part played by Le Court owners in building the 'new' Church there will be lanterns on graves on the former residents of the Cheshire Home, founded by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire.

Canon Karen Schmidt was Vicar of St John the Baptist, Purbrook when they celebrated their 150th Anniversary and of St Andrew's Chale, with whom she led their 900th Anniversary celebrations! She 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.

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Coffee Morning
Hawkley Village Hall
10.30 – 12.00
Saturday 8th February

A Coffee Morning in support of Headley Riding for the Disabled which provides weekly sessions for children to have fun whilst learning to ride and care for horses, learning new skills in an outdoor environment. All are welcome!

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



Important News from Hawkleys CMS Mission Partner, Bishop Martin Gordon

As fighting continues between M23 rebels and Congolese forces in Goma, DR Congo, the Bishop of Congo, CMS Mission Partner Martin Gordon, is calling on Christians worldwide to pray for a miracle of peace for a nation weary of violent conflict.

On Tuesday 28 January, Bishop Martin reported: “The city of Goma still has almost no power and many areas of no water. The M23 is pushing to take control of the city. The FARDC (Congolese Army) are holding out and pushing back particularly around the airport and other areas. Civilians are being caught in the crossfire. Four thousand prisoners have escaped. Most people are terrified in their homes.”

Bishop Martin is part of a group of people within CMS whose mission focus is making disciples of Jesus in areas where armed conflict has been a continual challenge, including DR Congo, Sudan and South Sudan.

“Please pray for the role of the Church is pastoral care, peace-making and reconciliation,” he said.

Further prayer points from Bishop Martin:

- For an immediate cessation of fighting and respect of the existing ceasefire agreement.
- For protection of the population
- For rapid humanitarian response – to reestablish water and power, for food and medical care.
- For the withdrawal of the Rwandan forces on DRC soil
- For the courageous intervention of the international community.
- For the resumption of honest dialogue to find a lasting solution
- For a miracle of peace.

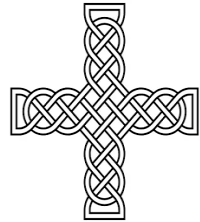




Thanksgiving Service for Pat Barnes 14th February

A Service of Thanksgiving for Pat Barnes will take place at Hawkley at 11.30 on Friday 14th February.

All are welcome.



February at the Greatham Inn 3 – 5pm Saturday 16th February

The Greatham Inn has a wide range of events in February. For details:

www.greatham-inn.co.uk

As part of the Greatham Inn Health and Well-being Series of talks, Peter Sutton will be speaking about his faith journey and how this has influenced his thoughts and feelings on questions about life. Q&A to follow.

All are welcome.

Quiz Night

**HAWKLEY PARISH HALL
SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 6.30 FOR 7.00PM START**

LIMITED NUMBER OF TABLES SO BOOK YOURS EARLY!

£15 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE 2 COURSE SUPPER
DRINKS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR
TABLES FOR SIX

ADMISSION BY PRE-PURCHASED PLACE ONLY

Contact Jane Blower 01730 827040 or j.blower39@btinternet.com.
Ticket purchase by bank transfer/cash/cheque

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:

24th February
24th March
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.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 MINUTES



WINCHESTER FLUTE CHOIR AND THE FREE RADICALS

Would like to invite you on a musical
journey around the world
A Charity Concert in aid of the
Rosemary Foundation

Free entry, retiring collection
Saturday 1st March 7.30pm
St Peters Church
Petersfield





The Passion Narratives 9th April

Bishop Ian Brackley will lead a study on the Passion Narratives 2.00 to 4.00pm on Wednesday, 9th April in the Hawkley Village Hall. A perfect preparation which begins with Palm Sunday On 13th April.

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

jane.wyman@sillina.com



Weekday Morning Prayer at Hawkley

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!

Forthcoming Clergy Vacancy

Peter Sutton has now submitted his resignation to Bishop Jonathan which will take effect on 30th April. With annual leave and time for a retreat, Peter's last Sundays will be Sunday 2nd March at Empshott and Greatham and 9th March at Hawkey and Priors Dean.

Although he will take no Sunday services after that date he will, if necessary, conduct any baptisms, weddings or funerals that are required until his licence as incumbent comes to an end on 30th April.

Plans for his final Sundays are in hand and will be published in due course. The PCCs have their next joint meeting on 8th February to make further plans for the vacancy. They will discuss plans that have been made for Sunday services for the next six months and agree who will take responsibility for particular areas of parish life.

Archdeacon Kathryn will meet with the joint PCCs on Saturday 10th May, a formal meeting to approve the Parish Profile, appoint two representatives from each PCC to work with the Bishop and Archdeacon and to decide whether or not to accept a nomination for the post if the Bishop has one to make. If that is not the case, to request that the post be advertised as soon as possible.

Evensong with the Cathedral Choir at Greatham next Sunday not only begins St John's 150th anniversary year but provides opportunity to pray for all that lies ahead.



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	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:

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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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 – 16th February

Priors Dean 08.45 Holy Communion
Empshott 09.15 Morning Prayer
Hawley 10.15 Holy Communion
Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship