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THE LONDON MARATHON 26TH APRIL

There are probably many people

reading this that think Greg and Daphne Bleach are mad to be doing the London Marathon again, sometimes we think that ourselves! And yes, we also know there are those that heard us say that we would never do it again having completed it in 2013.

However, we also know that we are very blessed to have the health to be able to do the training in the hope that we can get around the course and still be able to walk the next day! Our training schedule is over 16 weeks and we aim to run over 400 miles in training, our longest run being the Cranleigh 21 at the end of March.

This year our chosen charity is The Fountain Centre which is a quiet haven attached to St Luke's Cancer Centre at RSCH, a wonderful place of serenity away from the hustle and bustle of the hospital. The Fountain Centre offers information and support, counselling and a wide range of complementary therapies to patients and their families who are undergoing cancer treatment, and sadly we know quite a few, and you may do too. If you would like to support The Fountain Centre through us, there will be a sponsor form in All Saint's Church or you can go online to our link:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/DaphneandGregTheFountainCentre>

Daphne and Greg Bleach



Dear Friends

Purple is the colour of the season, and most people's experience is that it is a season for giving up things we like - chocolate or alcohol or our favourite dessert.

The children of Grayswood school would tell you that a **purple** season is for **preparing**. In Advent we **prepare** for Christmas; in Lent we **prepare** for Easter, and that usually includes self-examination and self-denial.

Lent was the season in the Early Church when people were **prepared** for Baptism. Admission into the Church by Baptism - the fellowship of Christ's people - and the celebration of the risen Jesus at Easter happened all in one go. What better beginning could there be?



This year in Grayswood we are following that pattern too. Two adults and three young people have just begun to **prepare** together for their Confirmation, when they will confirm for themselves the promises made by their godparents or sponsors at their Baptism and pray for and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. They have some homework to do, then we discuss that - and all sorts of things - together, in order to understand a bit more what the Christian faith is about and how to read the Bible intelligently.

(It's all too easy to read it simplistically!)

As we carefully **prepare** for Easter, and as they carefully **prepare** for Confirmation, both through Lent, we know the hard work and sacrifices we make will help us enjoy the celebration more. These five people will be confirmed by the Bishop and confirm their Baptism promises in the Cathedral on Easter Eve in a large company of Christians; the next day in All Saints provides an opportunity for everyone who wishes to, to affirm their own Baptism vows.

I hope you too will enjoy your Lenten **preparations** this year.

With my very best wishes for a fruitful **preparing** season this Lent

Barbara



YOU ARE INVITED
whatever your age (children welcome)
to a café style church gathering
in the Wheatsheaf
Sunday 22nd March
10am

Informal

Sit with your friends - or with people you'd like to get to know
We aim to:

- relax and enjoy each other's company
- enjoy conversations
- enjoy bacon butties and coffee / tea / fruit juice
- enjoy some music

No need to reply; just turn up.

Final comment from the Project Team:

The church roof, lych gate and associated works planned at the start of this project are now complete (Celebration Service on Sunday 1st March at 10 am).

*A **BIG** thank you to everyone for their generosity in supporting this project in many different ways, and for being so patient throughout the work by putting up with a great deal of inconvenience over the last few months.*

We now have a church building which will last for many years to come.

Thank you.

Diana Ramsden



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

1st A Special Service of Celebration
and Thanksgiving for our new roof
6.30pm Evensong in the Cathedral

8th Parish Communion**15th** Mothering Sunday**22nd** Café Church in the Wheatsheaf**29th** Palm Sunday Parish Communion**Thursdays 5th & 19th** at 10.15: Holy Communion**HOLY WEEK (30 Mar – 4 April)****Mon, Tues & Wed:** Compline (Night Prayer) 9pm in church**Maundy Thursday:** Supper with Communion: OJ Room: 7.45

Good Friday: 10am All Age Worship,
coffee & hot cross buns
Gather on the Green if fine
12-2pm Church open for prayer
2pm Meditation: The Nails of the Cross

5th April Easter Sunday

All Age Parish Communion
with the Renewal of Baptism Vows



*Christ
is Risen!*

12th Morning Worship**19th** Parish Communion**26th** All Age Morning Worship

All Saints is seeking another organist, or a pianist who wishes to train as an organist, to be involved with the choir on Friday evenings and the 10 am Sunday morning services. If you are interested in

finding out more, please contact

Jean White, 643338, or Shirley

Richmond, 653285,

shirley1941@btinternet.com

**Advance notice for your diaries....***All Saints Spring Fayre**Saturday 2nd May**11.30am – 1.30pm**Grayswood Village Hall*

Lots of fun and stalls, but we please start your
Spring cleaning of cupboards and drawers for items
for:

Jewellery and Beauty, Kitchenalia,
Children's Sports Wear

...and please think about sowing extra seeds
or potting up more plants from your garden!!

Cakes will be much appreciated
nearer the time.

More details in the May Runner or contact
Di (654303, drdianecook@hotmail.co.uk) or Shirley
(653285, shirley1941@btinternet.com)

Haslemere Food Bank

Items needed at the moment
(preferably small, rather than family
packs, please):

Tinned meat, vegetables and fish
Tinned potatoes
Toiletries
Biscuits and puddings
Drinking chocolate

Urgently needed:
Long life milk

**Not currently
needed:**
Soup, baked beans,
pasta and nappies

Thank you for your
on-going support and
generosity, which is greatly appreciated.

**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.

Useful Numbers

Village Hall Bookings:
mark@stonefern.com

Grayswood Club
07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086
Grayswood Nursery School
658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

**Events in March/April**

Book Club: Tuesday 10th March & 14th April

WI: Wednesday 11th March & 8th April

Good Book Morning: Monday 24th March & 27th April

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: each Wednesday in Term Time. Please contact Jane White, 643891, or Janet Fry, 01483 527390, for details

VILLAGE PRAYER

In March we remember those who live in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree Close, & in April, those who live in Grayswood Road, Church Close, Sandy Lane & Grayswood Common.

THE JOHN SHILLITO BAND

Come along for an evening of traditional New Orleans Jazz in All Saints Church on **Saturday 14th March, 2015 at 8 pm**
Tickets £15 (£25 including a 2-course supper) from Pauline Lamb (tel: 01428 643798 or email lamb@haslemere.com)
Janet Dallas (tel: 01428 643227 or email janetdallas54@gmail.com)
Organised by the Friends of All Saints

The work to the **Garden of Remembrance** has been in progress, and the Contractors have laid new turf and edged it with everedge (according to the plan drawn up with the Diocese).

There is a gravel strip at the foot of the wall where small terracotta or stone pots can be placed with flowers or small plants. This will make it easier for the grass to be cut regularly and for the area to be kept tidy. Until the new turf 'takes' and the first cut is done there will be a protective barrier around the area. Snowdrops have been planted beneath the turf though they may not come through in this first season.

We do hope that the improvements will be appreciated and that, together, we can maintain this as a peaceful and tidy place for everyone. Please do pick up a leaflet from inside church for more details.

Judy Culhane, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council