

Worship at All Saints Grayswood September 2004

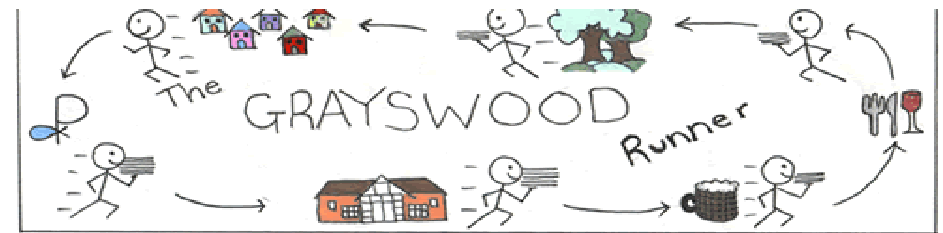
Sunday 5th September	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 12th September	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Morning Worship
	6:00 pm	Evening Service
Sunday 19th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Parish Communion
Sunday 26th September	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Morning Worship for whole church family

Other Services - Every Monday at 9.00 am there is a short service of Morning Prayer. On the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 10.15 am there is a service of Holy Communion with prayers for healing. All are welcome at these services.

Prayer Coverage - In September we remember those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount, and Williamson Close.

Joint Service - On 31st October we will be hosting the joint service at All Saints at 10.00 am - do make a diary note join us and our visiting friends from our associated churches in Haslemere.

Newsletter Contributions David Glaser (661687) edits this newsletter and would be grateful if all contributions for any future newsletter could be either placed in his pigeon hole at the back of church or delivered to Copse Side, Grayswood Copse before the 15th of the month. His e-mail address is david@grayswoodparish.org.



September 2004

Dear Friend and Neighbour

Aren't new babies delightful? By the time you receive this we may have met our yet-to-be-born fifth grandchild, and all the wider family will be delighted with a new life, a new beginning, a new chapter. For his/her mum and dad it will also mean change and challenge - and probably disruption too; that goes with the territory.

A wise friend reminded me recently that the only unchanging thing in life is that it's always changing. Disconcerting, isn't it? The well-known hymn has the line: "Change and decay in all around I see", but it makes me sad when people always equate change with decay. Change is mostly (although not always) good, sometimes vital; without it there's certainly decay. And decay gives off a rather nasty smell! But we welcome the freshness and vitality of each new Spring, with new blossom, new leaves, newly mown grass; that smell is wonderful. Change brings freshness and new life.

I've been tied into the school year for so long (even now - in my other job - I teach adults), that September means more to me in terms of new beginnings than January 1st. Children change classes or schools, parents think new uniforms, young people go up or come down from University, look for new jobs or consider the new experience of a gap year. And teachers welcome and readjust to new pupils / students. Change brings opportunity for growth.

God forgive us when we make God boring! God invites us to newness - to challenge, adventure, opportunity, growth - to a whole new life. It's scary, as it involves walking away from some things: bad experiences which have scarred us; behaviour which we regret; or simply ways of doing things which we want to move on from. But it's also exciting - ask anyone you know who follows Jesus to tell you about their journey.

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Events during September 2004

Wednesday 1 Sep	2.00 pm	Beehive Group, 147 Kings Road
Thursday 2nd Sep	4.00 pm	Prayers for the Persecuted Church - Hillbrae, Buffbeards Lane, Haslemere
Thursday 2nd Sep	7.30 pm	Gardening Club
Wednesday 8 Sep	8.00 pm	Grayswood WI - Beetle Drive
Tuesday 21 Sep	2.15 pm	Monthly Bible Study, 31 Lower Road
Monday 27th Sep	10.30 - noon	Good News Van, Corner Cottage, 77 Lower Road

Pastoral Care - If you need a priest please contact Barbara Steele-Perkins at Church House, Grayswood (656504) or Rev Norman Jones in Haslemere (658107). Barbara Steele-Perkins is usually on duty on Monday, Thursday and Sunday, however she will listen to the answer-phone messages every day, and will phone the caller back if it is an emergency

For all other requests or concerns please contact Doreen Hutton, (644178), Pauline Lamb (643798), Peter Rix (644295), Jenny Wardill (644443), or Jean White (643338).

All Saints Church Office - Our Church Administrator Janet Fry is in the Church Office on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon. The office telephone/fax number is 01428 656504 and our e-mail address is allsaintschurch@grayswood.co.uk.

Barbara Steele-Perkins e-mail address is barbara@steeleperkins.fsnet.co.uk

Alpha Course in Grayswood - It is so exciting to welcome the Alpha Course back to Grayswood and you are warmly invited to see what it is like for yourself. Alpha is a very non-threatening way to learn about Christianity in an informal setting - the great majority of people in Grayswood who have taken the course in the past have found it enjoyable and stimulating - why not try it yourself in 2004. Contact David Culhane for further information on 661924.

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Bible Study restarts in the week commencing 13th September on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This term we will be looking at the issues of living in the real world - where the rich and poor fight and struggle to get on, where there is as much suffering and sickness as joy, where Christians quarrel and fight. The Book of James offers some very practical ways of addressing these sorts of issues and we will be examining this book through an eight week course called the Implanted Word. For further information please contact either Rebecca Willows (641921) or David Culhane (644125).

The Parish "Away-Day" is now scheduled to take place on Saturday 16th October and offers us a day away from Grayswood to think and talk about the purpose and future of All Saints Church in our village - this will be an important day for our village church and its future course so please put your name down on the list at the back of church if you can come. Facilities are also available for children and the day will last from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. The cost of the event is £5 per person which also includes lunch - please complete the form at the back of church or contact the Church Office (656504) for further information.

Village Hall Quiz Night - The Grayswood Village Hall Management Committee are holding a Quiz Night on the 18th September to be held in the hall. Tickets are £7.00 to include a fish and chip supper and there will be a licenced bar. Please contact the booking line on 643859 to find out more and reserve your place on the winning team!

CARE in Haslemere - This voluntary organisation, with no grant-aided funds gives neighbourly assistance to people in need, young or old, who find it difficult to get around and do all the things the fit and mobile take for granted. CARE really needs volunteer car and mini-bus drivers to help with weekly shopping trips, visits to the hospital/dentists and similar important events for our less mobile neighbours. No regular commitment - just a willingness to be asked. Please contact 01428 652505 for more information.

Cards for Good Causes have had an outlet selling Christmas cards for charity in the Haslemere Museum for many years. The shop is in urgent need of a new Manager, a voluntary post, in order to enable the shop to open this year. If anyone can assist then please contact Judith Hills 01243 779584.

Grayswood Village Hall - If you would like to use Grayswood Village Hall for an event, a club, associations etc then please call the Village Hall booking line (643859) for further information.