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New Beginnings...

Where did it go? Time that is... The passing of time, and marking of it is measured not only by clocks and calendars, but by life events.

This month, perhaps you'll look at the calendar and realise that it's been weeks since a friend's birthday when you said you'd call them 'in a few days', or you will hear a song on 'pop-master', and, when asked to guess the year, you're way off as surely it was only last year that it reached Number One?!

Maybe your child, niece, nephew or grandchild is starting school, college or university... but they can't be, they are still only little, surely?

Time passes, things change, grow, move on. This can bring joy, sadness, excitement and fulfillment, or can sometimes just make you feel old!

You needn't feel that way. Embrace it, run with it, take the best bits and make them your own. Perhaps the best is yet to come!

Editor

Dear Friends

Happy New (Academic) Year

Having been married to a teacher for more than 2 decades, my life, even before children, has revolved around the academic year. September has become my New Year and I often have great plans for how I am going to change things to make my life run more smoothly. This year is no exception.

As I begin my second year of OLM (Ordained Local Ministry) training there are lessons I have learnt from last year.

- 1 Allow at least three times the amount of time I think it will take to write an essay.
- 2 Ensure that dinner is in the oven before I decide to go and do 'just 10 minutes work'.
- 3 Always ensure I have at least one text book in the car to take advantage of the time sitting waiting for children after matches

Of course even if I stick to the above (which is highly unlikely) there will be other things that will catch me out. Life isn't always easy and it certainly isn't predictable. God never promised us it would be. However, He understands our frustrations and hears our cries of anguish if we let Him in. Which is why, when I am up late at night working because I have been on the phone to a friend who needed to talk or printing off my essay 10 minutes before I am due to leave for college because the kids needed a lift somewhere, I know that He hears me, and more often than not that 10 minutes is just long enough. It's when I try and do these things without Him that it all begins to fall apart. So my resolution for this year is to ensure that I allow God into all aspects of my life, not just the bits that are on show!

With my best wishes,
Fiona

CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

All Saints' church invites you all to another concert by candlelight on October 12th at 8.00 pm.

We have invited two up-and-coming young performers, Catherine Lett, violin, and Angela Zanders, piano.

Together they will give us an evening of enjoyable classical and romantic music, including works by Mozart, Brahms and Debussy.

To get you in the mood for the concert, you again have the option of a set meal at 6.30 pm at

The Wheatsheaf, [tickets £25.00 for supper and concert] - or just come to the concert,

[tickets £15.00]. Both tickets

include a FREE glass of wine during the interval. Tickets

available from Judy Culhane

[64125] or Pauline Lamb

[643798] from August 15th.

All profits go towards the upkeep of church, in particular,

the new roof fund.

Thank you

Haslemere Food Bank - How you can help?

How would you feel if you had to choose between feeding your children and paying rent? Or had to go to bed hungry so that you could afford to have some heating on in the winter?

Most of us who live in and around Grayswood are very fortunate and will never have to make those sorts of choices but, for some, going hungry is an all too common reality.

The Haslemere Food Bank has been set up to help people in the local area who cannot afford to buy food, often because of benefit delay, domestic violence, debt, family breakdown or illness. All food is donated by the public and sorted by volunteers to provide packs of nutritionally balanced, non-perishable food to those who need it.

To make it easier for people in Grayswood to donate, we have set up a collection box in All Saints Church and will arrange regular delivery of food items to the Food Bank depots in Haslemere. The church is open every day and all you need to do is drop in your tins, jars or packets of non-perishable food. Just one extra item when you do your weekly shop could make all the difference!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...." (Matthew 25:35)



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CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER**Every Sunday:** 8am Holy Communion**Every Sunday** the main service is at **10am**

- 1st Parish Communion with all ages
 8th Morning Worship
 15th Parish Communion
 22nd All Age Morning Worship with
 Baptisms of Maryann Thornton
 & Joseph Dooling
 29th Joint Service at St Christopher's,
 Haslemere, at **11 am**

Thursdays 5th & 19th

Holy Communion at 10.15am

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please join us for our

All Age Harvest Festival Service
at 10 am on Sunday 6th October**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 (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**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In September our prayers are for those living
in The Mount, Upper Mount and
Williamson Close

YOUR RUNNER NEEDS YOU!

We are always looking for contributions
to our newsletter. Please feel free to con-
tact the Editor with items you would like
included next month by

20th September**Useful Grayswood Numbers**

Village Hall Bookings:

mark@stonefern.com

Grayswood Club: 07748 065 821

Grayswood School: 642086

Grayswood Nursery School: 658931

Wheatsheaf: 644440

**Events in September****Book Club:** Tuesday 10th September**WI:** Wednesday 11th September**Good News Van:** Monday 23rd September**Toddler Group:** 9.15-10.45 am each Wednesday in Term Time, in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room at the Village Hall (from 11th September)

You are warmly invited to join us for a
Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10 am until
12 noon on Saturday 14th September 2013
at the Grayswood Village Club.

In addition to tea, coffee and biscuits there
will be cakes, books, bric-a-brac and a raffle.

Please do come along and help support a
fantastic cause.

Haslemere in Stitches!

Julie Langley warmly invites you to a new Local Sewing & Craft Group that will meet on the first Tuesday evening of every month. A friendly group to improve your sewing skills, or just come to meet other 'craft minded' people, have a chat & bring along your choice of sewing project (or it can be supplied).

Meetings are £5 if you bring your own craft, or charged according to which craft is taking place. The meetings will include creativity, chit chat & also tea, coffee, cake & biscuits.

September event ~ Make a House Tape Measure/Key Ring ~ £10 for the session,
on 3rd September from 7 pm - 9 pm in Grayswood Village Hall

For more information, please call Julie on 07719 718730

Cello Recital

On Sunday 8th September Olivia (a talented local youngster) will be giving a free Recital in All Saints Church, Grayswood, at 2.30 pm
All are warmly invited to attend

Olivia has played the cello from the age of 8 &, for the past 4 years, has studied with Robert Max at the Junior Royal Academy of Music. In 2008 she gave one of her first solo performances in the Purcell Room at the Royal Festival Hall & a couple of years later was appointed Principal Cellist of the Barbican Young Orchestra conducted by Sir Colin Davis. She has been principal cellist of the jRAM Symphony Orchestra, received second prize in the 2013 jRAM chamber music prize, & has participated in a number of National Piano Trio Society masterclasses.

Olivia has just returned from a month in Ghana where she worked as a volunteer at the Central Regional Hospital in Cape Coast. The limitations in medical care she encountered, largely resulting from an extraordinary lack of funding & absence of equipment considered essential in the UK, together with acute poverty means that many are unable to access even basic treatment.

This inevitably results in significant disability & in some cases, death.

There will be a retiring collection at the recital, & any money raised will be sent to a local Ghanaian medical charity which helps support patients who cannot afford their own healthcare.

Programme: Beethoven cello and piano sonata in A major, op.69; Bach solo cello suite in c minor; *Interval*;
Schubert 'Arpeggione' sonata for cello and piano in a minor, D821; Chopin *Polonaise Brillante*, op.3

