



# The Grayswood Runner



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We had some young family members to stay recently, who excitedly told us that it is only 14 weekends until Christmas! 'Eek!', I thought! Not because of the mountain of card writing, present buying & meal planning but because I realised I only have 15 weekends left of the year to achieve the resolutions I set myself 9 months ago! I can't believe we are three quarters of the way through 2013. Where did it go? Ever the optimist, I believe there is still plenty of time to make a difference! With the children back at school & our working schedules back in their familiar routine, now is a really good time to re-visit our resolutions, or what we had hoped to achieve this year. If you are not one for setting yourself resolutions or goals, perhaps take this point in the year to reflect on all the good things that the year has brought you, & think of other changes you might like to make in your life. There is much to be thankful for, particularly in our beautiful village.

Editor

## Disaster or opportunity?

### Dear Friends

Many of you will have heard by now that the church roof is in urgent need of repair. Following some tiles sliding off, a professional investigation revealed that there was a lot more damage under the surface – to the tune of (roughly) £100,000. Our first thought was – **disaster!** An impossible task for a relatively small church family.

Subsequent thoughts steered more in the direction of **opportunity** - an **opportunity** for us to demonstrate that the building is worth keeping and restoring.

**Step 1** So I have challenged the congregation (including myself of course) to take this **opportunity** to reflect our generous God and be generous ourselves, to each give what we can – in the first instance without strings and without fundraising efforts. Someone said the other day that if 80 people Gift Aided £1,000 each, we would reach the target. That is certainly possible for some, but I'm well aware it is totally out of the question for others, and they will take more part in the fundraising which will follow (see step 2 below). Jesus praised the widow who put a small coin in the offering bowl because it represented so much more to her than those who were ostentatiously giving larger amounts. And although we don't have 80 families who belong to the church, someone has already extremely generously (and anonymously) given £10,000 to start the ball rolling.

It could also be an **opportunity** for the whole Grayswood community and perhaps even the wider community beyond, to contribute. Even if you don't come to church on a Sunday, I hope you'd still like the building to be there and available for the popular Christmas services and for weddings and funerals. (Yes, it could be that serious.) If you are a tax payer and would like us to be able to reclaim from the government 25% on top of the amount you give, all you have to do is put your money in a yellow envelope (on the shelf on the right as you enter the church) and fill it out. Otherwise use an ordinary envelope with 'Roof Fund' written on it. If you wish your gift to be anonymous, the sum you give will be known only by our Gift Aid manager and by no one else (including me).

So **Step 1** is a simple, straightforward

**Gift Day**

**All Saints Day, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

### Opportunities to give

- at a retiring collection at the end of the **10am** service.
- **between 3 and 5pm**. Drop in to the church; someone will be there during those times.
- **any other time that day** or **during the week 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**. Collect a yellow Gift Aid envelope if appropriate, fill it out and drop it into Church House.

Many thanks – and I'll let you know the result.

**Step 2** is a **series of fundraising efforts**, some of which are already being planned and a lot of which are **opportunities** to also have fun together. As 'vicar' I'm expected (I understand!) to do something outrageous - and that's being thought about too! I do hope you will join in.

Watch this space for ....

**Disaster?** I trust not.

**opportunities galore!**

With my very best wishes **Barbara**

### CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT GLORIOUS CLASSICAL MUSIC FOR AN AUTUMN EVENING

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
at 8pm

All Saints Church

CATHERINE LETT –

*Violin*

ANGELA ZANDERS -

*Piano*

Box office:

Judy 644125 or

Pauline 643798

£15 for concert only

£25 with popular

pre-concert meal at

The Wheatsheaf at

6.30 pm

### CHURCH ROOF PLEA

After many faithful years, the roof of our lovely church needs to be urgently replaced.

If you are an online shopper and buy via the website

AllSaintsGrayswood@  
EasyFundRaising

then you will be able to see all of the retailers who will make a donation to the fund, if you make online purchases via the site. Your help is much appreciated and urgently needed!

### All Saints Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 7th December | 1.30am – 1.30pm Grayswood Village Hall**

Lots of fun and entertainment for all, including:- Father Christmas, Children's Corner, Toys and Games, Gifts, Bric a Brac, Bulbs, Mugs, Decorations, Books and DVDs, Cards, Raffle, (see details overleaf), Bottle Tombola and lots more....

Stall contributions welcome, as are any offers to help on the day!!

Soup and Bacon Butties served from 12pm – 1pm

Contact Heather (605439 or [mrslybourne@gmail.com](mailto:mrslybourne@gmail.com)) or Jane (643891 or [janewhitehome@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janewhitehome@yahoo.co.uk))

**Contacting the Runner** : Telephone: 01428 656504, [editor@grayswoodparish.org](mailto:editor@grayswoodparish.org)

**CHURCH SERVICES in OCTOBER**

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

6<sup>th</sup> **HARVEST** Celebration

13<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion:  
 preacher Dr Colin Brown

20<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion for  
 St Luke's Day  
 with the laying on of hands for healing

27<sup>th</sup> All Age Morning Worship  
 (Rev Bev Hunt)



**Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> (NOT 31<sup>st</sup>)** Holy Communion  
 at 10.15am

**Advance notice**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Patronal Festival Service of Holy Communion  
 for All Saints Day  
 and  
 GIFT DAY to launch the roof appeal**

**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.

tel: 656504 e-mail: [barbarasteelerperkins@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:barbarasteelerperkins@tiscali.co.uk)

**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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**If you have any pastoral concerns or would** like someone to visit you - for whatever reason, please contact Barbara or Janet on the numbers/emails 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)

The family of the late Jock Grant, who lived in Lower Road, Grayswood, would like to sincerely thank his many friends in the village who so generously made a contribution towards a bench on the village green in memory of Jock. The family were truly overwhelmed by the kindness shown to them following their loss, and hope the villagers of Grayswood enjoy the bench very soon and find it a very fitting memorial to Jock who loved the village and its people.

Charity Christmas Cards  
 will be on sale at Haslemere Museum  
 from 18th Oct.—1st Dec.  
 from 10 am—4.30 pm

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

During October we remember all those who live in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree Close

**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

*You are warmly invited to attend the  
**Annual Memorial Service**  
 at All Saints Church  
 on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013 at 4 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 telephone the Church Office on 01428 656504, or email [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com) by **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October***

**Events in October**

**Book Club:** Tuesday 8th October  
**WI:** Wednesday 9th October  
**Good News Van:** Monday 28 October  
**Toddler Group:** Every Wed in Term Time

**ALL AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL  
 at All Saints Church will be at 10 am  
 on Sunday 6th October**

This year we are hoping to give as many of the Harvest contributions as possible to the Haslemere Food Bank, so we would be particularly grateful for non-perishable food and toiletry items. Please come & join us for this special service

**Would you like The Runner mailed to you?**

If you live outside Grayswood Parish & would like The Runner posted to you regularly, please get in touch with Pauline Lamb, email: [lamb@haslemere.com](mailto:lamb@haslemere.com) or tel: 01428 643798 giving me your full name, address and email address (or phone number). The cost will be £5 pa for 10 issues. I am hoping to start with the Dec/Jan 2014 issue, so please let me know before the middle of November.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE**

This year we are selling pre-printed tickets for our Christmas Fayre Raffle. Please take books to sell to all your friends, relatives, colleagues and anyone else! Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book of five. Many exciting prizes including a Steam Dreams Voucher, Spa Day at the Georgian Hotel, Haslemere, a turkey from Prestwick Farm, hampers and more! For more details, or to obtain books of Raffle Tickets, please contact Pauline Lamb (643798) or Shirley (653285)