



The Grayswood Runner



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Is it too late to plant my bulbs?

My goodness, where did this year go?!? The darling buds of May have turned into the golden shades of autumn and I'm told summer was in there somewhere, but how did it get to be November already?! Halloween, Bonfire Night, Thanksgiving and only 69 sleeps till Christmas (so Facebook tells me!)

We are blessed to live in some of the most beautiful countryside in the land, and at the moment, each view over a field or town is stunning in its colour, all changing in its own time, reminding us that all is as it should be.

If, like me, you feel you've still got a million things to do, you know what? It's ok, we all have! Just make sure you take time to look around you, in the car or on the bus between Grayswood and Haslemere, look out over the valley and relax.

Editor

Purple is for Preparing

The children at Grayswood school will tell you that. And they know that we PREPARE for Easter in Lent, when the liturgical colour is purple, and we PREPARE in Advent too – also purple.

The problem with Advent is that sometimes we're confused what we're preparing for. Christians look two ways on this one.



We look back as we prepare to celebrate the coming of God in Jesus, when God began to know firsthand what it's like to be a human being. That's so amazing, isn't it? We don't have a distant, far-off

God who is unaware and unconcerned with our lives, but one who is intimately involved with us. 'Emmanuel' means 'God with us'.

Jesus finished what he came to do, but we still pray 'Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' Jesus didn't finally put an end to all misery and devastation in the world; we know that too well. He didn't put an end to injustice and war, oppression and violence. He charged us, not only with the task of living by the standards of his kingdom of justice and peace, but also of passing it on to the next generation. But we are promised a time when the kingdom of God will come on earth. So in Advent we also look forward - and prepare for whatever that future coming may hold for us and for the world.

I thought about what clip art image would illustrate justice and peace, but decided that it's best left to our imagination. As I prepare in Advent this year, I will let my imagination run: What would our world look like if God's will is perfectly done? What ingredients will it have? What things simply won't be able to exist? Is this then how I should pray?

I wish your imaginations well as you prepare this Advent.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Memorial Service at All Saints Church on Wednesday 2nd November 2011 at 7.30 pm

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, please phone the Church Office on 01428 656504, by Thursday 27th October, or let us know on the evening

GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL AUCTION OF PROMISES

Please don't forget to be at Grayswood Village hall from 7.30-10.30 pm on Saturday 19th November 2011, for the Auction of Promises



Supper Evening for parents, local residents and friends of the School.

Even if you are unable to come on the 19th, PROMISES would still be very welcome to Sarah Dorton Tel 01428 644803 or e-mail grayswoodauction@yahoo.co.uk

Tickets: Pauline Lamb: 01428 643798 (£8 per head)

Please DO come and enjoy a fun evening and support our local village school

VILLAGE PRAYER

In November we remember and think about all those who live in Grayswood Road & Haslemere Road



All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd 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 Heather 605439 or Susie 642917 for more information.

Outside stallholders very welcome (£10 per table + 10%)

We look forward to seeing you there!!



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

CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am **except 13th**:

Nov 6th Parish Communion

13th **Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday at 10.50am**

20th Parish Communion

Speaker: Jane Saunders from Crossways

27th **Advent Sunday** - All Age Communion

with the Baptisms of

Emily Odell & Ewan Jack

Sunday School meets during term time (starting 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

Wednesday 2nd at 7.30pm Annual Memorial Service

Come and light a candle in thanksgiving for a life remembered

Mondays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th Informal Morning Prayer 9am

Thursdays 3rd and 17th Holy Communion 10.15am

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: gwynnfamily@sky.com

An Evening with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley Jones

Paul Jones lead singer with Manfred Mann, the 1960s chart toppers, and current Radio 2 presenter, and his wife, award winning West End actress, **Fiona**, will be telling their humorous and powerful story of their journey to faith in God, in conversation and song - how Paul had argued against Christianity with Cliff Richard before coming to faith himself, and how he and Fiona (before they were married) were starring in a West End show singing love songs to each other when they realised that they had actually fallen in love, and much more at: **Haslemere Hall on Tuesday 8th November at 8pm**. Tickets £5 from Haslemere Hall, tel 642161, or on the night.

Events in November

Gardening Club 3rd
Book Club 8th
WI 9th
Good News Van 28th
Grayswood Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group - every Wednesday in Term Time
Please contact us, using details overleaf, for further information on any of these activities

Paediatric First Aid Course!

Grayswood Nursery School has organised a 12-hour Paediatric First Aid Course. This will take place on 22, 23, 29 and 30 November at the Village Hall from 7pm to 10pm. The cost will be £80 for the complete course. Places are open to everyone but limited, so they will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis, once you have booked and paid for your place. If you would like more information or wish to book a place, please contact Kate Dean : grayswoodnursery@hotmail.co.uk

St Bart's School Shopping Evening

Wednesday 16th November
7-9.30pm
Individual crafts and gifts—Entry £1
Enjoy Mulled Wine and Mince Pie while you shop

**WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT**

Macmillan Cancer Support in Midhurst will be holding its tenth Annual Tree of Hope Service at St Mary's Church Eastbourne on Thursday 1 December at 6.30pm. We invite you to remember a loved one who will not be with you this Christmas by dedicating a light on the Macmillan Tree of Hope and having their name entered into our 2011 Book of Love. Dedication forms available from Macmillan Charity Shops in Midhurst & Grayshott, or email Karen Lang at westsussex@macmillan.org.uk or visit www.macmillan.org.uk/sussex



Strictly Grayswood?!

Bring a little bit of the sequin and sparkle to your life..... Are you interested in joining a fun, beginners, ballroom dance club at the Village Hall every Monday evening then please contact Mandy Simpson 07990 755 199 for more