



September 2014

Dear Friends

2 down – 1 to go!

When I started my Ordained Local Ministry (OLM) training in September 2012 the three year training course looked extremely daunting and I wondered how I would get through it. The time has flown by and I have survived the first 2 years and now only have 3 terms to go.

The title of the course is 'Formation for Ministry' and I have to admit I didn't really think too much about what that meant when I started. However, over the last 2 years this has been the essence of what I have learnt. Formation, in simple terms, describes the process that we go through to grow into maturity in Christ. A process that all Christians go through – not just those of us in training.

Isaiah, in the Old Testament, uses the analogy of the potter (God) and his clay (us) to illustrate how we are formed and re-formed until the potter is satisfied with the finished piece. The joy is that until the potter is completely happy the clay can be knocked back down to a ball and re-worked as many times as is necessary to ensure the piece looks as it should. Thanks goodness for that as I know that if that weren't the case I would have been consigned to the seconds bin long ago!

The course has been challenging in many ways – not least academically! I have had my beliefs and ideas challenged and changed, which has meant letting go of some ideas I have held since becoming a Christian as a teenager. My work placement in HMP Send challenged the prejudices that I didn't know I had, and worshipping with people from different Anglican traditions has been both challenging and inspiring.

As I enter my final year of training I would like to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged me along the way. To the PCC who agreed to fund the training, to the congregation of All Saints and the Local Training Group who have supported me in prayer, to Barbara for being my tutor, to Mary Bowden for being my training incumbent, to the people of Grayswood who take the time to stop and ask me how it is going and most importantly to my family who have allowed me to follow my calling – even though it has taken much of my time away from them.

'Thank You'
Fiona Gwynn

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank, was founded in July 2013 serving needy families in Haslemere and surrounding local areas.

The collection/distribution site is the Methodist Church, Weyhill and is manned by a team of volunteers who sort, store and distribute the food packs.

Tinned food and dried products are collected by local Churches and individuals, and a monthly list of urgent needs are published.

Food packs, either to individuals or families are issued on twice weekly basis, and vouchers for the food are issued by request from local churches, CAB, GP's and other local institutions.

In the first 6 months (July – December 2013) a total of 56 packs were issued, including family and single packs. From January 2014 a further 89 packs have been issued.

Overall, since the bank started approximately 380 people (including children) have been supplied with food and essential goods.

All Saints Church supports the Bank by collecting donations in a box at the back of the Church and the notice board, and each edition of the Runner from now on (see overleaf), has details of the current needs.

Trish Bell



RICHARD STEELE-PERKINS MEMORIAL CONCERT BY CANDLELIGHT

27th September at 8 pm, in church

Please **BOOK NOW** if you would like to be sure of obtaining tickets for the concert with meal, as they are selling very fast!

Crispian Steele-Perkins (Richard's brother), the celebrated trumpeter, accompanied by Leslie Pearson on piano, will be performing an enjoyable selection of light classical music and jazz.

Please contact Judy, 01428 644125, culhane@grayswood.co.uk, or Shirley, 01428 653285, shirley1941@btinternet.com for tickets - costing £15.00 for the concert only or £25.00 (limited availability) to include a pre-concert meal at the Wheatsheaf at 6.30 pm. There will be a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink in the interval).

Tickets are now on sale from Di Cook for the **Auction of Promises**. Please come & support us & bid for some super items! Also remember the **Pointless Quiz** on 11 October. Not really pointless - just lots of fun. Book a table of 8 at discount! *See insert for details.*

ALL SAINTS ROOF UPDATE – From the Project Team

Work will be starting on Monday, 8th September; scaffolding being erected first around the church and then the roofing works following on. The main entrance, choir entrance and vicar's vestry entrance will remain accessible throughout. Work should be completed by the end of November as long as the weather remains kind to us.

Please keep a look out for the guidelines regarding access and general rules for visiting the church whilst this work is in progress: these will be communicated before the work starts. Reminder signs will be displayed in and around the church grounds. Your co-operation with these guidelines will be much appreciated as they are designed to avoid any potential injuries to visitors and contractors alike.

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

CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

Every Sunday: 8 am Holy Communion (BCP)
Every Sunday the main service is at 10 am

[31st AUGUST United Benefice Service at Grayswood - a Celtic Communion to be held in the Village Hall]

7th Parish Communion

14th Café Church in the Village Hall

21st Parish Communion

28th All Age Morning Worship

**Thursdays 4th & 18th at 10.15 am:
Holy Communion**

VILLAGE PRAYER

During September we remember those
who live in The Mount, Upper Mount
and Williamson Close

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

The food bank has now been running for almost a year, and in that time has distributed 140 packs!

Every month a list is produced of current urgent needs, which at the moment is as follows (preferably small items, rather than family packs):

Sugar
Long-life milk
Tinned Pasta
Coffee
Toilet rolls
Toothpaste
Shampoo

NOT currently needed:

Soup, Baked Beans, Dried pasta, Nappies

The collecting box is situated at the back of the Church, further details of the Food bank system are on the noticeboard.

Thank you for your support.

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

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**. 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

For more information, visit the church website on www.grayswoodparish.org

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 9th

WI: Wednesday 10th—Titanic (with speaker, Sally Milsom)

Good Book Morning: Monday 22nd

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group:
each Wednesday in Term Time (starting again on 10th September)

Please contact Jane White, 643891, or Janet Fry, 01483 527390, for details

HHH Concerts:

Our historic Music Club, continues in the 2014/15 season to bring distinguished musicians from around the world to perform in St Christopher's Church, Haslemere. Recent seasons' programmes included an array of string quartets such as the Danish String, Piatti, Arcadia and Doric Quartet, while interesting repertoire was performed by the London Bridge Ensemble, Ellipsis Wind Quintet and the Leonore Piano Trio. Piano and instrumental recitals were highlights, featuring established artists and gifted young performers.

HHH Concerts' new season begins on Saturday 4th October and will feature young gifted artists and established string quartets. A diversion will be the *Valentines Evening Concert* which will feature the Amaryllis Consort – a vocal ensemble who will perform a programme appropriately entitled "Food of Love" - songs interspersed with readings from Shakespeare's sonnets and plays. This will be a delight in the magical acoustic of St Christopher's Church.

The 5-concert season will be conclude with a "Celebrity Concert" given by the distinguished British pianist John Lill, who performed for HHH early in his career, in 1984, and he is very much looking forward to returning to play a programme to include works by Mozart, Schumann, Prokofiev, Brahms and Beethoven.

A Season Ticket for all 5 concerts is just £65 (or a double season ticket for £110). Single concert tickets are £18, and free tickets are available for young people in full-time education aged 8 – 25, sponsored by the Cavatina Trust (proof of attendance at school or college necessary).

Tickets are available from HHH Concerts, Rosewood, Park Road, Haslemere, GU27 2NJ, email: var-tans@haslemere.com, tel: 01428 652448; from haslemere.com/hhh or from Chamberlain Music, Weyhill, 4 weeks before each concert, and at the door. Further information on our website: www.haslemere.com/hhh

Read my lips!

Lip-reading is a vital communication skill for people who are deaf or hard of hearing that can help tackle isolation. It is widely recognised that lip-reading can help people of all ages, with any degree of hearing loss to communicate better.

4 new lip-reading classes are being established at venues across the diocese this autumn by the Communities Engagement Team. Details will be available shortly.

To register an interest please contact Tracey Wade, Deaf & Inclusion Co-ordinator:
Direct line: 01483 790327, or email: tracey.wade@cofeguildford.org.uk

