

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

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## Church News

### 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas

**Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion**

Kitty Price & Peter Sutton

**Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion - Sunday Funday**

Kitty Price & Peter Sutton

**Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship**

Kay Thorpe & Paul Goddard

*All are Welcome!*

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

*Contact Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or*

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### **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.

## Norma Tomlinson – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Service of thanksgiving for the life of  
*Norma Mary Campbell Tomlinson*

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**Saturday 1st February, 2025 11:30am**

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



10th July 1943 - 19th December, 2024

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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](mailto:lucy@lucytom.com)

Mike - 07376 236046 - [k6@comego.org](mailto:k6@comego.org)

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



**Coffee Morning**  
**Hawkley Village Hall**  
**10.30 – 12.00**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> March
Hawkley with Priors Dean	9 <sup>th</sup> April
Greatham	26 <sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April, Hawkley with Priors Dean's is 4<sup>th</sup> May and the Greatham meeting is on 11<sup>th</sup> May. The Electoral Roll Officers for each individual Parish are:

Greatham	Carole Rudd	<a href="mailto:carolerudd2412@gmail.com">carolerudd2412@gmail.com</a>
Empshott	Sarah Walker	<a href="mailto:sarah.walker@netcom.uk">sarah.walker@netcom.uk</a>
Hawkley with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	<a href="mailto:tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk">tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk</a>

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



**6.30pm Sunday  
9<sup>th</sup> 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 toured Belgium, Holland, Sweden, France, Estonia, Sweden and Germany. They have sung at St Paul's Cathedral, St George's in Windsor Castle and at Westminster Abbey and maintain strong links with the Royal Navy. They have broadcast live on the BBC.

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

**All are Welcome!**



## Important News from Hawkley's 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 14<sup>th</sup> February

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

All are welcome.

## 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:

24<sup>th</sup> February

24<sup>th</sup> March

28<sup>th</sup> 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 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!



## 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](http://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**  
**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:

<b>Hawkley</b>	Alex Baker	<a href="mailto:Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com">Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Priors Dean</b>	D Green	<a href="mailto:green@priorsdean.com">green@priorsdean.com</a>
<b>Greatham</b>	Steve Hedicker	<a href="mailto:shedicker58@gmail.com">shedicker58@gmail.com</a>
<b>Empshott</b>	Verity Tucker	<a href="mailto:verityvmtucker@gmail.com">verityvmtucker@gmail.com</a>

## Church News

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

## Clergy Contacts:

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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**

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Hawley with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	<a href="mailto:tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk">tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk</a>

### **Next Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Empshott	09.15	Holy Communion
Hawley	10.15	Morning Worship
Greatham	18.30	Choral Evensong with Portsmouth Cathedral Choir