



The Grayswood Runner



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Harvest time

For most people the word 'Harvest' means 'end of summer' or 'start of autumn'. Throughout history the word 'Harvest' means much more to all of us, no matter what we grow or how hard we work to grow the best crops. For many people, Harvest is about gathering what we have grown and using, eating or saving it for next year. As we enter into Harvest time this year, I recommend all of us consider the many harvests and peoples that have come before us, the celebrations that have taken place, and give thanks for what we have accomplished this year. I also recommend us thanking God for the environment which sustains us.

Happy harvesting!

Editor

Dear friends

I confess I hardly ever read a (good) book just once. Partly because I read quickly and so forget the detail, but partly because my favourite books are like old friends. Travelling again this summer I renewed my acquaintance with a couple of RF Delderfield's – so well written that they draw you in and welcome you, like any good book or story should.

'The Book Thief' was recommended to me by a friend last year, and since then I've lent it to my daughter, who's lent it to a friend and it's still on the other side of the world. I'm actually looking forward to reading it again – it was that good!

Like the so-called 'good book'. There are bits that, if I'm honest, make me uncomfortable, bits I don't like, bits that make me ask questions of my faith. But overall it's a book that draws me in and welcomes me, warts and all, and every time I read it, I renew my acquaintance with the God of whom it speaks.

The book of Ruth grabs me every time. I like to read it through in one sitting – it's not very long - and enjoy the story on several levels. The events take place between the beginning of the barley harvest and the end of the wheat harvest, and they are set mainly in Bethlehem (which means the house of bread). The story features different relationships and personalities, disaster and deliverance, and it celebrates love and loyalty, goodness and generosity. Perhaps a story for our times?

It even has a rather shocking punch-line which made difficult reading for some people in those days: God receives foreigners (even a despised Moabite) into the community of faith and as an ancestor of the great King David! It's a bit like the ancestry of Jesus – decidedly dodgy if you are rather strict about that sort of thing - but more about that in December.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

Chiddingfold Art & Craft Exhibition

The 2010 annual exhibition will be held on Friday 29 October 2010 from 3pm **until 10pm** and Saturday 30th October 10am until 5pm in Chiddingfold Village Hall, Coxcombe Lane, Chiddingfold, Surrey, GU8 4XF.

This is the sixth year of the exhibition—don't miss the chance to view and buy unique, original art and craft by local artists. Free entry and a warm welcome! For further details please

Did you know?

Sailors in the Royal Navy used to eat on square wooden plates which had raised edges, "fiddles", to stop food slipping off. A sailor with more than his fair share with food overlapping the edge was said to be "on the fiddle"!



The Ben Williams Trust
children with arrhythmia ♥ youth cricket initiatives

Following on from last year's highly popular "Seventies Night Fever", the Ben Williams Trust is stepping back 20 years to recreate "Greasewood", a celebration of the fifties on Saturday 16 October at 7.30pm in Grayswood Village Hall.

This themed evening will include a three course meal and dancing to the Ian James Band bringing you the sounds of the 50s, supported by the RG Roadshow Disco.

For further information and tickets at £35, contact Phil and Gilly Williams by email at info@benwilliamstrust.org.uk or by phone on 01428 652582.

*You are warmly invited to attend the
Annual Memorial Service
at All Saints Church, Grayswood
on Tuesday 2nd November 2010 at 7.30 pm
Friends are also welcome*

*Whether you are remembering someone who died recently, or many years ago, please join us in this
Service of Thanksgiving for their Life*

If you would like us to read out the names of those you are remembering during a time of prayer in the service, or if you would like more information,

*please telephone the Church Office on 01428 656504,
or email office@grayswoodparish.org
by Monday 25th October*

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

CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am:

Oct 3rd All Age **HARVEST FESTIVAL**,
followed by lunch in the Hall (sign-up sheet in church)



10th **BIBLE SUNDAY** Parish Communion

17th Parish Communion

24th All Age Worship (Half Term)



31st **ALL SAINTS SPECIAL** with St Bart's and St Christopher's

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

A **Crèche** is provided in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room from 9.50

Coffee is served after the service in the Village Hall.

Thursdays 7th 10.15am Holy Communion (none on 21st)

All Saints Matters

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.

tel: 656504 e-mail: barbarasteelerkins@tiscali.co.uk

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: gwynnfamily@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

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)

Song Squad

Do your children like to sing? If so come along and join the Choir by taking part in our Song Squad for fun sessions of song, music and action games. We practise the hymns for the All Age morning service, our 'family service' that Sunday. We meet on the fourth Friday of every month, 7.25pm until 8.20pm in church (please use vestry door). Our next session is on Friday 24th September and an extra session on Friday 1st October (so that the squad can be in church for Harvest Festival on 3rd October).

Further details: Shirley on 653285 or Jean on 643338. Alternatively, feel free to just turn up!

Events in October

- Gardening Club 7th
- Book Club 12th
- WI 13th
- Men's Breakfast 9th
- Song Squad 24th / 1st Oct
- Good Book Morning** 25th

Contact: editor@grayswoodparish.org for further information on any of these activities or to add your details if you hold a regular club or event!!

VILLAGE PRAYER

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

Grayswood Book Club

If you fancy chatting about a wide variety of books over a glass of wine, a pint of beer or a soft drink come along! It's a friendly way to spend an evening. Next book on **October 12th**: The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad. Further details: Paul or Janis on 643377 or just drop in!

Grayswood on the web: www.grayswoodparish.org (All Saints site) and www.grayswood.org.uk (current Village Hall site) are two sites which are currently in the process of being updated. If your club or organisation is represented on here, please make sure we have your up to date info!! Email us on grayswoodrunner@gmail.com and we'll pass it on!

