



# The Grayswood Runner



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I recently visited rural Spain. It was a delight, and not just for the sunny weather! Firstly, it was wonderful to visit a country where I was not understood(!) - reading a menu and not having a clue what I was ordering was strangely liberating. The biggest delight however was sitting in the town square on a Saturday evening. Spanish families take great pride in dressing up for dinner. Everyone looked immaculate, from the toddlers in their beautiful clothes, to the older generations in ties and exquisite dresses.

The thing that really stood out was the fact that families actually had a meal together, with no-one looking down at their phone. They all talked to each other. Children ran around the tables playing, but no-one minded. It was a stark contrast to the picture we see in so many restaurants in this country ... people out for dinner with loved ones, but engrossed in their phones—not really present in the moment. As I said, it was a delight to see.

Editor

## Dear Friends

By the time you read this, I will have been away for 4 days at a Summer school with my students, some of whom will be ordained at the end of this month, others next year and others the year after.



Whatever is it that makes a person willing to don a dog collar and wear their faith in a more obvious manner than most? It's not an easy life. Being married to a vicar for 40+ years taught me that. It's not so much the demands on your time and energy; a lot of others have that too, but it has the potential to drain your emotions - unless you go through life untouched by the joys and distresses of others. A Baptism visit in the morning may be followed immediately by a funeral, or a visit to the terminally ill by a wedding interview.

But it also taught me that the rewards are such that no money can buy, mainly the enormous privilege of being allowed in to other people's lives, often at times of emotional upheaval (good or not-so-good): being there when life hurts; preparing a young couple for marriage; sitting by the bedside of the dying; seeing the light of faith suddenly turn on for someone; hearing a child from school yell (yes, really yell!) your name from the other end of the supermarket; and so much more.

Two of these people do these things for real; the other two aren't bad either!



'Rev'; Rose led my ordination retreat; Justin - Archbishop of Canterbury; 'The Vicar of Dibley'

Seriously, please spare a thought or prayer for those who are preparing for ordination and the life which lies ahead of them. They believe (and the wider Church has agreed) that it's God who has called them, and that's why they're willing to put themselves on the front line. The quote on vocation (over) is wonderfully inspiring—and applies of course to much more than vocation to ministry.

With my very best wishes

*Barbara*

## COME TO GLORIOUS GRAYSWOOD

Friday 21st June to Sunday 23rd June 2013

**Fabulous Flower Festival** in All Saints Church. Quiz & storytelling, on Saturday morning. Ben Copeman, Flautist, Saturday 4pm. John Belcher, Organ Recital, Sunday 2.30pm. Evensong 6.30pm.

Numbered programmes £3 with a chance to win an original painting by Ann Clement

**Art & Sculpture Exhibition** in Village Club. Terrific paintings and photographs, stunning sculptures by talented local artists

**Teas & plants** in Village Hall 2.30-5.30pm Saturday & Sunday

**Special Ploughman's Lunches** at The Wheatsheaf

Supporting the Friends of All Saints Grayswood (01428 643798 or [lamb@haslemere.com](mailto:lamb@haslemere.com))

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**CHURCH SERVICES for JUNE**

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Parish Communion  
 Preacher:  
 The Rev'd Dr Steve Summers
- 9<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship  
 Preacher: Fiona Gwynn
- 16<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion
- 23<sup>rd</sup> All Age Morning Worship with the  
 Baptism of Freyja Hardaker
- 6.30 Choral Evensong**
- 30<sup>th</sup> **JOINT SERVICE at ST BART'S**  
**No 10AM AT All Saints**
- Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**  
 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 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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**Pastoral Care**—if you would like someone to visit you—for whatever reason—please contact Barbara or Janet (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](mailto:gwynnfamilysky.com)

**Events in June**

**Book Club:** Tuesday 11th June  
**WI:** Wednesday 12th June  
**Good News Van:** 24th June  
**Toddler Group:** each Wednesday  
 in Term Time

**Useful Grayswood Numbers**

Village Hall Bookings:  
[mark@stonefern.com](mailto:mark@stonefern.com)  
 Grayswood Club 07748 065 821  
 Grayswood School 642086  
 Grayswood Nursery School 658931  
 Wheatsheaf 644440

**Add a little sparkle to your Wednesday!**

Grayswood WI would like to invite the ladies of Grayswood to a Champagne and Sparkling Wine Tasting Evening being held as part of their June meeting.

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

During June we remember all those who live beyond the parish boundary.

**Police Meeting**

Drop in and meet your local policing team at The Wheatsheaf, Wed 24th July, 2-3 pm

On Wednesday 12th June, from 7.45 pm in the Village Hall, the ladies will enjoy a lovely selection of sparkling wines with a rough guide on how to choose them, where they come from, and, if you need one, a reason to enjoy them!

Places must be booked in advance, but are just £8 and are available by emailing [grayswoodwi@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodwi@gmail.com)

**HASLEMERE AND DISTRICT BIBLE SOCIETY ACTION GROUP**

Invites you to its

**Annual Bible Society Meeting and Afternoon Tea**

Presentation on recent Society activities including visit to Cambodia  
 Guest Speaker – Heather Clements Tuesday 11th June, 2.30-4.30 pm,  
 at The Link, St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere

**Vocation**

It comes from the Latin vocare, to call, and means the work a person is called to by God.

There are all different kinds of voices calling you to all different kinds of work, and the problem is to find out which is the voice of God rather than of Society, say, or the Superego, or Self-Interest. By and large a good rule for finding out is this: The kind of work God usually calls you to is the kind of work (a) that you need most to do and (b) that the world most needs to have done. If you really get a kick out of your work, you've presumably met requirement (a), but if your work is writing cigarette ads, the chances are you've missed requirement (b). On the other hand, if your work is being a doctor in a leper colony, you have probably met requirement (b), but if most of the time you're bored and depressed by it, the chances are you have not only bypassed (a), but probably aren't helping your patients much either. Neither the hair shirt nor the soft berth will do.

The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

**Frederick Buechner**