



# The Grayswood Runner



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## Mother Nature....

The world has, until recent events in Iceland, seemed so small, so easy to navigate. Cheap fares and plenty of flights meant weekend trips abroad were easy. The eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano has reminded us that maybe we took such convenience for granted. For those who have been stuck abroad and unable to get home life must have been very difficult. I also do not underestimate the economic impact for many. In spite of the difficulties people have endured, I have read some 'positives' that have arisen. Inspirational stories of travelers innovative and determined efforts to get home and how people worked together to help one another. Residents in West London commented how, they could hear birds tweet, leaves rustle.

With luck the disruption will continue to reduce. Flights will resume, weary travelers return home. I for one feel that the eruption has made me think about how big our world really is and how fast I operate. Like any good mother, mother nature has shown me to slow down and marvel at nature.

Editor

Dear friends

How do you portray the unportrayable? Take the Ascension of Jesus for example – how would you do it? A figure in mid-air above the disciples who watch with upturned faces? Very common in art of years gone past. In Dali's portrayal you see Jesus' feet from below, and there's a delightful modern painting with a couple of feet sticking out of a cloud which makes me smile! Or perhaps you'd go for an abstract design which isn't representational? Where would you start?



What we're searching for is meaning. T.S. Eliot reminds us how easy it is to have the experience, but miss the meaning. Some of us insist on a literal event; others dismiss it as ludicrous, but what if we see it another way? 'Up' is obviously metaphorical, and if it's to mean anything at all to 21<sup>st</sup> century people today, it's worth exploring.

Imagine what it was like for those first disciples to have Jesus with them for three years and then to face the future without him. He could not be with them for ever – they would split up and spread out all over the globe. One creed says, 'he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present.' Precisely because he left them, he could be with them for ever. The Spirit of God would come, and will come, and does still come, to do Jesus' job - within each disciple. Now, the promise 'I will be with you for ever' is entirely plausible.

Barbara

## SPRINGS LUNCH



You are invited to a 'Springs' Lunch at Haslemere Hall (with crèche) on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 12 for 12.30pm. Following our event in 2009, the Springs team would like to invite you to a ladies lunch at Haslemere Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Please join us as we look into how the naturally occurring springs have shaped life in Haslemere. Through images and stories we will look at how we can find spiritual "springs of living water" in our community today.

From his innermost being shall flow continuously springs of living water'

(John 7:38)

Tickets £8.50 bookable in advance at Haslemere Hall from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 Telephone the Box Office on 01428 642161

Free Crèche including lunch but places to be pre-booked

## All Saints Spring Fayre

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May: 11:30am – 1:30pm Grayswood Village Hall**

At this year's annual Spring Fayre there will be a fantastic selection of stalls and entertainment on offer for a fun few hours out for all the family, including Bouncy Castle, Children's Toys & Games, Bric a Brac, Gifts Stall, Plants, Cakes & Produce, Books, CD's & Videos, Raffle, Craft Stalls and lots more... Hotdogs, sandwiches and other refreshments served from 12pm – 1pm To help make this day a success stall contributions are encouraged and much appreciated.

Please call Daphne (643140) or Susie (642917)

for more information. Outside stallholders (£10 per table + 10%)

**Please come and support us and join in with the fun....**

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, [editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto:editor@grayswoodparish.org)

## All Saints Matters

### Church Services in May

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am:

2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Communion

9<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship

16<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion

23<sup>rd</sup> All Age Worship

30<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Joint Service at St Bartholomew's

Sunday School meets during term time (starts in church at 10am)

*Coffee is served after the service in the Village Hall.*

Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am Holy Communion

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm Joint service for Ascension Day at All Saints

### Textile Recycling at Grayswood School

Money towards their Eco—school project

Wednesday, 5 May by 10.00 am—Clothes & Pairs of Shoes (bagged)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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: [gwynnfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:gwynnfamily@btinternet.com)

#### USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

Church Office 656504

Village Hall Bookings 643859

Wheatshaf 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

John Simpson Associates (Architect)  
651982

#### Christian Aid Week 9th - 15th May 2010

The Annual Christian Aid Service will take place at St Christopher's Church, Wey Hill, Haslemere on Sunday 9th May at 6 pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Once again collectors will be calling at homes in the Haslemere area on behalf of the world's poor and destitute people. With the Grayswood Runner we are enclosing a red Christian Aid envelope. We should be grateful if you would give your donations in at any Service at All Saints Church during the month of May - or drop it into Church House. Gift Aid donations to reclaim tax (with donations of £2 or more) need to show your name, address and signature on the envelope to be valid.

Your support will be much appreciated for projects organised by Christian Aid.

(Daphne Stephenson - Christian Aid Representative)

#### Events in May

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| Gardening Club        | 6th  |
| Book Club             | 4th  |
| WI                    | 12th |
| Men's Breakfast       | 9th  |
| Good News Van         | 24th |
| Spring Fayre          | 8th  |
| Christian Aid Service | 9th  |

#### Your village still needs YOU!

In our March / April Runner we asked you to provide us with details of any incidents/accidents you know about on the A286 between Grayswood and Brook in the last 10 years or so. Rather surprisingly we have had very little response! We really do want to make Grayswood safer and we know villagers have lots of information that will enable us to lobby Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council using accurate information. So, please do get in touch and let us have as much information as possible to include dates, whether anyone was hurt and whether any vehicles were damaged. You can drop the information off at Church House or alternatively email the Editor ([editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto:editor@grayswoodparish.org)).

Together we can all make Grayswood safer

#### VILLAGE PRAYER

In May we remember and think about all those who live in Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill, High Button