

## Church News

### 7<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 2

**Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion** (BCP)  
Led by Peter Sutton

**Hawkley 10.15 Holy Communion** (CW)  
Led by Peter Sutton  
with Sunday Funday



**Greatham 11.00 Morning Worship** (CW)  
Led by Kay Thorpe and Paul Goddard

*All are Welcome!* Our churches are all still open to visitors (Priors Dean by appointment). Contact Peter Sutton for details – 01730 827459 or

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*Orin & Marley lead the Good Friday Walk and Harry contemplates the tomb.*

## 'Sunday Funday' 7<sup>th</sup> April



First Sunday Funday at Hawkley - at the 10.15am service children will be especially welcomed at the start of the service and, after a song, will go across to the Village Hall for a time of fun, craft and exploration. We hope the service in church will be streamed to the village hall to help keep worship in Church and fun in the hall connected.

Until the group is established, we would like (for safety in crossing the road and safeguarding reasons) for one parent from families to accompany their child or children. First Sunday Fun will last for about 25 – 30 minutes and the children will come back to church in time for the distribution of communion and to tell us before the service ends what they have been up to! All are welcome.

## The Resurrection of Jesus Christ



**2pm 16<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Greatham Church Room**

Bishop Ian Brackley will speak about this central mystery that lies at the heart of the Christian faith. What exactly do we mean by it? Must Christians believe in the Resurrection at all? Come and hear what the New Testament has to say about it. All are welcome.





## Easter Yewlian Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> April

The next Yewlian Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. A short reading followed by 30 minutes of silence. Silence to meditate, to pray, to think. All are welcome.

## Portsmouth Family Welfare

Thank you for all the donations for PFW which have now been delivered.

Our next visit will be at the end of April. As well as food, if you have any of the following you and your family no longer need they would be most welcome.

Boys clothes for ages 3 - 7 particularly trousers or shorts

Men's light tops such as T-shirts or cotton shirts with short sleeves, and light-weight anoraks for the summer months.

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



## Woolmer Forest U3A

All are welcome. Talks take place at 2pm at Whitehill Village Hall which is wheelchair accessible and there is free car parking. Members £2 and visitors £3 which includes refreshments.

**15 April:** Paul Barwick will speak about Nancy Wake, who was a spy in WW2 and who was one of the most decorated women of the war. The talk called "The White Mouse", explores her life and is a tribute to her tremendous bravery. Paul is an ex-policeman who served for 34 years in uniform and plain clothes and spent many years in police intelligence. He retired in 2019 and set up a walking tour company around London's history of espionage incidents and characters.

Website: <https://u3asites.org.uk/woolmerforest>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555440806669>



HANGERS ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK (HEN)

HEN is holding its first

# Clothes Swap

Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12noon

Greatham Village Hall

Come along to the playground grand opening,  
and bring some clothes to swap!

Did you know that the fashion industry is responsible  
for **8-10% of global carbon emissions**  
and it takes **2,700 litres of water** just to make one T-  
shirt and 10,000 litres to make a pair of jeans!

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of our unwanted clothing  
currently goes to landfill



pounds could be saved in the  
UK per year, if we changed the  
way we supplied, used and  
disposed of clothing

Source: [We are Clothes Aid - Clothes Aid](#)



of used but wearable clothing  
goes to landfill every year



Doing our bit



## **APCMs**

It is the time of year for Annual Parochial Meetings – the formal occasion to receive annual reports and elect Church Wardens and members of the PCC. If you would like to know more about joining a PCC please talk to a Church Warden or to Peter Sutton. This week and in the coming weeks, Church News will give information about responsibilities in the Church. The dates of forthcoming APCMs are :

**Empshott 14<sup>th</sup> April** (*Annual Report Attached*)

**Hawkley with Priors Dean 21<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Greatham 5<sup>th</sup> May**

All Churches must have an Annual Meeting which is in two parts. The first, the Meeting of Parishioners elects the Church Wardens who are the Bishop's Officers. The second part is the Annual Meeting which has the primary task of hearing financial and other reports that cover the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> December. It is also the meeting where PCCs and Officers of the PCC are elected or appointed and representatives elected to be members of the Deanery Synod.

In previous weeks we have outline here some of the roles the important Church Officer - Church Wardens, Treasurers, Safeguarding Officers and Electoral Roll Officers. If you would like those editions of Church News resent to you, please let Peter Sutton know.

There are many other duties undertaken and all important to the life of the Church: PCC Secretaries or Minute Secretaries and individual parishes in the Benefice have people taking responsibility for tasks distinct to that parish or church such as leadership of a choir or organist, managing a churchyard.

We sometimes say that every church does exactly the same thing in a completely different way – that is one of the joys of the Church of England.



## News for Hawkley's CMS Mission Partner Aaron Stanbury

Happy Easter! I hope you have had a great week and Easter weekend.

Apologies for the lack of updates but now I would like to share about what I have been up to and what I will be doing. I will share my updates on a bi-weekly basis but if you'd like to be in touch about anything specific please let me know.



I have now been in Nairobi for 4 months! It has gone so quickly. There have certainly been a lot of changes, both good and challenging. On the good side, the weather has been lovely as it is mostly sunny and dry. I've also experienced that most people in Nairobi are very friendly and are open to helping me when I butcher their language with my poor attempts to articulate something. It has also been a great experience in terms of learning how to live life in a way very different to the Western world. For example, occasionally living without electricity or running water. Or being involved in the preparation of an animal you are about to eat.

There have also been a few challenges. On my second day in Nairobi, I was bitten by a dog, which lacerated a nerve in my hand, causing me to lose feeling in my middle finger. Fortunately, after having surgery and recovering, I now have complete control over my fingers again. Additionally, I had trouble settling into my workplace as myself and my boss in Nairobi did not see eye to eye on a couple of important matters. And, lastly, I have a neighbour that plays music far too loud in the early hours of the morning.

Safe to say there have been a lot of changes but I can surely say I am happy to have gone through this process. This time in Nairobi has allowed me to challenge my preconceived thoughts of the world and ways of doing things, grow as a person, mature, and has helped me to grow spiritually and develop my relationship with God.

**What does a typical week look like?**

I split my time between three main things. For a couple of hours a day I have language study, learning Kiswahili with a private tutor. I do this to better connect with the locals and the children that I work with. I am also finishing my TFEL course to gain experience and gain a qualification for teaching English. The rest of my time I spend at work at ACK Christ Church in Westlands.

Since my time working at Christ Church I have primarily been made to work with the Youth. I have spent most of my time either looking at ways to improve or alter the 'kids to kids' program or looking at programs for the church youth and how to improve the Sunday services. I've even had the opportunity to lead services and preach.

I have also had the privilege to go to Kawangware and Kangemi to visit the local slums and recruit 11 more children to attend the 'kids to kids' program. This experience was eye-opening as I was able to experience their living conditions and their lack of resources. The 11 new children have attended the program for the past two weeks and are now settling in and enjoying themselves.

The 'kids to kids' program is run by ACK Christ Church and offers children from the local slums education, nutrition and spiritual guidance. These children are usually aged between 7 and 12 and our goal is to educate them in order to continue studying at secondary school. Most of our students have had either very little teaching or no prior formal education. In addition, these children are given two meals a day and have two church services a week.

I am now starting to feel more settled in my new job and my work relationships appear to be growing. I am hoping that these relationships continue to grow and develop. In addition, I am also praying that the 'kids to kids' program continues to grow and that we can offer more children education, nutrition and spiritual guidance. Another prayer that I have is that our youth church continues to grow. We are currently seeing new teens giving their lives to the Lord and we are continuing to pray for more still.

Thank you very much for your support. If it wasn't for your giving I would not have this incredible opportunity of being in Nairobi and being used by God.

Many blessings and God Bless,  
Aaron Stanbury.



## Coffee? Cake?

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



## How to Donate... and contribute to the life of our Parishes

We are very grateful to everyone who supports us regularly or occasionally – thank you! Your generosity is enabling the churches to function albeit in very different ways. 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](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:

**St Peter and St Paul Church, Hawkley**  
**Priors Dean Church**  
**St John the Baptist, Greatham**  
**Empshott**

Code Number: 290629087  
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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:

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## Coming Soon

7 April                      Hawkley Sunday Funday



8 April	Yewlian Meeting
13 April	HEN Clothes Swap
14 April	Greatham APCM
16 April	Bishop Ian Brackley on the Resurrection of Jesus
21 April	Hawkley APCM
5 May	Greatham APCM

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## Next Sunday – 14<sup>th</sup> April – Easter 3

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion and APCM

Hawkley 10.15 Morning Worship

Greatham 11.00 Holy Communion

Priors Dean 18.30 Evensong

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