Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

12th May – Easter 7

- Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion (BCP) Led by Kate Lloyd Jones
- Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship (CW) Led by Elizabeth Hawkins and Kate Lloyd Jones
- Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion (CW) Led by Peter Sutton

Priors Dean 18.00 Evensong (BCP) Led by Elizabeth Hawkins and Peter Sutton

Please note the summer time of 18.00.

All are Welcome! Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment). Contact Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or peter.sutton@portsmouth.anglican.org

Archdeacon's Visit

Archdeacon Kathryn's visit to Priors Dean and Hawkley planned for next week (19th May) has been cancelled after the death of her mother. A new date will be arranged for later in the year.

HEN Meeting

7.30pm Monday 13th May in Hawkley Village Hall

Sara Osman will give a talk on the causes and impacts of climate change and what we can all do to make a difference. Sara's background is in sustainable food systems and understanding the impact of climate change on global food production. More recently she has worked at the Sustainability Centre, the South Downs National Park Authority and in climate change teams for two local authorities.

Portsmouth Family Welfare

All donations of food and/or boys' clothes for ages 3 - 7 yrs and men's T shirts and light-weight anoraks and will be most welcome.

The Roberts Centre, although undergoing re-building, is still caring for children who attend their Nursery. We have been asked if we could supply new AA and AAA batteries and support them in their Oral Health Campaign with children's toothbrushes.

Please leave items in the Church porch at Hawkley. Thank you!



Empshott Hut 21st June



National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust has just produced a new document 'Every Church Counts'. The National Churches Trust says that a

national plan is urgently needed to help secure the future of our church buildings. Their six-point plan is a blueprint for how the UK Government, heritage organisations and Christian denominations can work together to tackle the UK's single biggest heritage challenge. Here is a brief summary

1 Support for Heroic Volunteers

NCT is proposing a network of professional support officers to help the volunteers, including clergy, who look after church buildings.

2 Churches are National Help Service

NCT is proposing that the UK Government should ask all local authorities and public bodies, such as the NHS, to engage with faith groups and make more use of churches and church halls to host public and community services, helping to upgrade facilities where needed.

3 Funding to save priceless heritage

With a backlog for repairs to church buildings belonging to the Church of England alone at least £1 billion, NCT is proposing ringfenced public funding of at least £50 million per annum is made available.

4 A Visitor Map

NCT is proposing that Department for Culture, Media and Sport, working with the main national tourism organisations, should commission a national study into how to make more of the unrivalled heritage of the UK's churches.

5 Churches open for all

NCT says that Church buildings need to be regularly open outside worship times to fulfil their potential in the life of communities.

6 Making change happen

NCT is seeking urgent action by the UK Government, heritage organisations and denominations with coordinated leadership.

This is a very brief summary but our PCCs will be encouraged to discuss the NCT proposals in greater detail. To read more

https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/everychurchcounts



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 <u>www.parishgiving.org.uk</u> 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	<u>Alexar</u>
Priors Dean	D Green	green
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	<u>shedic</u>
Empshott	Verity Tucker	verity

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Coming Soon

10 May	Interment of Ashes at Greatham
11 May	Interment of Ashes at Greatham
11 May	3pm Wedding at Hawkley
13 May	HEN Meeting
14 May	Deanery Synod
18 May	2pm Wedding at Greatham
19 May	Baptism at Priors Dean
20 May	Hawkley PCC
22 May	Empshott PCC
25 May	Funeral at Hawkley
1 June	Baptism at Greatham
2 June	Baptism at Priors Dean
21 June	Empshott Hut Event

Clergy Contacts:

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Readers:

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Hawkley Flower Team

Would you like to join the Hawkley Church Flower Team? If so, please contact Pippa Dice at pippa.dice@btinternet.com or 01730 827998. Thank you.



Coffee? Cake?

Come, chat, make new friends. Tuesdays at Hawkley Village Hall 1000 – 1200. Thursdays in Greatham Church Centre 1000- 1200.

Next Sunday – 19th May – Pentecost

Priors Dean	08.45	Holy Communion with Archdeacon Kathryn
Empshott	09.15	Morning Prayer
Hawkley	10.15	Holy Communion with Archdeacon Kathryn
Greatham	11.00	Morning Worship

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