

Something old, something new...

Traditionally associated with a wedding, the same could be said for the up coming festive season. The old year draws to it natural conclusion while the new one looms full of opportunity and trepidation.

Many of us will look back fondly over the year wanting to hold on to precious moments, many glad to see the back of it and ready to charge headfirst into a new adventure.

The past year has certainly held a lot of change for each us, changes in finances, work situation, births, deaths, marriages, moving home, any one of a number of things that have required the firm support of friends, family or your faith.

For all of us, Christmas should be a time of hope, joy, love, forgiveness and is an opportunity to look at the true values we place on things and actions. My wish for you is that you find all of this and more over the coming season and the next year.

Editor

What's in a name?

Bethlehem: 'house of bread'

a place named as providing nourishment and shelter turns into a place of strife and illicit killings – now as then. Jesus called himself 'the bread of life'.

Jerusalem: Rain (not reign!) of peace

a place named for wholeness and completeness (*shalom*), now as then torn apart by factions. We call Jesus 'the Prince of Peace'.

Mary: 'bitter'

- and you'd think she would be, wouldn't you, after all she went through as a mother? But she didn't live down to her name and is surely the best-known of all women disciples.

Jesus (Latin version of Joshua): 'The Lord is salvation'

Jesus still lives up to his name today. What do we, do I, do you, need saving from? Ourselves? Consumerism? Greed??

Emmanuel – God with us

And he still lives up to this name too – he does not desert us. Although we may feel alone and bereft at times, and some people feel it more keenly at Christmas, God is always there.

A very happy Christmas

and a peaceful new year

with my very best wishes



All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5 December

11.30am-1.30pm

Grayswood Village Hall

Lots of fun and entertainment for all,

including:- Father Christmas,

Treasure Tree,

Children's Toys & Games, Gifts Stall, Bric a Brac, Jewellery, Cakes and Produce,

Books, CDs & Videos,

Greetings Cards,

Raffle and lots more...

Soup, Hotdogs and Mince Pies served from 12pm - 1pm

Outside stallholders (£10 + 10%) and stall contributions welcome – call Daphne (643140) or Susie (642917)

Come along and join in with the fun...

Charity concert in aid of Bulgaria's abandoned children

Saturday 5th December 7.30 pm in All Saints Church, Grayswood.

The Fernhurst Choral Society, conducted by Giles White, with music by Elgar, Brahms, Grieg and Bulgarian composers.

Tickets £12.50 including wine and canapés from Judy 01428 644125 or Hugh Russell 01798 344152.



The Ben Williams Trust
children with arrhythmia ♥ youth cricket initiatives

The Ben Williams Trust will be holding a Christmas sale and coffee morning at Burnside, Prestwick Lane from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 12 December. Claire Taylor's highly popular fresh Christmas wreaths will be on sale, together with other Christmas decorations and bring and buy cakes. Further information from Gilly (652582). All are welcome.

Victorian Christmas Evening

There will be a Victorian Christmas Evening in the Village Hall from 6.30-8pm on the 12th December. Please join us for carols and other entertainment. There will be mince pies and punch (and non-alcoholic punch).

Adults £2.00 children free.

All welcome.

Church Services in December/ January

Sundays: 8am Holy Communion every week

6th December 10am Parish Communion13th December 10am Parish Communion20th December 10am Nativity Service, led by the Sunday School

5pm Carols by Candlelight, Punch and mince pies

CHRISTMAS EVE 11.30pm First Communion of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY 10am All Age Celebration of Christmas followed by a shortened Holy Communion

27th December 10am All Age Worship3rd January 10am A Covenant Communion Service for the New Year10th January 10am Morning Worship17th January 10am Parish Communion24th January 10am Christingle31st January 9.45am Joint Service at St Bart's (no service at All Saints)

Mondays at 9am

A short (20 mins) meditative service. (NOT on 28th Dec)Thursdays 3rd and 17th Dec, 7th and 21st Jan at 10.15am Holy Communion (35-40 minutes)

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Barkers 642894

Haslemere Herald 651271

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What is the Men's break-fast?

On the second Saturday of each month except August a group of men meet informally for breakfast in the Upper Room of the Village Hall (8am to 9.30am). Sometimes one of our number speaks on a subject of his choice, and sometimes we just chat informally. The group is loosely associated with All Saints, some are regular attendees and some are not. We should love more people to join us and, if interested contact David Culhane (644125 or culhane@grayswood.co.uk)

Events in December/Jan

Gardening Club	3rd/7th
Book Club	8th/12th
WI	9th/1th
Men's Breakfast	13th/10th
Good News Van	25th Jan

Financial Advice: Christians Against Poverty

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VILLAGE PRAYER

In December and January we remember and think about all those who live in Prestwick Lane, The Padocks, Muddy Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Holdfast Lane. Three Gates Lane, Highercombe Road



The Children of Grayswood came together to have a fantastic afternoon at the village hall for the 'Light Fantastic' party held in October. They played lots of games, made a fantastic handprint mural (which you can see at the back of All Saints Church) and a wonderful time was had by all!!!