

## Where on earth did that go?...

Will someone please tell me how we managed to get through half the year already?

I look at my own markers for the year that loomed far in the distance and find that they have come and gone with such speed I almost missed them. In the same vein, days I thought would never end (you know the ones, when you think it's lunchtime but it's only 9.30am?) have passed and I've hardly missed them at all. I think my point is, that the every day has a way of taking over.

I asked a friendly wine expert this week whether or not I should open a very old bottle of something lovely I have tucked away. His advice, open it and enjoy it—and, thank you, I shall. What I will not do however is save it for a special occasion, but on an evening where it's just been a good day, or when we have fish and chips for tea. You see, every day is special. Don't wait for tomorrow! Put on your best clothes to go to the library, eat those fish and chips on your best china, be daring and light that scented candle shaped like a swan, just because you can—while you can!!

So go on, grab your metaphorical corkscrew, open your box of 'saving for something special' treats and enjoy them, wear them, eat them, use them. Invite a friend to share it with you if you so wish or indulge all to yourself. Time passes so quickly, it'd be such a shame to miss out.

Editor

## Dear Friends

Holiday time has nearly arrived. I often used to find that my youngsters grew a couple of inches over the summer. How did that skirt / those trousers get so short? How did the sleeves shrink so quickly? It seemed to be a growing season.

In the church calendar we're in the growing season at the moment; the colour of the altar frontal and my stole is green, and we think about the kingdom of God and how it grows, both within us and in society. If the idea of a kingdom doesn't resonate (it can carry ideas for us of not necessarily benevolent rule and power), perhaps we could think of something like influence. What's God's influence like?

- It's like yeast, Jesus said, which affects the whole batch of dough. A spoonful of dried yeast turns flour into bread.



- It's like a tiny mustard seed, Jesus said, which grows into a great bush-like tree and gives shelter to birds.

One of these



becomes this.



A mustard tree in Israel

Both yeast and seed look unimportant and insignificant; they are swallowed up by flour and water or earth and disappear. It seems. Yet secretly and mysteriously, they grow – and to an extraordinary size. The kingdom or the influence of God is just like that, says Jesus. We don't always see it at work, but it's always growing, never static, and, when it's mature, it provides food and shelter. Jesus also said the kingdom of God is within us. Does that make us food and shelter for the needy and vulnerable in society?

The gospel readings and sermons in July are all about the kingdom of God. Come and hear more.

*With my very best wishes*  
Barbara



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## CHURCH SERVICES IN JULY

**Sundays: 8am** Holy Communion every week  
**Every Sunday 10am**  
**July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Parish Communion  
**10<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship  
**17<sup>th</sup>** Parish Communion  
**24<sup>th</sup>** All Age Worship  
**with the Baptism of Luke Jordan**  
**31<sup>st</sup> 9.45am**  
**Joint Service at St Bart's**  
**NO 10am at Grayswood**  
**Mondays 9am** Morning Prayer  
**Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** Holy Communion at 10.15  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** School Leavers' Service

## CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST

**Sundays: 8am** Holy Communion every week  
**Every Sunday 10am**  
**August 7<sup>th</sup>** Parish Communion  
**14<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship  
**21<sup>st</sup>** Parish Communion  
**28<sup>th</sup>** Morning Worship

**During August -**  
**all 10am services are All Age**  
**no Morning Prayer on Mondays**  
**no Holy Communion on Thursdays**

## 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.

tel: 656504 e-mail: [barbarasteelerperkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:barbarasteelerperkins@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](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@sky.com](mailto:gwynnfamily@sky.com)

Grayswood Gardening Club:  
New Members wanted!

We are a small friendly group of amateur gardeners who meet in Grayswood Village Club, Lower Road, Grayswood, several times a year for garden related talks, visits or social events. Generally meetings are on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 8 pm, but not every month. Annual membership fee is £10. Discounts at some local businesses apply (including Haslemere Garden Centre!)

If you are interested, please telephone, Janet Richards (Secretary) on 01428 288721

Next meeting — September 1st—  
Everybody welcome!!

## VILLAGE PRAYER

In July & August we remember and think about all those who live in Prestwick Lane, The Paddocks, Muddy Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Holdfast Lane. The Gates Lane, Highercombe Road and all those who live on or just off the Haslemere Road.

## Useful Grayswood

## Numbers

## Village Hall Bookings



643859

Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School  
658931

the village hall  
on grayswood green

The Village Hall Management Committee is seeking a new Secretary to join their team when the current occupier steps down at the 2011 AGM. If you would like to apply, or require more information, please contact Jane White by email on [janewhitehome@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janewhitehome@yahoo.co.uk)



**Christian Aid thanks  
Grayswood support**

The Haslemere Christian Aid Committee would like to thank all those who so kindly contributed to Christian Aid during May this year. The total for All Saints Church and the Grayswood Area came to £270.50, some of which was Gift Aided. There was a collection outside Tesco's in Haslemere on 8th April for Christian Aid, manned by members of the local churches, & on that occasion £376 was raised. Thank you to all who contributed to Christian Aid. Our Treasurer will be sending all the local amount raised to Headquarters after our Committee Meeting in July.

*Daphne Stephenson*

**Events in July & August:** \* Gardening Club 1st September \* Book Club 12th/ 16th \* WI 13th/ 10th \* Good News Van 25th July

Contact: [editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto:editor@grayswoodparish.org) for further information on any of these activities or to add your details if you hold a regular club or event!! (contact details for each club will soon be available)