



The Grayswood Runner



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Halloween, Thanksgiving, Guy Fawkes or Christmas anyone?

Ahhh November, a time of the oranges and golds in the trees and a seemingly month long series of fireworks parties?! As I write, it is still October yet I saw my first Christmas advert on the television last night.

Whatever happened to anticipation and waiting for celebrations and commemorations to be special times rather than a whole circus train of events which often means that the history and sentiment of things gets lost in the proceedings?

We seem to adopt so many customs and traditions form around the globe that there is always something to prepare for, which is great for the party animals amongst us but for those already juggling a dozen things at once, or those dealing with issues of their own, it's sometimes nice to have a break from it all and celebrate one thing at a time.

I wonder what the families and friends of the rescued Chilean miners will be celebrating over the coming weeks?

Editor



Dear friends

Light a candle



Whenever my two young grandsons come to stay they like eating together as a family in the dining room. Part of the ritual that's arisen is that they each put a candle on the table and light it, and at the end of the meal, they blow it out – carefully. When little sister gets a bit bigger, we will have to have three!

It's a custom that's developed in the family; we don't need them but they're pretty; it's something the children can take part in and which they enjoy; it also takes on a symbolic meaning.

Once upon a time, candles were essential to see by at night. Now it's a bit different, but they still hold a symbolic power. Christians have lit candles ever since they met in secret underground catacombs, when they were strictly practical. However small the light source – and a candle may be very small - darkness is banished.

At every Baptism we light the Easter candle, which symbolises Jesus the light of the world. At the end of the service the newly baptised is given a candle which is lit from the Easter candle, symbolising the light they have received and which they then carry out of the church door into the world.

Lighting a candle is a highly symbolic act which can have a variety of interpretations depending on the situation, and may lead to further action.

- Light a candle when you'd like to pray but don't know how or what to say.
- you want to make a difference in the world – however small.
- you want to remember someone you have loved.



"It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness."

With my very best wishes

Barbara



All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 4th December, 11:30am – 1:30pm, Grayswood Village Hall

At this year's annual Christmas Fayre there will be a fantastic selection of stalls and entertainment on offer for a fun few hours out for all the family, including:- Father Christmas, Children's Toys & Games, Gifts Stall, Bric a Brac, Jewellery, Cakes and Produce, Books, CDs and Videos, Greetings Cards, Raffle and lots more.....

Soup, Hotdogs and Mince Pies 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 welcome (£10 per table + 10%)



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

All Saints Matters

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am **except 14th:**

Nov 7th Parish Communion

14th **Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday at 10.50am**

21st Parish Communion

28th All Age Worship

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.

Tuesday 2nd at 7.30 Annual Memorial Service

Thursdays 4th and 18th 10.15am Holy Communion



Contacting All Saints

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@dutton.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 Numbers

There are so many really great Grayswood based facilities and businesses that all deserve a mention in our useful numbers section.

We are currently reviewing how we can get you the best and most relevant information. Please don't think we've forgotten, we just want to make sure that what we do we get right.

If you have any queries, please contact us at the email address overleaf or on 01428 605439. Editor.

Love to sing but can't commit to every week?

The Song Squad, our singing group for youngsters that meets once a month, joined us in church for the Harvest Festival service and sang with the choir for the anthem as well as singing and playing percussion instruments for the hymn.



The next sessions are 29th and 31st October and then 26th and 28th November.

Christmas dates will be in next months runner!!

All are welcome to join us -Mums and Dads as well as children!

Events in November

Gardening Club 4th
Book Club 9th (*Dec 14th & Jan 11th*)
WI 10th
Men's Breakfast (*not this month*)
Good News Van 29th

Grayswood Toddlers — Each Term Time Wednesday

Please contact: us using details overleaf for further information on any of these activities

VILLAGE PRAYER

In November we remember and think about all those who live in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree Close.

Could you be a School Governor?

Grayswood Church of England Aided School are looking for a new school governor. No experience is necessary!! For more information on this rewarding community role, please call Mrs Pauline Lamb on 01428 643 798



Christmas Shopping whilst at home or over coffee?

An Usborne book party is THE place for brilliant books. Over a morning cup of coffee or an evening glass of wine with friends you can browse 1000's of fabulous titles for children of all ages. Come and see us at Grayswood Toddlers, 24th Nov or at the Christmas Fayre on 4th Dec. For more information on hosting or other booked events please call Heather on 605439