



# The Grayswood Runner



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## It's silly season again!!

Oh yes, it's that time of year when day to day normality flies out of the window.... Firstly, Wedding Season! The time where women of the world drag out aged pastel numbers, try them on, they don't fit, and then rush around the high street replacing them with something almost identical at great expense. Where men groan and moan about being forced into that smart suit (which has clearly been shrunk in the dry cleaners since last year!), and at being forced to wear a tie "in heat like this?!"

There's also the family, friends or other social BBQ! It's possible that too much sun, too many sausages or too much home made punch (and there fore ending up throwing each other in the childrens paddling pool!) may cause the next day to be spent in a haze of blaming anything except misadventure

Lastly you could be a prisoner in your home from dawn till dusk for fear of pollen turning your day into a sneezy, puffy filled world of discomfort!

Whatever silliness you enter into in the coming weeks, summer can be a wonderful time for both joviality and many much more peaceful ways. Make sure you all take care and enjoy yourselves

Editor

## VILLAGE PRAYER

In July we remember and think about all those who live in Prestwick Lane, The Paddocks, Muddy

Dear friends

I've been thinking a lot about vocation lately. Not surprising perhaps, as my current batch of students, who have been my pastoral responsibility for the last three years, will either be ordained, or licensed as lay ministers, in the cathedral in July. At present, they're working hard to finish all the assignments, but that sort of vocation is much more than just understanding a bit of theology or having a few pastoral or preaching skills.

We've just been together over their last residential weekend of the training, and I asked them how they think they've been 'formed' into the sort of minister God wants them to be. Formed, not as in a sausage machine, where everyone comes out the same, but where, as they offer their individual gifts and, more importantly, themselves to God, they are transformed. Often, over time, I see a change of attitude, increased self awareness, awareness of others and a growing appreciation of difference - that we're not all the same and we don't see or do things in the same way. I often witness a growing humility as well as a growing confidence.

This of course continues through the whole of life, as everything that happens, during training, at work, and in life generally, contributes to what we call 'formation for ministry'. Sometimes, sadly, people begin authorised ministry without this deep transformation even having begun. Others - rightly - withdraw from the training at some point.

That sort of vocation is very specific, and other professions are vocations as well, but we - all of us - have a common vocation. Irenaeus, one of the early church 'fathers' (second century CE) said: '*The glory of God is a human being fully alive.*' That is our vocation, whatever else we might do: so to live that we are fully alive: self aware, aware of the other, appreciative of difference, allowing ourselves and our attitudes to be transformed by God through the events, even the mundane events of our lives, and always to be aware that we are in a state of becoming rather than think we have arrived.

To quote Cardinal Newman: '*To love is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.*' Not to change is to die.

Barbara Steele-Perkins

## Cello Concert by Candlelight

Join us for a very special evening in All Saints Church on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2009**, when internationally acclaimed **Orlando Jopling**, composer, conductor and cellist will entertain us with *Orlando's Cello Pilgrimage*.

This is a programme of music and comment, taking us on a journey from two of the most well known Bach Suites, via a more soulful piece and ending with a flamboyant one.

This generous musician charges expenses, but no fee, on the understanding that any surplus will be a contribution towards the preservation of the fabric of the Church.

We anticipate that this concert will herald a series of concerts in the Church and we hope you will join us to hear this extra-ordinarily talented young man.

Save the date now!

Box office: 01428 642917 and 644125

**PRAYER FARE:** Due to a shortage of advanced bookings and in view of the current economic situation, a decision has been made to cancel the Prayer Fare, due to be held at Pyrford Church and School on 4th July



## Ben Williams Memorial Cricket Match

There will be a cricket match on Sunday 5th July at 2.00pm on the Grayswood village green in memory of Ben Williams. Tea and cakes and a barbeque will be available during the afternoon. Everybody welcome to watch the cricket or to have a chat and some refreshments. Funds raised on the day will go to the Ben Williams Trust for children with arrhythmia, and youth cricket initiatives ([www.benwilliamstrust.org.uk](http://www.benwilliamstrust.org.uk)).

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## All Saints Matters

### Sunday Services

**8.00 am** Holy Communion every week

**10.00 am** services are very accommodating for families with young children—we have crèche facilities, fun for older children at Sunday School, and really don't mind if children make a bit of noise in church either! In fact we particularly encourage children to enjoy our church and join in with the first part of our service.

**1st Sunday:** Parish Communion

**2nd Sunday:** Morning Worship

**3rd Sunday:** Parish Communion

**4th Sunday:** All age Morning Worship

**5th Sunday** we usually join with St Bart's or St Christopher's, either in Grayswood or Haslemere—see notices on the Church Door!

Evening Services are occasional but are advertised in the village.

**Mondays** at 9 am (not Bank Holidays) - a short meditative service which follows the pattern of the Church since its early days

### Thursdays at 10.15 am

**1st and 3rd Thursday** Holy Communion using the BCP (old prayer book)

**5th Thursday**—Modern Iona style Communion Service

At all services we pray for people in any sort of need. If you would like us to pray for someone in particular - or be prayed for yourself (we need only a first name and you don't have to give a reason), either pop a note into Church House, leave a message on the answerphone, write in the book at the back of church, or ask someone to pass the message on.

### Sacred space

The church building is usually open every day from about 9am until dusk in winter, about 6pm in summer. It's a peaceful place to think, meditate, dream, pray.

### Contacting All Saints

Our vicar **Barbara Steele-Perkins** ([barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk)) is officially on duty all day Sunday and Thursday, and Monday and Friday mornings; she also works part-time for the diocese, but both jobs allow for some flexibility. She responds to answerphone messages left on 656504 every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible. **Janet Fry**, our church administrator, works in **Church Office** 656504 (in Church House) which is open Monday, Thu, and Fri mornings from 9am-12 noon. **Doreen Hutton** 644178 is the coordinator of pastoral care in the parish. Please contact her if you would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason. You are promised complete confidentiality. If you would like to donate flowers at any time - in memory of someone or at a special anniversary — **Jaquie Lisle** 661091 is our flower coordinator. If you need a vicar urgently and can't get through to Barbara, phone **Norman Jones**, Rector of Haslemere (644578).

### USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

**Church Office 656504**

**Village Hall Bookings 643859**

**Wheatsheaf Pub 644440**

**The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821**

**Grayswood School 642086**

**Grayswood Cars (Garage) 642303**

**Grayswood Nursery School 658931**

**Barkers 642894**

**Haslemere Herald 651271**

**Haslemere Hall 642161**

**Hairdresser 642821**

**The Rockery B&B 643178**

**Village Hall Payphone 658931**

**Grayswood Taxi Service 644440**

**Mobile 078877 14799**

### Free Debt and Money Advice

3 Counties Church in Haslemere are offering free advice on debt or money worries.

To contact them: Telephone 07766 765041 or visit the Haslemere Locality Office on Lion Green between 9.30am and 4.30pm on any Tuesday.



### Events in July

Garden Club 2nd

Book Club 14th

WI—Talk from Col. Tony Ward

on Service Charities 8th

Mens Breakfast 11th

Good News Van 27th

### Civic Duty or a step too far?

A bid to put the brakes on drivers who speed through by using a community volunteers has been blasted by some in the village. The initiative has sparked much debate and raises a question: Are the volunteer recorders doing an important civic task or simply being "grasses"?

To air your view or for more information, please join the community police liaison meeting with PC Ralph Swindell on 26th August, 8pm, Grayswood Village Hall. All Residents Welcome



### Public Thanks for All Saints Grayswood!!

The annual civic service was held in All Saints Grayswood on 14th June, and hosted by Mayor Melanie Odell. Melanie wrote in the Herald (page 5) "I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this day so special. Grayswood has been so supportive of this event and I would like to thank the whole village for their help with the service, refreshments and the exceptionally warm welcome that we all received." .... "It was a very happy day and a wonderful way to start the mayoral year." Melanie has a particular interest in Grayswood, apart from being councillor for the area, her family has lived there for many years.