

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

13th April 2025 – Palm Sunday

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship
Elizabeth Hawkins

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion
Paul Goddard and Jan Fuller

Priors Dean 18.30 Evensong
Elizabeth Hawkins

All are Welcome!

SACRED MUSIC **FOR** **PASSIONTIDE** *THE FREE RADICALS*



A firm favourite in the church calendar.
Prepare to be moved and uplifted.

A short, meditative performance of rich choral music –
perfect for people of any faith, or none, in these uncertain times.

Wednesday, 16th April, 2025 at 7:30pm
St. Peter's Church – Petersfield Square

ADMISSION FREE – RETIRING COLLECTION

Easter Saturday: From Darkness into Light



At **5.30 pm** on Easter Saturday, 19th April, there will be a devotional performance of the beautiful **Fauré Requiem** at **Hawkey Church** by a small group of musicians led by Kevin Jacot.

Fauré's serene music is both elevating and comforting and helps us

to focus on peaceful and fearless acceptance of death.

Following this at **7pm** a Benefice **Service of Light** will take place at **Priors Dean Church**. This is a symbolic representation of the coming of Christ as the light of the world and the triumph of light over darkness proclaimed in Jesus's resurrection.

Everyone is invited to attend either of these events – or to follow the journey from **Darkness into Light** by attending both: it is only a short car journey between them!

Bishop's Lent Appeal

The Bishop's Lent Appeal is now drawing to a close. 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.

More events and happenings in April

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.

April 18 – Benefice Good Friday Walk

Beginning at Priors Dean at Midday, making our way to Hawkley for 12.45pm, then on to Empshott for 1.45pm, with arrival at Greatham for 3.00pm, this is a family walk of witness and fellowship, with a short act of reflection and worship at each of the wonderful churches in our benefice. Dogs are welcome (if they can guarantee that their owners will behave). The route consists of footpaths (sometimes muddy) and roads (with traffic), so care and supervision of children is needed. Everyone is welcome to walk with us, or to travel between the churches and join the walkers for any/all of the short services.

April 19 – Holy Saturday – Darkness into Light (See page 3 for full details)

At 5.30pm, at Hawkely Church, Kevin Jacot will be leading a small group of musicians in a performance of **Fauré's Requiem**

Following will be the **Benefice 'Service of Light'** held at 7.00pm at Priors Dean

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.

EMPSHOTT: from 10am. Offers of flowers, foliage and help will be very welcome



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

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

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



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, Hawkey

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:

Hawkey Alex Baker

Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com

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Greatham Steve Hedicker

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Empshott Verity Tucker

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Church News

If you know someone who would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact, for the next week or so, Peter Sutton peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

or Paul Goddard rattypaul@hotmail.com who is taking 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

Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham:	Carole Rudd	01420 538160
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Electoral Roll Officers

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

Next Sunday – 20th April – Easter Sunday

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