



Welcoming, Invitational & Inclusive, Safe and Encouraging

Church News

27th September 2026

Trinity 17

This Sunday:

Empshott 09.15 Holy Communion

Richard Wharton

Hawkley *No service to allow for the Greatham Church Crawl – those expecting a ‘more formal’ service might like to head to Empshott instead*

Greatham 10.00 Greatham Church Crawl

(Please see attached flyer for times and venues)

All welcome!

Coming up...

Saturday 3rd October at 7.00pm in The Hut, Empshott – **Harvest Supper** in support of the upkeep of Empshott Church

Monday 5th October – 7.00pm - **Yewlian Meeting** at Priors Dean

Wednesday 7th October – 3.30-5.30 - **Messy Church at St John's, Greatham.**
Details below.

Sunday 11th October – 10.00-16.30 – **Blackmoor Apple Tasting Day** (details to follow)

Sunday 11th October – **Hawkley Harvest Festival and Lunch** – There will be a family-friendly service in the Church, followed by lunch together in the Village Hall. All welcome at either/both parts, but, for catering purposes, places for lunch must be pre-booked. (Flyer below)

Sunday 25th October at 4pm – **Ben Saul Organ Recital at Hawkley Church.**
Come and enjoy a virtuoso organ recital by Cathedral Organist Ben Saul, with tea and cake afterward. Details below.

Monday 2nd November – 2.00-3.30pm – **Church, Chat and Cake** at St Mary's, Liss, hosted by Richard Wharton – a monthly (first Monday in the month) event for seniors and carers in Liss and the surrounding villages. 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 the annual Greatham Village Church Crawl

10am Sunday, 27th September

Whether you are of the Christian faith, other faith, or no faith, you are warmly invited to join the parish church, Hope Church and L'Abri for the fifth annual 'Church Crawl'. We'll be walking from Greatham School, to the Old Church, to the Manor House and then to St. John's, pausing at each one for readings, reflections, creative prayer and music. We finish with a picnic lunch in Manor Field. Please bring your own sandwiches and we will provide drinks and deserts.

You are welcome to come along to some or all of the gathering places.

10:00 Greatham School: Coffee and Pastries

10:30 Welcome by Hope Church

10:45 Walk to Greatham Old Church for 11AM

11:15 Walk to the Manor House for 11:30 AM

(Please use the front entrance)

11:45 Walk to St John the Baptist Church for 12 Noon

12:15 Picnic at Manor Field





Empshott Harvest Supper

Saturday 3rd October at 7pm in the Hut.

The bar will be open and there will be a raffle.

£10 a head entrance fee to go to the upkeep of the church.

- Offers of help with salads and puddings gratefully accepted.

To let us know if you are coming, please contact Sarah at sarah.walker@netcom.co.uk or 07771 990403.





JOIN US FOR

MESSY CHURCH!

7th Oct

3.30pm till 5.30pm.

Adults to stay – tea provided for the children
at St John the Baptist Church Greatham

First Wednesday of the month

Please let Sam know if you plan
on coming,
just for number on food
and if there is any allergy.



Sam Day on 07858378678,
or Carole Rudd on 07818401853



Email:
churchmessy@gmail.com



FAMILY HARVEST LUNCH

HAWKLEY VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

12.00 FOR 12.30PM

2 COURSE LUNCH

BAR OPEN

Adults £15.00 Children Free

PLACES NEED TO BE PRE-BOOKED

(Please let us know of any dietary requirements)

Contact Jo Humphrey
johumphreyl@gmail.com
or 07825 327892

*Proceeds to the Church
and Village Hall*

Organ recital

by Ben Saul

4 p.m. at Hawkley Church
Sunday 25th October



Come and listen to a virtuoso Cathedral organist and musical impresario, Ben Saul, as he performs a recital featuring organ pieces by composers including Bach, Mendelssohn, Elgar and Sibelius:

Tea and cake will be served following the recital, which will last for about an hour.

Donations are encouraged to help pay for the restoration of Hawkley's magnificent stained-glass windows.

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.,
starting Monday 2nd November

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

...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-cafeinated, 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 or in the container by the font at St John's, Greatham.

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 at Hawkley, or Paul at Greatham.

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, Hawkley
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:

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.

Clergy Contacts:

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Readers:

Elizabeth Hawkins 01730 827502

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

Electoral Roll Officers:

Greatham	Carole Rudd	carolerudd2412@gmail.com
Empshott	<i>Vacant</i>	
Hawkley with Priors Dean	Tom Wilkinson	tom-wilkinson@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday – 4th October 2026

Trinity 18

09.15	Empshott	Holy Communion (Harvest)
10.15	Hawkley	Holy Communion (with ‘Sunday Funday’)
11.00	Greatham	Morning Worship (Harvest)

Please come and join us!