Breaking old habits

I have never managed to keep a New Year's Resolution.... 3 weeks has probably been my record, as I've dashed from one thing to another. Sometimes we need a gentle prod – sometimes we receive something a little less gentle!

Halfway through decorating my lounge, surrounded by furniture covered in polythene, polyfilla dust and paint splashes (and covered myself in those last two!), I was despairing of everything mounting up in my life. So many things on the horizon—why couldn't time stop so that I could catch up with my own life?

My silent prayers were answered rather painfully, when I tripped over thin air in the garden, landing on a paving slab on my right knee, and fracturing my kneecap. Encased in a leg brace, I started to panic! How would I do everything? The garden? The bees? (Notice that housework didn't figure here!)

The first lesson I had to learn was to learn to ask for help. My daughters rallied round without asking, sternly setting rules of behaviour. They know me too well! The

following days showed me how blessed I am. Neighbours, friends and acquaintances offered help or dropped round. My grateful thanks to everyone.

Hopefully, the brace should be off by the time you are reading this but I have realised that I don't have to live life at such a manic pace. I can prioritise. This is turning into a new resolution, and perhaps I can keep this one.....

Di Cook

Dear Friends

Some dates are more memorable than others. Birthdays, wedding anniversaries or even the anniversary of a death.

I now have another memorable date, 5th July 2015 – the date of my Ordination as a Deacon. Although I knew the date well in advance – and I'd been working towards it for 3 years - it wasn't until the actual day that it became significant. I had spent the 3 days previously on retreat in Woking with the other 8 Ordinands and had enjoyed getting to know them, but it was only once we left St Columba's House for the Cathedral in our clerical shirts that the reality began to sink in.

Once at the Cathedral it was a whirl-wind of activity, swearing oaths, signing registers and lining up with our supporters and incumbents. Walking down the aisle with Barbara on one side of me and my friend Clare on the other I scanned the Cathedral hoping to see a few faces I knew. I was completely



unprepared for the number of faces I recognised and nearly succumbed to tears before the service even started. The smile didn't leave my face from that moment on until I went to bed that night. After the service I was able to greet people out on the steps and then, thanks to the wonderful team at All Saints, it was back to the village hall for a celebratory lunch. A memorable day at what I hope will be the beginning of a new relationship with the people of Grayswood.



So what exactly will I be doing now? As an OLM (Ordained Local Minister) I am not paid for my work in the Church, but then neither is Barbara. I have agreed with Barbara that I will give 2 sessions a week, plus a Sunday morning to the Parish. These sessions will include a fortnightly visit to the school to do an assembly, attending a full day training session once a month, Pastoral visiting, meetings with Mary and the team in Haslemere and leading some of the Sunday services. I am in the fortunate position of doing all the nice bits whilst Barbara has to deal with all the paperwork and legalities.

Whilst I am known to some of you in the village, if you don't know me and you see me out walking (usually with our dog) then please do stop me and say 'hello', or better still come along one Sunday morning, introduce yourself and see what we get up to.

Looking forward to meeting you, Fi





A date for your diary! Skittles! October 10th 7.30 pm

Come and enjoy an exciting evening in Grayswood Village Hall.

An old fashioned skittle alley – licensed bar and delicious supper with home-made pudds.

Make up your own team or just come and meet new friends.

Tickets £10, to include the meal, from Judy 01428 644125/culhane@grayswood.co.uk

or Shirley 01428 653285/shirley1941@btinternet.com

Numbers limited – so please book early to avoid disappointment.



CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

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

6th Parish Communion

13th Morning Worship

20th Parish Communion

27th All Age Morning Worship

Thursday 3rd and 17th

Holy Communion, 10.15 am

Free Summer Coffee Concerts at Guildford Cathedral

will be held every Thursday until the end of Sept. from 11.15 - noon, showcasing talented and highly regarded performers with a local connection, wishing to share their music with the community in this special venue.

All are welcome to enjoy the inspiring and uplifting performances.

27 August: The Romantic Cello 3 September: The Waverley Piano Trio 10 September: The Lodore Trio 17 September: The Virtuoso Violin 24 September: Songs for late Summer

Enquiries and information from Helen Ellis: 01483 547888 or helen@guildford-cathedral.org

VILLAGE PRAYER

In July we remember those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close.



Would you like to sponsor a pipe or an organ stop at Guildford Cathedral

to help ensure that music can be provided for the enjoyment of future generations?

For further information please check the Cathedral website: www.guildfordcathedralralmym.com

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: barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk

Janet Fry, our church administrator, works in Church Office (in Church House) which is usually open Mon, Thurs and Fri mornings from 9am-12 noon. At other times you can still leave a message. tel: 656504 e-mail: allsaintsqrayswood@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



'Antiques and Collectibles Valuation Day' in association with Ewbank's Auctioneers

will be held on Tuesday 8th September at the Cathedral Marquee from 11 am - 7 pm in aid of the Guildford Cathedral Appeal

Your antiques, art or jewellery can be appraised and valued by experts at the cost of £2 per valuation (maximum of 10 items per person).

There is no entry fee and no need to pre-book.

Once valued, should you wish, items can be auctioned with Ewbank's, or there is an opportunity on the day to help raise more funds for the Appeal by donating your item for auction.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK Always in need of:

Tinned meat, vegetables, fish, potatoes Toileteries

Biscuits and puddings Drinking chocolate Long life milk

(preferably small items rather than family packs, and non-perishables only, please, as unfortunately the Food Bank is unable to store fresh foods)

Thank you so much or your ongoing support which is greatly appreciated

A new academic year —
a new term —
if you haven't already, what
about giving one, or more, of

the regular events taking place in Grayswood a try this September?

Book Club: Tues. 8th, 8 pm, 'Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell', Village Club,

Gardening Club: Thurs. 3rd, 7.45 pm, 'Chemical free gardening', Club WI: Wed. 9th, 7.30 pm, Village

Hall

Quiz Night: Thurs. 27th August and 24th Sept., 7.45 pm, the Club

Good Book Morning: Monday 28th, 10.30-midday, 77 Lower Road

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: Wed. 9.15-10.45 am (termtime from 9th Sept.), Oonagh Jeffrey Room, Village Hall. Details from Jane, 643891, or Janet, 01483 527390

Haslemere Autumn Fair (raising funds for the NSPCC) at Grayswood Village Hall Saturday 3rd October 10 am—4 pm

promises shoppers a splendid selection of clothing, jewellery, hand-painted personalised gifts, cookware, English textile designs, stationery, artwork, linens, home décor, food, cards, books and vintage ware.

There will also be an exceptional charity stall and raffle.

Please come by for tea, coffee and a scrumptious selection of home-baked treats, served in a gracious and relaxed style in the bright and cheery Grayswood Village Hall, Grayswood Road (A286), Surrey GU27 2DJ.

Admission (£2) includes a cup of coffee or tea.