

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



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Church News

27th April 2025 – Easter 2

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Amanda Collinson

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship

Tom Wilkinson and Elizabeth Hawkins

Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship

Kay Thorpe and Paul Goddard

All are Welcome!

Bishop Martin Gordon, Goma DRC.

CMS Mission partner

A newsletter from CMS and the opportunity to link into a conference call with Bishop Martin brings updates on the situation in the Eastern DRC around Goma where the conflict has been somewhat overshadowed by other world events.

The impact of the incursion of the M23 rebels has, in Bishop Martin's words, been 'unspeakably awful. Up to 8,000 people dying in the streets, hospitals overwhelmed, food scarce and widespread looting'

He launched the Goma call for Peace with other church leaders and youth organisations. He used a preplanned opportunity to visit the States and speak to the UN and US government

He asks for prayer:

- Immediate ceasefire and withdrawal of uninvited troops from eastern DRC
- Unrestricted humanitarian access and protection of civilians
- Negotiations to lead to a lasting peace in DRC
- Wisdom and courage to church leaders as they seek to rebuild schools, churches. Lives and communities after the conflict.



Looking further ahead - more events and happenings in April, May and June

Yewlian Meetings at Priors Dean, 7pm on Monday 5th May and Monday 2nd June

Dog Show and Summer Fete at St John the Baptist Church on 21st June, featuring NCMA Modellers' Association mobile railway layout

Benefice Service to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of St John the Baptist Church, Greatham with Bishop Jonathan – Sunday 22nd June, at 10.30am



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!

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:

Greatham

26th April (Final call!)

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 Hawkley with Priors Dean Annual Meeting 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



How to Donate

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St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley

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:

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Priors Dean	D Green	green@priorsdean.com
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com
Empshott	Verity Tucker	verityvmtucker@gmail.com

Church News

If you know someone who would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact, for the next few days, Peter Sutton
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or Paul Goddard rattypaul@hotmail.com who has now taken over editing and distribution during the interregnum.

We can also share details of events around our villages, as appropriate.

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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)

Hawkley 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 Hawkley and Empshott*), Elizabeth Hawkins and Peter Sutton

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Next Sunday – 4th May – Easter 3

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