



# The Grayswood Runner



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## Busy busy busy ...

I am sure my day is a lot like yours— up early, charging through the working day with phones ringing, deadlines to be met, paperwork to complete, piles of ironing, gardening half done and some vague memory of missing someone's birthday. Rarely time for coffee with friends, a date with your partner or even a walk through our lovely village. Sound familiar? It seems like everyone you meet is burdened with too many commitments, too little cash, too many possessions, too little time. Keeping up the pace is exhausting! Surveys have found that for many people, earning a living requires so much effort that it is difficult to actually enjoy the life we're working for. So is this it then? A life so consumed by work and commitments that there's little time for the things that really matter, such as family, friends, community and spiritual life? There are folk who have managed to turn their lives around and to 'live simply'. What does this mean? The mantra adopted by those who have managed the change is "a way of living that is outwardly more simple and inwardly more rich." Now that sounds good! A chance to have more time for the things I want to do rather than things I have to do. The good life may be attainable .... If only I had the time! I hope you are all able to experience a less busy life as we enjoy the warmer weather and spend time with loved ones this summer. Enjoy!

Editor

Dear friends

## The longest day.

I'm not actually thinking of the summer solstice or of the events on June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944 (the invasion of Normandy for those too young to know!) or the book, film or song of that name. Nor am I thinking of the Rock band!

Time's a funny thing, isn't it. To me the longest day is when I'm waiting for something to happen that I'm really looking forward to – like my daughter arriving from Sydney this month. Or when something is really boring or I'm doing something I don't like doing very much, time drags by and the day seems endless. But I already know that the 4 weeks my daughter is here will fly by and seem no more than a week perhaps. Time's a funny thing.

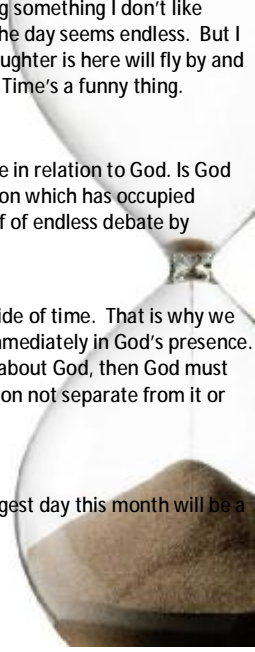
I find it fascinating to think about time in relation to God. Is God outside of time or within it? A question which has occupied greater minds than mine; it's the stuff of endless debate by philosophers and others.

If God is God, then God must be outside of time. That is why we can believe that those who die are immediately in God's presence. But if Jesus Christ shows us anything about God, then God must also be within time, involved in creation not separate from it or unaffected by it.

Time's a funny thing. I hope your longest day this month will be a pleasurable one.

With my very best wishes

Barbara



## All Saints Church, Grayswood

### Song Squad

#### Calling all 5 to 7 year olds!

Do your children like to sing? If so, they now have an exciting opportunity for them to join the new Song Squad. Once a month the youngsters will be able to join the Junior Choristers for a fun session of songs, music and action games, and then to join the whole choir to practise the hymns and prepare for the All Age morning service, our 'family service' on the following Sunday. Of course, older children will be welcome and we hope that that the parent who brings the children will stay and perhaps join in. The aim is not only to give the younger children the opportunity to make music, but to enable them and their parents to participate in church music, particularly for those families who not feel able to come to church on a weekly basis.

**Ages:** mainly 5-7 but older children and parents really welcome; **When:** Every fourth Friday in the month and every 'All Age' service on the Sunday following with first service 27 June; **Where:** In church, entry through the choir vestry, not the main church door. **Time:** 7.25pm for 7.30-8.20pm. **Interested:** Contact Jean White (01428 643338) or Shirley Richmond (01428 653285) or just turn up!



## Ben Williams Trust Cricket Match

There will be a cricket match on Sunday 4 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. Everyone is welcome to come for a chat and some refreshments— watching the cricket is optional! We also hope to have the Wimbledon final on a big screen.

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

### Church Services in June

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am:

6<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion

13<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship: Preacher: Dilla Davies

20<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion

27<sup>th</sup> All Age Worship & Baptism of Joseph Laybourne

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

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

Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am Holy Communion

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

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

John Simpson Associates (Architect)  
651982

#### Grayswood Village Club

Grayswood Village Club is looking for new members from the village and beyond. Please pop in for a drink ... we don't bite! You will find a small friendly crowd and low priced refreshments. The club is not open every evening and several groups use the club throughout the year. Call Mark Fisher on 07879 556757 for further information on the Club's activities

We hope to see you there!

#### Events in June

Gardening Club	3rd
Book Club	8th
WI	9th
Men's Breakfast	12th
Good News Van	28th
Song Squad	25th

#### VILLAGE PRAYER

In June we remember and think about all those who live beyond the parish boundary

### English and German choirs combine to sing an Italian master work

Fernhurst Choral Society's spring/summer concert this year will be a joint performance with the renowned International Choir of Hildesheim, Germany, of Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*. Rossini wrote 38 operas, including those still prominent in the operatic repertoire such as *The Barber of Seville* and *William Tell*. Although the latter was his last opera, it was composed when Rossini was just 37; with the notable exception of his *Stabat Mater* (1842) he composed nothing of musical significance until *Petite Messe Solennelle* in 1863, 5 years before his death. Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* is full of memorable tunes, musical intensity and buoyant rhythms and is a delight to sign and hear. Fernhurst Choral Society and the International Choir of Hildesheim will be jointly singing this master work 3 times, twice in Germany and once again in England in June. The concert will be at 7.30pm on Saturday 26 June at St Paul's Church, Chichester. Tickets £12.50 (£6 NUS), available from Chichester Tourist Information Office; by ringing 01428 644125, 01730 816542 or 01428 642332; or on the door. For more information on the choir call Tina Litchfield (Secretary) on 01730 816542 or Rob Walker on 01428 642332 or [robwalker@f2s.com](mailto:robwalker@f2s.com)