

Parishes of Greatham, Empshott and Hawkley with Priors Dean



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

2nd August 2026

Trinity 9

This Sunday:

Empshott	09.15	Holy Communion
	Judith Bee	

Hawkley	10.15	Holy Communion
		<i>With Sunday Funday</i>
	Bishop Ian	

Greatham	11.00	Morning Worship
	Kay Thorpe and Paul Goddard	

All welcome!

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 +). If you have not been confirmed and would like to explore this, please do approach or message Rev'd Richard.



St John's Coffee Cafe

The Thursday Coffee Café is taking a break throughout August, not least due to the road closure affecting traffic through the village. We plan to recommence in September – keep your eyes open for further announcements!

Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat – Continues every Tuesday at 10.00 – noon, at Hawkley Village Hall

Coming up...

Sunday 23rd August – 5.30-7.30pm – Garden Open at Field House, with Summer Madrigals performed by local Choir Members – details below

Wednesday 2nd September - Messy Church – 3.30-5.30pm at St John the Baptist, Greatham – save the date! More details to follow in future editions.

Saturday 5th September – Greatham Flower and Produce Show at Greatham Village Hall, from 3.00pm – details follow.

Saturday 19th September – The Kings Pond Shantymen will be visiting St John the Baptist, Greatham, for another evening of entertainment. Doors open at 6.30pm, for a 7.00pm start. Further details below.

Sunday 27th September – Greatham Village ‘Church Crawl’ – our annual opportunity to worship together in the different venues and styles. Please put the date in your diary!

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.

Garden Open at Field House, Sunday 23rd August 2026

By kind permission of Rosemary and Mike Lanning
Field House, GU34 3SF (where Empshott Green Lane
intersects the road from Hawkley)

5.30pm to 7.30pm

RSVP to empshottevents@gmail.com

Enjoy a drink and nibbles while you visit the beautiful
grounds and garden with lovely views of the Hangers.
Listen to summer Madrigals sung by local choir members
Entry £10 (cash or card to include welcome drink)
Event in aid of Empshott Church.

GREATHAM FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 5th September 2026

Greatham Village Hall at 3.00pm



KINDLY SUPPORTED BY GREATHAM INN & LISS YARNS

RAFFLE TEA CAKES

Admission 50p Children free

Show Team Contacts:

Tricia Porter 07950 613660

Rebecca Dowling, Lucy Carter, Claire Cornell, Liz Wilkinson

**THE KINGS POND SHANTYMEN
AT
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH
GREATHAM HANTS GU33 6HB
ON THE
19th SEPTEMBER 2026**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6.30PM
FOR A 7PM START**

**TICKETS £10
TO INCLUDE A PLOUGHMANS SUPPER
CASH BAR RAFFLE**

**FOR TICKETS OR MORE INFORMATION
TELEPHONE 07818401853 OR EMAIL
carolerudd2412@gmail.com**



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Liss Food Bank

There is a collection point at St. John's, 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-caffeinated, 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 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, Hawkey
Priors Dean Church
St John the Baptist, Greatham
Empshott Holy Rood

Code Number: 290629087
Code Number: 290629088
Code Number: 290629086
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:

Hawkey Alex Wilkinson
Priors Dean D Green
Greatham Steve Hedicker
Empshott Verity Tucker

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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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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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Greatham Carole Rudd carolerudd2412@gmail.com

Empshott Vacant

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

Next Sunday – 9th August 2026

Trinity 10

08.45	Priors Dean	Holy Communion
09.15	Empshott	Holy Communion
10.15	Hawkley	Holy Communion
11.00	Greatham	Holy Communion