

What do you need?

We were fortunate enough to have some friends join us for dinner last night and despite the inordinate amount of dishes I used, and washing up I had to do as I chopped, peeled, baked, marinated, blah, blah, the effort was entirely worth it, resulting in four full tummies.

The major plus of my evening though came from a discussion over a large project I'm planning for my garden, the cost of which I had previously found prohibitive. However I have discovered a new currency—food!! In return for cooking a roast dinner or other hearty feast, I have (hopefully) procured myself the help of some willing volunteers to get the part of the job done that I alone simply could not do. Fabulous deal and great result!!

Well done you, but what's that got to do with me, I hear you murmur... My point, dear friends, is that by talking to people about what you can do AND letting them know what you need, you may find that in the current climate of spending only what you need and not what you want, you can still achieve great things. You may be able to sew a neighbour the new curtains they have set their heart on, they in return could put up those shelves you've been looking at, or fix that leaky pipe you've been putting a bucket under for months! Could you walk someone's dog in the daytime in exchange for their oh-so-yummy brownies for when your in-laws come?

Helping each other is a great way to make you feel good and doesn't cost you a penny; the best bit is that you get to make someone else feel good too! If you can think of a way we can share our skills for free in Grayswood, let me know. In the meantime I shall cross my fingers that my Saturday kind offer still stands and didn't get lost in that last bottle of wine..... ;o)

Editor

Dear Friends

Another Anniversary

Not 50 years old like Guildford Cathedral, but 400. FOUR HUNDRED. Michelangelo had been dead for a year; Louis XIII was king of France; Galileo had just reported the discovery of the Jupiter moons; Shakespeare was 46.



And the *King James* or *Authorized Version* appeared in 1611 and became one of the great treasures of the English language.

In 1604, King James I of England authorized a committee of about 50 scholars to prepare a revision of earlier English translations of the Bible, using the Hebrew and Greek texts which were available at the time. Wycliffe was the first person to translate the Bible into English – and had written it all out by hand in the 1380s. After his death he was condemned as a heretic and his teachings were suppressed. 150 years or so later, Tyndale translated the Bible into English but it was not allowed into England on penalty of death. He was betrayed by a friend and burnt at the stake in 1536.

Come and hear more in Wednesday evening lectures and readings
Oonagh Jeffery Room (Village Hall)
7.45 coffee for an 8pm start
ALL WELCOME

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| 16 March | How the Good News got from Galilee to Grayswood
- from the person of Jesus Christ to the printed book |
| 23 March | What do we mean by 'the word of the Lord'?
How does a book have authority?
Why do we claim it is inspired – and what do we mean by that? |
| 30 March | 'Hear the word of the Lord!'
The reading of selected passages from the Authorised Version |
| 6 April | Translations, translations and more translations
Why so many and how reliable are they? |
| 13 April | 'Hear the word of the Lord!'
The reading of two books from the Bible (Authorised Version) |

With my very best wishes
Barbara

ACTION STATIONS FOR CELEBRATIONS: VILLAGE TEA PARTY ON FRIDAY 29TH APRIL @ 4PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL LAUNCH OF THE NEW FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS GRAYSWOOD

(Inside this copy of the Runner, you will find a leaflet all about it)

Please come FOR A FREE CREAM TEA and bring your family too.
Join in all the fun on the afternoon. There will be something for everyone – traditional teas, stalls, games.

It's not often we are privileged to have an EXTRA BANK HOLIDAY, (oh - we think it might also be to celebrate somebody's wedding?) so make sure it is in your diary.

More information next month.

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Church Services in March

Sundays:

- 8am Holy Communion every week
- 6th 10am Parish Communion
- 13th 10am Morning Worship
- 20th 10am Parish Communion
- 27th 9.45am **Joint service at St Bart's with Bishop Christopher**

9th March 8pm **Ash Wednesday**
Holy Communion with Ashing
at All Saints with St Bart's & St Christopher's
Preacher: Dr Colin Brown

Mondays at 9am

A short (20 mins) meditative service.

Thursdays 3rd and 17th March at 10.15am
 Holy Communion (35 mins)

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

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: gwynnfamilysky.com

Useful Grayswood Numbers

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



CALLING BUSINESSES IN GRAYSWOOD

The Runner is a non-profit-making news-sheet 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. These numbers, and more, can be found in the 'Welcome to Grayswood Village' leaflet (available from the back of church). Each edition (9 or 10 a year) can carry one advert in a box this size and that any Grayswood business can sponsor an edition at the (current) cost of £30 which covers the printing and distribution of each month. Editions are on a first come first served basis, so if you wanted to include special offers for a certain month for example, let us know early!
 If you are interested, please contact the Editor.

VILLAGE PRAYER

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



Have you seen the fantastic new village hall website?

www.grayswood.org.uk

You can also find us on Facebook! Have a look and be sure to 'like' us!!

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Think the WI isn't for you? Are you sure? Have you met us yet?

Grayswood WI has been running in the village now for 90 years, and although many of the current membership will certainly joke about how long they've been there, you'd not think a single one of us was a day over 26!

We have had many new members this year, all young local ladies and, added to those with much more of life's experience, we now enjoy an even more varied programme of activities all helped along by a glass of wine (yes wine!) or a cup of tea. You'll hear about specific events later in the year, but in the meantime, do come along one evening, 7.30pm in the hall (Oonagh Jeffery room) on the second Wednesday of each month, or drop us a line at grayswoodwi@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you!

