

## A Bishop's Homage explained

Many of us will have taken great interest in the appointment of our new Bishop, the Right Reverend Andrew Watson. Some of us may have been lucky enough to attend the installation of Bishop Andrew, a necessary and formal step to being confirmed in the diocese.

A lesser known part of the journey, but no less important is the act of doing homage to the Sovereign and this was conducted by our Bishop last December. During a simple but highly symbolic homage the newly appointed bishop is escorted by the Lord Chancellor and the Clerk of the Closet, a position that dates back to the fifteenth century and is traditionally held by another diocesan bishop. The Clerk of the Closet is now the Bishop of Carlisle, but was, until very recently, our former Bishop of Guildford.

When Elizabeth I adopted the title of 'Supreme Governor' it was designed to mean that the Sovereign would not intrude on the spiritual authority of bishops. The dependency of bishops upon the royal supremacy is, therefore, not for the spiritual powers of their office but for the right to exercise these powers in dioceses which are under the secular jurisdiction of the Crown. And so it is for this reason that a bishop does homage to the Sovereign before taking up the appointment and being enthroned in the cathedral.

He (or she) derives the 'spiritualities' of his see from the archbishop, to whom he takes an oath of canonical obedience, and the 'temporalities' of his appointment from the Sovereign, to whom he takes an oath of allegiance. Implicit in this oath is the recognition of the Sovereign as Supreme Governor of the realm, having temporal jurisdiction over the church as well as the State.

And finally, isn't it just a wonderful opportunity for our Bishop to spend a private and very special moment with our Sovereign.

Andrew Canale



## Dear Friends

On one day in August (13<sup>th</sup>) the Church celebrates the lives and achievements of two women, both of whom died in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, a time when the stereotypical woman in Victorian England was very different. Both women – among others - played a highly significant role in the life of this country.



**Octavia Hill** was one of the greatest social entrepreneurs in British history. Among her legacies are the National Trust, which she founded, the importance of maintaining open spaces for the 'urban masses', and affordable housing, of which she was a pioneer. The Girls' Grammar school I attended had one 'house' named after her, and I had the honour of being

House Captain in my last year.

Another 'house' was named after **Florence Nightingale**, who dedicated her life to nursing, an occupation at the time deemed immodest and totally unsuitable for a young woman of her social standing. She persisted, and, to cut a long and wonderful story short, during her life helped to revolutionise both army and civilian healthcare.



Why does the Church celebrate these women? Because they both felt strongly that it was a vocation they were called to by God. Who knows what might happen – or what is already happening - if we responded in a similar way to an inner call to do something radical for the good of others?

With my very best wishes

Barbara

Please join The Friends of All Saints Grayswood for Tea and Cake, from 3-4.45 pm, and a Plant Stall on Saturday 11th July in the Village Hall,

Contributions of plants are most welcome, & please contact Trish Bell, 654418, if you are able to provide a cake on the day

Tickets for the Organ Recital '**Music for a Summer Evening**', by Katherine Dienes-Williams, Organist and Choirmaster of Guildford Cathedral, at 8 pm, are available now from Pauline Lamb, tel: 643798 email: lamb@haslemere.com or Janet Dallas, tel: 643227 email: janetdallas54@gmail.com £15 (recital only) or £25 (including a 2 course supper at The Wheatsheaf, at 6.30 pm)

## Bad news

During repairs to the roof and the north east corner of the church earlier this year the stonemason noticed lingering dampness in the stonework. On investigation, he found it was because the trees have been preventing it drying out for years. The two very large conifers (Thuja) close to the church building and the Garden of Remembrance, and a yew tree very close to the Vicar's vestry door, were placed far too close to the building, not taking into account how large they would grow. The stonemason warned that, unless the trees are removed, the damage will continue, shortening the life of the stonework considerably. In his words 'You have a choice: the trees or the church fabric'. So, regrettably these trees will be removed in the Autumn. We will put our minds to replacing them - with more suitable greenery at a more appropriate distance!



Baby Thuja gives no hint of its potential size!

**CHURCH SERVICES in JULY**

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

5th **NO SERVICE AT ALL SAINTS**  
**10.30 Fiona Gwynn's Ordination**  
**in the Cathedral**

12th Parish Communion

19th Parish Communion

26th All Age Morning Worship  
**with Baptism**



**Thursday 2nd and 16th July**

Holy Communion, 10.15 am

**CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST**

**Sundays 9th, 23rd & 30th:** 8am Holy Communion

2nd Parish Communion with all ages present

9th Morning Worship with all ages present

16<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion with all ages present

23rd All Age Morning Worship

30th Joint Service at St Bart's Haslemere, **9.30 am**

*NB: There will be no Thursday 10.15 Eucharist Services during August*

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In July we remember those who live in Prestwick Lane, Paddock Way, Muddy Lane and Clammer Hill Road, and in August those in Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane and Highercombe Road.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 10th**

**SKITTLES AND SUPPER**

Grayswood Village Hall

Details to follow in due course from Judy Culhane and Shirley Richmond

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mark@stonefern.com)

Grayswood Club  
 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School  
 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

**Events in July/August**

**Book Club:** Tues. 14th July, 8 pm, 'Sexing the Cherry' by Jeanette Winterston, Village Club

**Quiz Night:** Thurs. 30th July, 7.45 pm, the Club

**Gardening Club:** Thurs. 2nd July, 7.45 pm, 7 Lower Road

**WI:** Wednesday 8th July & 12th August, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

**Good Book Morning:** Monday 27th July & 24th August, 10.30-midday, 77 Lower Road

**Grandparent/Parent Toddler**

**Group:** Wed. 9.15-10.45 am (last meeting of term 15th July), Oonagh Jeffrey Room, Village Hall. Details from Jane, 643891, or Janet, 01483 527390

**GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL**

You are warmly invited to the AGM and to meet the Committee on 8th July at 8 pm (main hall), and to join us for a drink afterwards.

*Thank you to all my friends in the Church and village who have been so kind in sending cards, flowers, cakes, and giving me, and the family, so much support and love during Ted's illness and death— we have been so touched— also thank you to everyone who came to the funeral.*

*With my love,  
 Jean Burgess*

There will be a

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Ted Burgess at Guildford Cathedral at 2 pm on Tuesday 30th June

**HASLEMERE FOOD BANK**

**Urgently needed** (preferably small items rather than family packs, please):

**Always in need of:**

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

**Non-perishables only please**

**BISHOP IAN BRACKLEY**

is retiring this Autumn after nearly 20 years as Bishop of Dorking. A farewell service will be held at Guildford Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 6th September to which it is hoped that as many people as possible from the Diocese will come - to celebrate Bishop Ian's ministry and to remain for refreshments after the service.

To mark this special occasion any mementos from Bishop Ian's ministry, eg photos, anecdotes etc, are requested by Muriel Mulvany (PA to the Bishop), to be included in a collection for presentation. Also, any donations towards his leaving gift can be sent to the Finance Team at Diocesan House (cheques made payable to Guildford DBF) marked for "Bishop Ian Farewell". Many thanks.