

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

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Church News

6th April 2025 – Lent 5

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Bishop Ian Brackley

Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion

Sue Jones and Elizabeth Hawkins

Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship

Paul Goddard and Jan Fuller

All are Welcome!



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.

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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

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.

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 which started 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 from 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 (started on Tues 11th March & Thurs 13th March). The Meeting Room in St Peter’s church.

More 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.

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.

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.



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!

Portsmouth Family Welfare

We heard last week of the very sad news that the Portsmouth Family Welfare, the charity supported for many years by Hawkley Church, is to close. The principal reasons are the difficulty in recruiting volunteers and the in obtaining sufficient grant funding to enable the trustees to continue. PFW, which has records dating back to 1902, has served the city and its poorest families for more than a century and it will be a sadness to a great many people across our Diocese. Hawkley PCC will decide the best way in which it can in future direct its charitable giving.

PFW have written to thank us especially for the generous support, both in terms of donated food and household items as well as significant financial giving and our particular thanks here to those who have regularly transported good to Portsmouth. Please, for the moment, and until we find an alternative, do not leave items in the Hawkley Church porch. Thank you.

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:

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



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)

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

Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham:	Carole Rudd	01420 538160
Hawkey with Priors Dean and Empshott:	Jo Knight	01730 827974

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Next Sunday – 13th April – Palm Sunday

Empshott	09.15	Holy Communion
Hawkey	10.15	Morning Worship
Greatham	11.00	Holy Communion
Priors Dean	18.30	Evensong