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Communication is key...

Now you may or may not know that the Runner has two editors and we try where we can to take it in turns to write an edition... Invariably we do a few in a row each as real life takes over leaving us little time to ourselves...



As I write, the Church office is waiting patiently for me to write this so it can be printed today—within the hour in fact (best I get a move on!) as via three emails, all three recipients thought that the other was writing the Runner, and so no one had done it—oops!

I would be lying completely if I said this is the first speedily but naturally lovingly, collated edition, but thankfully, my children are being angelic enabling me to crack on. They aren't usually so compliant—but how less fraught my morning would now be, if I had just picked up the phone and made a plan the old fashioned way, rather than interpreting an email the wrong way round?

Editor

Dear Friends



Ninety children with a cross in ash on either their foreheads or the backs of their hands (their choice) is a sight to behold. Ash Wednesday this year saw the whole of Grayswood school in church for the occasion for the first time. They're learning something more about the seasons of the Church's Year, not only the happy celebrations but also the more solemn ones.

Purple is colour of this season of Lent: 'P' for preparation – and how much more we will enjoy Easter if we make ourselves even more aware of our own frailty as human beings and perhaps deny ourselves something during these 6 weeks. It makes Easter even more special.

But it doesn't add up. Have you counted? 40 days and 40 nights? Those among us who are trying to 'give up something' for Lent might be glad to know that Sundays don't count. Throughout the history of the Church, they are never 'fast' days, as the Resurrection takes precedence over everything else, and Sunday is always a Resurrection Day. I say a 'hallelujah' to that! And now there's a REAL Easter egg, which includes the story of Easter and an activity pack, available on-line (Google it!)



With my very best wishes for your preparation for Easter and for Easter itself.

Barbara



YOU ARE INVITED

whatever your age (children welcome) to a café style church gathering.
in the Village Hall Sunday 28th April at 10am

Tables for 6 or 8

Informal

Sit with your friends – or with people you'd like to get to know.

We aim to:

relax and enjoy each other's company, enjoy conversations, enjoy coffee and cake (or tea or squash), enjoy some music

No need to reply; just turn up.

Our Village has many people who do some fabulous things to raise money for others. This year we have been made aware of a number of people who have decided that they will train hard and run a marathon! This is no mean feat as many of you will understand, especially if running isn't your thing and you are really pushing yourself to achieve it!! We have listed those we know about below. If your name isn't here, please accept our apologies and we wish you the very, very best of luck and hope you reach your goals!!



Greg and Daphne Bleach - the London Marathon for Breast Cancer Care
Jasper Taylor - the London Marathon for Breakthrough Breast Cancer
David Hydes - the Paris Marathon for Prostate Cancer
Russell Hancox - the Brighton Marathon for All Dog's Matter



We have been asked to provide details of their chosen charities and the way in which you can sponsor them, so if you would like further information, you can find each of the above on virginmoneygiving.com

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

CHURCH SERVICES for MARCH AND APRIL

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion
Every Sunday the main service is at **10am**

MARCH

3rd Parish Communion
 10th All age Morning Worship for **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
 17th Parish Communion
 24th **PALM SUNDAY**
 All Age Morning Worship with Song Squad

Thursdays 7th & 21st Holy Communion at 10.15am

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Mon 25th, Tues 26th & Wed 27th Compline (Night Prayer) at 9 pm

28th Maundy Thursday—Holy Communion round the supper table (Oonagh Jeffrey Room) 7.45 pm
 (to book please phone Judy on 644125)

29th Good Friday All Age service, coffee & Hot X Buns (Gather on the Green if fine)



12-2 church open for prayer

2-3pm A Meditation for the third hour



31st Festival Communion for Easter Sunday with the **Renewal of Baptism Vows**

APRIL

7th All Age Parish Communion
 14th Morning Worship with All Ages
 21st Parish Communion
 28th All Age Café Church in the Village Hall
 Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thursdays 4th & 18th Holy Communion at 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 4 pm in winter, and 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: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

Pastoral care—please contact Barbara or Janet if you would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason. You are promised complete confidentiality.

tel: 656504 e-mail: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

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

An evening of music with a difference

Timothy Ravalde - a highly respected accompanist of the Chichester Cathedral Choir, broadcaster and recording musician is giving a 'not to be missed' programme of Organ music by various composers including Bach, Brahms Elgar and others.

Tim will introduce each piece highlighting the background and features of the music and the composer.



This is a great opportunity to listen to an instrument that is infrequently featured, but one of great power and delicacy when played by an artist of Timothy's ability.

The concert is at St. Mary's Church Petworth on Saturday April 20th commencing at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 including a glass of wine and are available from:

01428 644125

culhane@grayswood.co.uk

01428 684242

markhamoot@btinternet.com

VILLAGE PRAYER

March and April we remember and think about all those who live in Lower Road, Park Close, Ash Tree Close, Grayswood Road, Church Close, Sandy Lane, Grayswood Common, Grayswood Copse, and Little Home

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings 664410
 Grayswood Club 07748 065 821
 Grayswood School 642086
 Grayswood Nursery School 658931
 Wheatsheaf 644440

Events in March/April

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| Book Club | Tuesday 12th/9th |
| WI | Wednesday 3th/10th |
| Good Book Morning | 4th Monday of the month |
| Toddler Group | each Wednesday in term-time |

**Cupcake Masterclass!**

The Grayswood WI is hosting a Cupcake Masterclass run by Em Higginson of www.yourstastefully.co.uk on Wednesday 13th March—7.45pm in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room at the Village Hall.

Tickets are just £8 but **must be booked in advance.**



You will learn new techniques, get some great ideas and take home two beautifully iced cakes to share—or eat yourself!!



So come along, bring a friend, enjoy a glass of wine (or two) and cake all for less than a tenner!!

Please email grayswoodwi@gmail.com or call Heather on 605439 to book!

SURREY HILLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday 3 May 7.30 pm, Holy Trinity Church, High Street, Guildford GU1 3J: **Michael Collins**, "Is one of the best clarinetists walking the planet" according to The Times. Following the performance of Messiaen's unmissable masterpiece 'Quartet for the End of Time' with the world class **Sitkovetsky Trio** there will be an audience discussion with Michael Collins

Tickets £22-28 (Under 21's £11 and £14) from the Box Office, Guildford Tourist Information Centre, 155 High Street Guildford Tel: 01483 444334

www.surreyhillsmusicfestival.com