



The Grayswood Runner



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April—May 2014



Harp Recital
in All Saints
Church on
Sunday 27
April, starting
at 3pm. Amy
Turk will be

demonstrating the versatility of the harp by performing a number of contemporary pieces. Entrance is free but donations on the day can be made to the Roof Fund. More info. from Di Cook, 654303 or drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk

Break out your walking boots then come and take part in our **Beating the Bounds Walk** on Saturday May 17, starting at the Village Green. Either choose the full 13(ish) miles or opt for some of the drop-out points – but make sure you join us for lunch at the Dog and Pheasant! For more information and for sponsorship forms, contact Di Cook (details above) or please consider making a donation on the day.



Dear Friends

How's this for a quote: 'Success isn't having the top job in the biggest company any more. It's about how much control you have'. This from a young woman (quoted in the newspaper recently) who works in the business world. In context it was implied that she was talking not only about control over her own life but control over others. How sad that success is measured that way. Perhaps we take too much stock of people like William Henley, who in the mid-19th century wrote: 'I am the master of my fate: I am the captain of my soul.' It's an attractive proposition, because we all need to feel in control. Much argument for assisted dying, for example, stems from a fear of the lack of control over one's own life and a corresponding loss of freedom.

Of course I am free to make choices; of course I have some control in some areas of my life – choosing career, spouse or partner, where to live and so on. And yes, I may influence other people's lives. All that is very different from measuring success by the amount of control we have, which inevitably means a loss of control and a lack of freedom for others.

A friend of mine takes assemblies in a senior school and invites the young people who are shortly to be adults, to explore the difference in attitude between being competitive and collaborative. How different are our lives if we have as our goal success or having a servant heart? Which way of life is more consistent with the values of the Kingdom of God – generosity, harmony and justice? Which way of life brings inner peace and satisfaction?

Jesus paid for living that way - with his life. He refused to have control over other people's lives; he gave them freedom and enlarged their vision. Jesus also refused to take control over his own life and come down from the cross – even though he was challenged to do just that. On Good Friday we remember. But on Easter Sunday we celebrate God's vindication of Jesus' life and death.

Which will we choose – in our personal lives, our family lives, our business lives, our church lives? Competitive or collaborative? Success or service? We can live by the values of the Kingdom of God – or not. We can work together in serving others – or not. Living by those values may cost us, probably not our lives, but in time and effort, and perhaps money. Is it a price we are willing to pay?

A very happy Easter to you all.

Barbara

Grayswood Open Gardens Sunday 8th June 11.30 - 5.30

Calling all gardeners!
You may be busy splitting perennials, growing on seedlings, or simply having a springtime clear out.

Do you have spare plants you can donate to the plant stall?

Volunteers also needed to run the stall on the day

If you can help then please contact Edwina Good on 643732 or edwina@edwinagood.plus.com

Calling all bakers!
Cakes needed for teas in the village hall, so if you're rustling up gorgeous cakes for Mothering Sunday, or for birthdays, then please make an extra one to donate.

If you can help, please contact Trish Bell on 654418 or trishbell@btinternet.net.



Vic's Jukebox Live

An Evening with Vic Cracknell:

a night of requests with music from the 50s to the present

Saturday 12th April 8 pm [doors open 7.30]

All welcome, but booking required

Members £8-00 [Non-members £10-00]

Some of the proceeds to be donated to

All Saints Roof Fund

Snack food included

To purchase tickets email

grayswoodvillageclub@outlook.com

or call Mark 07879556757, or call into the Club

All Saints Spring Fayre Saturday 3 May, 11.30am – 1.30pm Grayswood Village Hall

**Lots of fun and entertainment for all, including:-
Raffle, Bottle Tombola, Cakes, Kitchenalia, Plants,
Children's Corner, Toys and Games, Books ...
not forgetting the Bouncy Castle and
Outdoor Games!!!**

**Soup and Bacon Butties served from 12 – 1pm
Entrance : £1 (includes a tea/coffee), under10s free**

**Stall contributions welcome
Contact Heather, 605439, mrslybourne@gmail.com
or Jane, 643891, janewhitehome@yahoo.co.uk**

Contacting the Runner : Telephone: 01428 656504, grayswoodrunner@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL and MAY
Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Every Sunday the main service is at **10am**

April6th Parish Communion13th All Age Morning Worship**HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME**14th, 15th & 16th Compline at **9pm**17th Maundy Thursday**7.45 for 8pm** Supper & Communion round the table*Please book with Judy (for catering) 652044*18th **10am** Good FridayAll Age Morning Worship; *gather on the Green***12 – 2pm** Church open for private meditation**2-3pm** Guided meditation20th **Easter Sunday Celebration**

All Age Communion with the (optional) renewal of Baptism vows

27th All Age Morning Worship**Thursday 3rd at 10.15am: Holy Communion****May**4th Parish Communion11th Morning Worship18th Parish Communion25th All Age Morning Worship

with the Baptism of Willoughby Kharl

Thursdays 1st & 15th at 10.15: Holy Communion**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 daily from about 9am - 4 pm in winter, about 6pm in summer. It's a peaceful place to think, meditate, dream, pray.

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 & will get back to you as soon as possible.

tel: 656504 e-mail: barbarasteeleperkins@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.

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

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**, and can help with an arrangement for a special festival or if you wish to donate flowers at any time - in memory of someone or at a special anniversary, etc.

tel: 654728 e-mail: gwynnfamily@sky.com

Free Family Fun Day - Monday 21st April

from 10.30am-4.30pm at St Martha's-on-the-Hill, Chilworth, Guildford.

All welcome to join in free crafts, open church and free refreshments served all day, plus lots of activities for kids during the afternoon from 2-4pm, including treasure hunt and face painting. The church is in a unique location on the ancient PilgrimsWay, only accessible by foot. Parking at Halfpenny Lane, Guildford Lane, Newlands Corner and Chilworth car parks. Enquiries: Christ Church Guildford Parish Office 01483 567072 www.christchurchguildford.com

Events in April & May (respectively)

Book Club: Tuesday 8th & 13th, in the Village Club

WI: Wednesday 9th: Pens, & 14th: NFWI AGM Resolutions, Grayswood WI Archives at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Good News Van: Monday 28th & 26th, at 10.30 am at 77 Lower Road

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: 9.15-10.45 am each Wednesday in Term time (not meeting 9th or 16th April)

Village Prayer

In April and May we think of, and pray, for all those who live in Grayswood Road, Church Close, Sandy Lane, Grayswood Common, Grayswood Copse, Little Home Close, Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Button

Useful Grayswood Numbers

Village Hall Bookings

mark@stonefern.com

The Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

Can you give a horse a (temporary) home?

We are new to the village and living in Prestwick Lane. I am aware of just how many suitable empty grazing fields there are, but I have been struggling to find the associated owners to enquire directly.

Being currently 6 months pregnant, I am desperately looking for a local field to rent for the Summer whilst I concentrate on the birth and those first few months. A single field of about an acre, with a shelter and water, would be ideal, but larger than that would be fine too, and a shelter is not imperative.

Many thanks in advance, Helen Long
 Tel: 07957418186 or 01428 480220

**Christian Aid Week
11th - 17th May, 2014**

We will be collecting again for Christian Aid during May, and hope you are willing to support its many vital projects.

Red envelopes will be available from Grayswood Club and Village Hall, as well as in All Saints Church.

We would be very grateful if you could return donations (in a red envelope) to Church House, Church Close, Grayswood, or hand it in at any of the Services at All Saints Church during May. Thank you for your help and support.

Daphne Stephenson: Christian Aid Rep. for Grayswood

**ST MARYS CHURCH, CHIDDINGFOLD
ERIC THIMAN'S****The Last Supper**

Bring it and Sing it: everyone welcome!!
 Holy Saturday – 19th April 2014 at 7pm

Rehearsal at 5.30pm in the church

Further information from

Roger Crocker,

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