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I have always wondered how to make a difference in the world.

After some reflection, I have come to the realisation that you should not start with thinking you have to make a 'big' difference. In fact, it is the little differences that can mean the most. The smallest gestures can make the world of difference. Opportunities present themselves, but it is our choice whether we wish to make a change, to make a difference.

Examples of 'little' differences can be as simple as donating something from your wardrobe to charity as soon as you buy a new piece of clothing; handing over your parking ticket to a fellow parker; donating one of your unused Christmas gifts to the Spring Fayre!

The opportunity to change, to make a difference, is around us all the time, and that is where the change must start. So from here on in, I am going to do my best to make a difference in someone else's day hoping they will do the same and start a chain reaction.

Editor

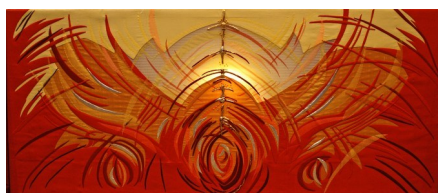


Dear Friends

We celebrate two festivals this month, both of which help us tell the story of our faith, along with Christmas and Easter. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are not just events in the past, but are present realities which point the way to life, freedom and hope for all humankind now.

God's Spirit was poured out at **PENTECOST** on the first disciples (120 of them) as they gathered in Jerusalem after the Ascension. How exciting that must have been! They could trust God to work in them and through them, helping them to become the sort of people that Jesus was – the sort of people that God wants us to be. The Spirit is out and about still, looking for people who will get involved in working with God.

This is a modern altar frontal from Wells Cathedral. Fiery reds and oranges give a glow that represents something of the warmth and the excitement of the love of God being poured out.



TRINITY Sunday is equally impossible to represent pictorially, but what we celebrate is the notion that the nature of God is best understood in terms of a **community** of love. 'God is love.' An icon by Andrei Rublev (approx. 1410), although primarily illustrating the story of Abraham's mysterious visitors (Genesis 18.1-5), can also reflect something of the mystery of the Holy Trinity to us.



No one figure dominates; all have something the same about them, but each is different. The important and wonderful thing for us to note is that the circle is not closed but open; we are invited to be part of this community of love.

I hope you agree that both are worth celebrating. Come and join us; for details see over.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

Come and support our village festival:

GLORIOUS GRAYSWOOD
21st – 23rd June

From 10am on Friday 21st June, there will be a Flower Festival in the church with displays by the many organisations from the village. There's music - Ben Copeman playing the flute and John Belcher, playing the organ, plus a quiz, and story-telling for the children. The Village Club will host a fabulous Art and Sculpture Exhibition from a variety of local artists, and there will be terrific teas and a plant sale in the Village Hall. The Festival will close on Sunday with a traditional Evensong in All Saints Church at 6.30 pm.

CAN YOU GIVE a few hours of your time to help steward the Flower Festival, sell programmes or plants, or to serve teas? Any donations of plants and cakes would be welcome – **CAN YOU HELP?**

Please contact Pauline Lamb on 01428 643798 or lamb@haslemere.com

Supporting the
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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week is from 12th – 18th May this year. Delivered with this edition of the Runner you will find a red Christian Aid envelope for contributions from those in the Grayswood area, as we do not collect door to door. Donations are vital to the work done by Christian Aid to tackle hunger and deprivation in many parts of the world. We would be grateful if you would return your offering (with Gift Aid details if applicable) to Church House, Church Close, Grayswood or bring it to any Church service in May. Thank you for your help.

Daphne Stephenson, Christian Aid Representative for All Saints Church, Grayswood

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

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY**Every Sunday:** 8am Holy Communion**Every Sunday** the main service is at **10am**5th Parish Communion12th Morning Worship19th **PENTECOST**

Parish Communion

Wear something RED26th **TRINITY SUNDAY**

All Age Morning Worship

with Song Squad

Thursdays 2nd & 16th

Holy Communion at 10.15am

No Communion on Thursday 30th**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.

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

Pastoral care—If you would like someone to visit you - for whatever reason, please contact Barbara or Janet (contact details above). You are promised complete confidentiality.

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

Fernhurst Choral Society...

is performing two wonderful works to celebrate its Diamond Jubilee. They are Haydn's Mass in D Minor (Nelson Mass) and Vivaldi's Gloria, with the Fernhurst Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Timothy Ravalde.

The concert will be held at 7.30 pm at St Paul's Church, Chichester, on Saturday 1st June.

Tickets are £15 and include a glass of wine (NUS students and children under 14 £7.50), from 644125, or Fernhurst Post Office, on the door or online at www.wegotickets.com/event/216542

Surrey Faith Links

Do you need a regular speaker from a different faith for any of your events or regular meetings? Whether it's the Mothers' Union, the WI, prayer or men's breakfast, or youth groups, how about inviting people of different faiths to increase understanding & develop friendships?

If you would like to know more, Surrey Faith Links would love to hear from you. They are happy to help you organise an interfaith event, or to arrange a visit to a different place of worship.

To find out more please contact Kauser Akhtar, Faith Links Adviser, or have a look at the website: www.surreyfaithlinks.org.uk

There is a free monthly newsletter, which includes useful information for faith communities, upcoming events, funding opportunities etc, and you can advertise your events on the newsletter!

VILLAGE PRAYER

During May we remember and think about all those who live in Lower Birtley, Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Button

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings 664410

The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

**Events in May**

Book Club: Tuesday 7th May

WI: Wednesday 8th May

Good News Van: last Monday of the month, 10.30 am

Toddler Group: each Wednesday during Term Time, 9.15-10.45 am

HASLEMERE**food bank****INAUGURAL MEETING**

Come and hear about the Food Bank being set up for Haslemere and District and find out what you, and groups that you belong to, can do to help.

These are open meetings to which all are most welcome:

WEDNESDAY, 8th MAY at 7.30 pm
at Haslemere Methodist Church, Lion Green

FRIDAY, 10th MAY at 2 pm
at High Lane Community Centre

WANTED

Grayswood Nursery and Forest School are looking for a small piece of woodland to use on a daily basis.



Forest School is inspirational. Through play and discovery the children learn to connect with, love, and respect nature. In the woodland there are no plastic toys just natural resources. Imagination flourishes and the children develop skills for life and future schooling at an extraordinary level. Listening, concentrating, befriending, growing—physical strength and risk assessing come naturally in the forest.

If you have seen a band of red-clad children, they are off on a Forest School Adventure. If you would like to come and see Forest School in action, please ring Kate Dean to book a session on 658931 or 07789 987280.