

*Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean*

**ChurchWISE** 

Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

## **Church News**

### **24<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### **Pentecost**

### **This Sunday:**

**Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion**  
Richard Wharton

**Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship**  
Elizabeth Hawkins and Paul Goddard

**Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship**  
Richard Wharton

***All welcome!***

## Coming up...

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – David Rudd’s Funeral** – 11.00am at the church of St John the Baptist, Greatham. Please see below.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Bell Ringing Day** at the church of St Peter and St Paul, Hawkley, between 10am and 2pm. A free event, encouraging everyone of all ages and abilities to experience this age-old craft – POSTER BELOW.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Fun Dog Show and Summer Fete**, to be held at the Church of St John the Baptist, Greatham, from 12 noon – poster below!

## Weekday Services at Hawkley:

### **Holy Communion - Wednesdays 7.30am**

An early, said, Holy Communion (without hymns), is held on Wednesdays and is ideal for those who appreciate a quiet, reflective and peaceful form of midweek communion. With readings, prayers and Eucharist, lasting around 25 minutes, it is ideal for those who start the day early or have a commute.

### **Morning Prayer - Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, all at 9.00am**

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. 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!

Everyone (and anyone) is always welcome!

## And don’t forget:

**Coffee and Chat** – Every Tuesday at 10.00 – noon, at Hawkley Village Hall

**St John’s Coffee Cafe** – Every Thursday at 10.00 – noon, in the Church Room at St John’s, Greatham

# RUDD David

Passed away on 1st May 2026 aged 85.

Dearly loved Dad, Grandad and Great Grandad. Funeral service on Tuesday May 26th at St John's Church Greatham at 11am.

Family flowers only,  
donations if desired for St John's Church,  
Greatham by cheque payable to the charity  
c/o Michael Miller and Partners, 27A High  
Street, Petersfield, GU32 3JR

Tel: 01730 233244.

Alternatively donations may be made  
online at [www.michaelmiller.co.uk](http://www.michaelmiller.co.uk) ,  
donations, search Rudd.

ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH,  
HAWKLEY

# BELL RINGING

## OPEN DAY

*Come and have a go!*

**FREE  
EVENT!**  
FOR ALL AGES



SATURDAY  
**30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
10AM – 2PM

⇒ **A FUN DAY FOR ALL THE COMMUNITY!** ⇐



### MINI-RING OF BELLS

Try the mini-ring in  
the church.  
Tea, coffee and  
cake available.



### GO UP THE TOWER

Ascend the tower in  
small groups to try  
the "real" bells.



### SEE THE BELLS SWING

Live-feed video camera  
from the belfry so  
you can watch the  
bells in action.



**EVERYONE WELCOME**  
All ages and abilities



**ALL WELCOME**  
Tea, coffee and cake  
available

*No booking  
required!*

**JUST COME  
ALONG!**

HERITAGE • COMMUNITY • SOUNDING TOGETHER

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CHURCH GREATHAM  
GU33 6HB**

**FUN DOG SHOW  
AND  
SUMMER FETE  
20TH JUNE 2026  
AT  
12 NOON  
VARIOUS STALLS  
AND  
NCMA MODULAR RAILWAY**

**TO BOOK A STALL EMAIL:  
kay.thorpe@hotmail.co.uk  
STALLS ARE £10 PER STALL  
DOG SHOW CLASSES BOOKED  
ON THE DAY  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**



## Liss Food Bank

There is a collection point at St. John the Baptist, Greatham.

All long shelf-life, non-perishable items are welcome, from sugar to pasta and baked beans to instant coffee. In keeping with the 'healthy eating' agenda, sweets and chocolates are not accepted.

## The Roberts Centre and Portsmouth Family Welfare

...can take donations of food. Donations must have a long shelf-life so please check the BBE date when you purchase.

The following items have been requested:

Sugar

Long-life milk: skimmed, semi-skimmed, full fat

Chunky soups

Tinned vegetables including tinned potatoes

Tinned meat and fish, baked beans, noodles, pasta

Cereals

Tea, coffee, including de-caff, and squash

Biscuits, chocolate, pre-wrapped cake

Loo rolls, kitchen towel, dish cloths

Toiletries for men and women. Sanitary pads, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, shampoo

Babies nappies.

In addition, children's clothing for 2 - 12 years.

Please leave any donations in Hawkley Church porch

They are continuing with Supermarket vouchers. If you would like to make a cash donation for a voucher so that clients can buy for themselves under supervision, please put a donation in an envelope marked 'Roberts Centre Food voucher' and give it to either Jeremy or Elizabeth.

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## How to donate and support our work

We are hugely grateful to everyone who supports us financially - thank you! Each of the four churches is a member 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:

<b>St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley</b>	Code Number: 290629087
<b>Priors Dean Church</b>	Code Number: 290629088
<b>St John the Baptist, Greatham</b>	Code Number: 290629086
<b>Empshott Holy Rood</b>	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 Wilkinson	<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 know someone who would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Paul Goddard [rattypaul@hotmail.com](mailto:rattypaul@hotmail.com)

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

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## Readers:

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## Parochial Church Councils:

**Greatham:** Kay Thorpe (Church Warden), Carole Rudd (Secretary & Safeguarding Officer), Steve Hedicker, Simon Lewis and Paul Goddard.

**Empshott:** David Tucker (Church Warden and Vice Chair), Helen Sinclair (Church Warden), Carol Ashby, Verity Tucker, Susan Sinclair and Phil Momber. (*Safeguarding Officer:* Jo Knight)

**Hawkley with Priors Dean:** Neil Chrimes (Church Warden), Tom Wilkinson (Church Warden), Liz Buckle, Molly Keer, Alex Wilkinson, Jane Wyman, Carolyn Fair, D Green, Nick Pettman, Jo Knight (*Safeguarding Officer for Hawkley and Empshott*) and Elizabeth Hawkins.

## Safeguarding Officers:

Greatham: Carole Rudd 01420 538160

Hawkley with Priors Dean and Empshott: Jo Knight 01730 827974

## Electoral Roll Officers:

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Empshott *Vacant*

Hawkley with

Priors Dean Tom Wilkinson [tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk)

**Next Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Joint Benefice Service to be held at 10.30am at Empshott**