

## How are your New Year's Resolutions?

By the time you read this the chances are your New Year's resolutions have crashed and burned.

Research has shown that the majority of people ditch their resolutions within the first week of January. The researchers found that those people who relied solely on their willpower were much more likely to fail. However, those people who sought support for their resolutions kept them alive for far longer.

In spite of this, New Year's resolutions are worth making. Why? Well, resolutions offer a time for reflection.

Paul the Apostle was someone who had many knocks and setbacks in his life. He wrote "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." No wonder Paul made such a mark on his world. He stopped looking back, and looked forward instead. He did not let the fear of failure keep him from trying again.

We may be about to enter the second month of 2011, but there is no time like the present to make a new resolution and seek support for your resolutions from family and friends, even perhaps say a prayer for help. Seeking support from others helps give us the strength to persevere.

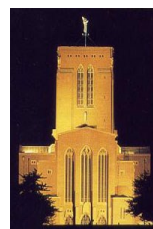
Happy 2011 to you all.

Editor

## Dear Friends



It started small, with lots of these ...  
..... and it ended here with a magnificent building.



My parents bought a brick on my behalf for the princely sum of 2/6 (12½p in today's money!). It was a great way to raise money as most of us could afford that amount and we all felt involved in the project. If you go to the Cathedral today you can see the brick which was bought and signed by the Queen – and left unplastered of course.

### We offer our congratulations to Guildford Cathedral which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

The celebrations begin with a programme of hymns and favourite anthems on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm.**  
Do join those of us who plan to go.

The *Friends of the Cathedral* do a wonderful job in raising funds to keep the fabric – inside and out – in good repair. Many parish churches have a *Friends* scheme, as it offers an opportunity to support the upkeep of the building, especially for people who do not come to the church regularly – or at all – but who value the church as a central feature of the village.

**The Friends of All Saints Grayswood** is being launched soon. (See over.)

Asking for money is always dodgy; the Church has a reputation, it seems, but we cannot afford to be apologetic in the economic climate of today. None of the money collected by the Friends will go into the 'housekeeping purse' or be given to other charities. That is the responsibility of the worshipping community, but our small but faithful weekly congregation is stretched to the limit just to provide the astonishing £150 a day we need to keep going, let alone maintaining it as we would like for future generations. All contributions, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

With my very best wishes  
Barbara

## All Saints Church Toddler Group

The group meets in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room of Grayswood Village Hill (the upper room) each Wednesday during term time from 9.15am-10.45am). Doreen Hutton writes: "I am a grandparent of a toddler and have enjoyed the group since its beginning. Fiona Gwynn and Janet Fry (Pastoral Assistants) who run the group give a warm welcome to toddlers and adults. There are plenty of toys to play with and for the adults, other carers to chat to. Children enjoy a drink and health snack (chosen by their carer). Carers can enjoy a coffee and home made cake. A charge of £2 is made for each adult to cover the cost of snacks. If you have not tried it I do commend it to you and your child, and you will both have a happy morning."

## The Real Easter Egg: Competition!

Can you produce an advertisement that encourages shoppers to buy The Real Easter Egg? Out of 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to mention Jesus and the events of Holy Week on the box. Profits from sales of The Real Easter Egg will be donated to charities to buy everything from chickens in Africa to incubators for new babies in the UK.



Prizes: £1500 for the winning entry £1,000 for your church or school and £500 for you!); Five runner up prizes of £200 each. Each will also receive 6 Real Easter Eggs. The winning entry will be professionally produced or released online.

Full details including full terms and conditions [www.realeasteregg.co.uk/comp](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/comp)

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## All Saints Matters

### CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

<b>Sundays:</b>	8am	Holy Communion every week
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Parish Communion
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Morning Worship
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	Parish Communion
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	All Age Worship

### Mondays at 9am

A short (20 mins) meditative service

### Thursdays at 10.15 am

3rd and 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Holy Communion (35 mins)

### Sunday School

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

### A Crèche

is provided in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room from 9.50 am

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

## 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 confidences are ALWAYS respected.

### 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.

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**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.

### USEFUL GRAYSWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall Bookings 643859  
The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821  
Grayswood School 642086  
Grayswood Nursery School 658931



### A BUSINESS IN GRAYSWOOD?

The Runner is a non-profit-making newsheet which is distributed to every house in the parish and which up to now has carried no adverts. However the list of 'useful' numbers has crept up to include businesses, which is rather unfair. So from now this will only contain non-profit-making organisations.

We are proposing however that each edition (9 or 10 a year) carries one advert in a box this size and that that business sponsors that edition at the (current) cost of £30.

If you are interested, please contact the editor.

## The Friends of All Saints Grayswood

### 29 April 2011—Save the date!

The Friends of All Saints Grayswood are hosting an occasion for double celebration. You are invited to a community tea to mark the Royal Wedding, and to celebrate the launch of The Friends of All Saints Grayswood. Watch this space for further details!

### Churchyard Spring Clean

Can you spare time to help tidy the churchyard on Saturday 19th Feb (10am-12pm)? All help appreciated.

Email [christian@hatherall-good.co.uk](mailto:christian@hatherall-good.co.uk), call 652417, or just turn up on the day, even if only for half an hour!

## Events in February

Gardening Club	Thursday 3rd
Book Club	Tuesday 9th
WI	Wednesday 10th
Men's Breakfast	Saturday 12th
Good Book Morning	Monday 28th

All Saints Toddler Group— Each Term-Time Wednesday

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

## VILLAGE PRAYER

We pray for all those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close

## Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer annual Service prepared by Christian Women of Chile will be held at St Margaret's Church on Friday 4th March at 2pm. Parking at the Recreation Ground Car Park. Tea afterwards at The Sports Pavilion. All welcome.

## Song Squad

Our singing group for youngsters will be meeting for practices on 25th February and 1st April (7.25pm-8.20pm in church, through vestry door). The group then will be singing in church for on 27th February and 3rd April.

The squad is not meeting in March.

Hope to see you there!