

The importance of Shrove Tuesday and Lent

I remember Shrove Tuesday fondly from my childhood. I used to call it Pancake Day, and I recall my mother busy flipping pancakes for all of us to enjoy. At the time there was little or no explanation for being allowed to eat such delicious treats and I did not question the matter too much when offered plates of pancakes dripping with lemon juice and sugar!

Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Being the last day before Lent, Shrove Tuesday is not only a time for confession and forgiveness, but a time for a celebratory feast whereby Christians use up the leftovers in their cupboards that they will have to give up during the fasting period.

Let us all take time this Lent to reflect and prepare ourselves before the celebrations of Easter.

Editor

Weddings in Grayswood

Calling all couples thinking of getting married!

Did you know that since October 2009, the Church of England has relaxed its rules so more of you can now get married in Grayswood church even if neither of you lives in parish and you're not on the (church) electoral roll?

The only thing you now need is what's called a 'qualifying connection'. So, if

- you have lived here at any time or attended worship here for at least 6 months
- your name is in the Grayswood Baptism or Confirmation register
- one or both of your parents have lived here at any time during your lifetime or attended worship here regularly (either for at least 6 months)
- a parent or grandparent was married here

That's certainly good news for us, as it means we don't have to say 'no' to so many people who would like to get married here. We hope it's good news for you too. We're a relaxed, friendly church family and look forward to hearing from you and helping you prepare for your wedding. Contact me or Janet in the office (details over)

With my very best wishes

Barbara

Grayswood Book Club welcomes new members.

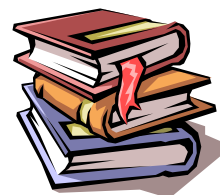
If you would like to join an informal book club please come and join us on the first Tuesday of every month at Grayswood Club, at 8.00 p.m.

Forthcoming dates and titles for the book club are:

**Tuesday 9th February -
Wolf Hall** by Hilary Mantel
Tuesday 9th March -

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo
by Stieg Larsson

Hope to see you there. If you would like to find out more call Paul or Janis on 01428 643377.



The second part of HHH Concerts' season opens on Saturday 13th February. Pei-Sian Ng (cello) and Benjamin Powell (piano) will give a recital at St Christopher's Church at 7.30pm. **On Saturday 20th March the Talich Quartet will come to St Christopher's with a programme of Haydn's Sunrise Quartet Op.76 no 4, Bartok's Quartet No 6 and Brahms Quartet in A minor Op.51 No 2.** On Tuesday 16th March there will be an afternoon concert in the Grayswood Village Hall, at 2.45pm given by William Godfree's Chamber Band: Robin Grice violin, Janet Herson clarinet and William Godfree piano. William will introduce the programme of music by Gershwin, Milhaud, Massenet, Monti and Nigel Hess. This is a special free event for the elderly and disabled in the area and will be followed by tea. Space is limited. Applications to Sarah Barnes on 643129 or Pauline Lamb on 643798.

All other concerts start at 7.30pm at St Christopher's Church, Weyhill, Haslemere. Tickets £14, students £5, children under 12 free, are available from Alastair Vartan on 652448, and Chamberlain Music Weyhill, Haslemere. Further information on haslemere.com/hhh

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, editor@grayswoodparish.org

All Saints Matters

Church Services in February

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am:

7th Parish Communion Preacher: Dilla Davies

14th Morning Worship (*with Sunday School*)

21st All Age Parish Communion (*no Sunday School*)

28th All Age Worship

Coffee is served after the service in the Village Hall.

Friday 12th at 2pm Memorial service for Jeanette Stacey

Wednesday 17th at 8pm Joint service for Ash Wednesday at St Christopher's

Mondays at 9am A short (20 mins) meditative service.

Thursdays 4th and 18th at 10.15am Holy Communion

The Lent Course: Wednesdays at 7.45 (coffee) for 8pm:

Feb 24th – Mar 24th inclusive

Do contact us if you would like us to pray for you. Phone any number below, send an e-mail, write the name in the book at the back of church, pop a note into Church House, or ask someone to pass a message on. A first name is all we need and anything shared in confidence to anyone is ALWAYS honoured.

Sacred space

The church building is 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

Barbara Steele-Perkins 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 answer-phone messages every day except Tuesday and will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Janet Fry, our church administrator, works in Church Office (in Church House) which is open Mon, Thurs and Fri mornings from 9am-12 noon. At other times you can still leave a message.

tel: 656504 e-mail: office@grayswoodparish.org

Doreen Hutton 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.

tel: 644178 e-mail: david@dhutton.mail1.co.uk

Fiona Gwynn is our flower coordinator. Contact her if you would like to help with an arrangement for a special festival or donate flowers at any time - in memory of someone or at a special anniversary, etc.

tel: 654728 e-mail: gwynnfamil@btinternet.com

If you need a vicar urgently and can't get through to Barbara, Norman Jones is the Rector of Haslemere: tel: 658107

e-mail: RevNJones@aol.com

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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

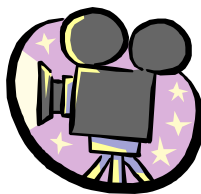
Grayswood Taxi Service 644440

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Grayswood on film

A film student has made a fun stop motion film in Grayswood. It has been uploaded to 'You Tube'. If residents would like to have a look at it please go to (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXoZpmFb2ko>)



Events in February

Gardening Club	4th
Book Club	9th
WI	10th
Men's Breakfast	13th
Good News Van	22nd

The Neighbourhood Police Team Meeting will take place on 19th March in the village hall (Oonagh Jeffrey room) at 8pm

A lady in the village is looking for a running partner!!
She runs 4—5 times a week and sees a number of women running around the area and wonders if you would like to join her. If you are interested please Contact the Runner office.



VILLAGE PRAYER

In February we remember and think about all those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close