Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean

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Church News
22nd November 2026
Christ the King

Empshott	**9.15**	**Holy Communion**	Richard Wharton
Hawkley	**10.15**	**Holy Communion**	Richard Wharton
Greatham	**11.00**	**Morning Worship**	Kay Thorpe and Paul Goddard

All welcome!

Coming up...

Tuesday 24th November 3.00 pm – Hawkley Village Hall

Bishop Ian Brackley has offered to lead an Advent talk for us again this year. This time he will focus on the Book of Revelation – the extraordinary last book of the Bible. Bishop Ian will discuss why it has captured the imagination of generations of Christians yet remains problematic and puzzling. What is it really about? Come with an open mind and we shall explore possibilities.



Saturday 28th November – Scottish Reels Evening at **The Hut, Empshott,** Coaching begins at 7.00pm, with the main event from 7.45pm. Details follow...

Wednesday 2nd December – Messy Church at **St John the Baptist, Greatham, 3.30-5.30pm.** Please put the date in your diary! (Further details below)

Saturday 5th December – Hawkley Village Hall Christmas Fair – between 11.00am and 3.00pm – see poster below

Monday 7th December – Church, Chat and Cake – at **St Mary's, Liss** – Details below

Coffee and Chat

Every Tuesday at 10.00 – noon, at Hawkley Village Hall

St John's Coffee Café

Every Thursday, between 10.00 and noon, in the Parish Room at Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, Greatham

Deanery Confirmation Service

This year's Deanery Confirmation Service will be held at Hawkley on Sunday 22nd November at 4.00 p.m.

Confirmation is a special service where people confirm to the bishop that they agree with the promises that were made when they were baptised (i.e. the promises made by godparents when people were baptised as infants). The bishop places his hands on the heads of the individual candidates and special prayers are said for them.

People can be confirmed at any age as long as they are old enough to make the promises for themselves (usually 10 years plus). If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore this, please do approach or message Rev'd Richard.

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.



Join us for Dancing
at a

Scottish Reels Evening

in the
Empshott Hut
for St Andrew's Day

Saturday 28th November 2026

Beginners welcome!

Teaching from 7pm
Social with dancing from 7.45pm

£10 per person
(including drinks and nibbles)
in aid of Empshott Church

RSVP: https://bit.ly/EmpshottReels
tel: 07870 503021


Messy Church
Fun, Faith and Messy Activities for all children!
St John the Baptist Church, Greatham
Next session: 2nd Dec
1st Wednesday of the month 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Adults to stay
Dinner for the children
Suggested £2.00 donation
For information please call:
Sam - 07858 378678
Carole - 07818 401853
or email: churchmessy@gmail.com
For parents
Please get in touch with Sam if your child is attending, as we need numbers for food and to know about any allergies or dietary requirements.


Hawkley
Village Hall
Christmas Fair
Saturday 5th December
11am - 3pm
UNUSUAL XMAS SHOPPING AND
SUPER FUN CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
MULLED WINE • FESTIVE FOOD
FABULOUS GIFTS • LOCAL PRODUCE • SANTA'S GROTTO •
KIDS GAMES • NEARLY NEW TOYS AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS •
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS • RAFFLE • & MUCH MORE
Donations welcome for the raffle, cakes, jams,
bottles, toys, nearly new toys and books.
Contact: johumphrey1@gmail.com 07825 327892

Church, Chat and Cake

For seniors and carers from Liss and surrounding villages, hosted at St Mary's Liss:

First Monday of each month, 2.00-3.30 p.m.
Do come and join us

A place to sing hymns, talk together
and have enjoy coffee and cake.
There will be a simple act of worship with familiar
traditional hymns, lasting no more than 30 minutes,
followed by coffee, cake and chat.





For more information, contact:
Revd Richard Wharton:
richardjwharton@outlook.com

The Roberts Centre/PFW

The Roberts Centre and PFW no longer need supplies of food but welcome monetary donations so that clients can buy their own provisions.

Please give any such donations to Jeremy Philp, or contact him if more information is required.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Liss Foodbank

We continue to invite donations at St John the Baptist, Greatham, of long-dated, non-perishable items, such as:

Sugar
Long-life milk: skimmed, semi-skimmed, full fat
Chunky soups
Tinned vegetables including tinned potatoes
Tinned meat and fish, baked beans,
Dried goods including rice, noodles and pasta
Cereals
Tea, coffee, including de-caff, and squash
Biscuits, chocolate, pre-wrapped cake

There is a labelled box by the font

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 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 Holy Rood	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 Wilkinson	Alexandra-wilkinson@hotmail.com
Priors Dean	Carolyn Fair	carolyn.fair1@gmail.com
Greatham	Steve Hedicker	shedicker58@gmail.com
Empshott	Verity Tucker	verityvmtucker@gmail.com

Church News

If you know someone who would like to receive Church News, which is emailed weekly, please contact Paul Goddard rattypaul@hotmail.com

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

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Readers:

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Paul Goddard 07837 651579 (rattypaul@hotmail.com)

Parochial Church Councils:

Greatham: Kay Thorpe and Simon Lewis (Church Wardens), Carole Rudd (Secretary & Safeguarding Officer), Debbie Hedicker, David McConnell, Ruth Wey, Steve Hedicker 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

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

Next Sunday – 29th November 2026

Advent Sunday

There will be a Benefice Service to celebrate

Advent Sunday

at Hawkley Church,

starting at 10.30am

Please come and join us!