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WAYS TO MAKE YOUR SPENDING COUNT FOR YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

How many of us, these days, can resist the draw of online shopping, despite wanting to support local and independent shops? Clicking a few buttons and receiving goods delivered direct to your door, can seem hugely more enticing to many than the thought of endlessly trailing round the shops!

A great many of the websites you possibly already use on a regular basis are now part of a scheme run by 'easyfundraising', and perhaps any twangs of conscience might be somewhat appeased by the thought of your purchase resulting in a donation to a local charity!

Retailers offering a percentage donation of the cost of an online purchase include grocery shops (eg Waitrose, Sainsburys, Tesco), purely on-line retailers (eg Amazon, ASOS), high street chains (eg Debenhams, M & S, Argos, Apple), florists (eg Blooms, Interflora), some holiday companies (eg Thomson, Thomas Cook), and many more. Whatever you are buying it is worth looking first to see if your retailer is registered at 'easyfundraising', and even considering ordering online to later 'collect in store', just to take full advantage of the opportunity to raise a donation!

To make the most of the opportunity and to see your 'contribution' growing, first register at easyfundraising.org.uk, and nominate your chosen 'cause of choice'. Alternative 'causes' within the village are Grayswood Nursery, All Saints Church, and Grayswood Cricket Club – any of these would be most grateful for your support – or you can look further afield to make a selection.

From then on, any time you wish to browse or buy, search for the retailer of your choice at the 'easyfundraising' site, and wait to be taken to their website. The total of the sale will be recorded and your chosen charity will feel the benefit of every purchase you make! It's incredibly easy – just a question of remembering! – and it's great to know that you are raising money for a good cause without it costing you an extra penny!

Not an on-line shopper? No worries! Another way to help benefit local children, is to collect 'Active Kids Vouchers' from Sainsburys, whenever they are available and you are shopping there. These can be dropped into the School reception, or left for Grayswood Nursery in the box in the foyer of the Village Hall. Again, any contributions will be most gratefully received.

Janet Fry



Dear Friends

As I write this on 9th April, the headline news is of the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'astonishing family past'. Journalists have been amazed by the way he has responded – and in the public eye too. Having admitted to being completely surprised, he said, 'I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes'. A potentially damaging truth is met with openness, honesty and grace.

We can learn two important things from this for ourselves.

The first is that we know who we are and where our identity lies. I think particularly of people who have not had the privilege of happy secure families, but have even been rejected or damaged by them.

The security of knowing ourselves, whatever age we are, to be a child of God and part of the family of God can make a huge difference and cannot be taken away whatever the circumstances of our lives. It gives us inner peace and outer strength.



The second is a challenge to respond to what life throws at us with the same openness, honesty and grace which the Archbishop has demonstrated. Don't you wish our politicians and leaders would follow his example? It would be revolutionary! But how refreshing and how wonderful, not to mention how counter-cultural this is. It challenges me too, as to a far lesser extent I'm also in the public eye. I have to admit that I often respond with less grace than I should, if only behind closed doors and in front of close friends. But I'm working on it. How about you?

With my very best wishes

Barbara



WELCOME

to our new Suffragan (assistant) Bishop in Guildford diocese - The Rev Dr Jo Bailey Wells, who is currently chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Clergy who were present in the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday saw her and heard her read the Gospel. Please pray for her and her husband Sam who is Rector of St Martins in the Fields.

TWO BIG EVENTS ORGANISED BY 'THE FRIENDS' ARE COMING SOON JAZZ CONCERT –

The John Sillito Band return for an evening of vibrant Jazz (see the enclosed flier for details). Tickets (£15 for the concert only, or £25 to include a set 2-course pre-concert supper at The Wheatsheaf) are going fast so please **BOOK TODAY**. Contact Pauline Lamb on 01428 643798 or email: lamb@haslemere.com

GRAYSWOD OPEN GARDENS DAY, Sunday June 19th—save the date now!

Nine gardens, both new and familiar, plus the School grounds and Allotments will all be open. There will be delicious Friends' Teas in the Village Hall and an extensive Plant Sale. Evensong at 6.30 pm will conclude the day.

PS Please save your cuttings, surplus seedlings and other plants – we can collect if necessary. P.Lamb/J.Dallas

ALL SAINTS SPRING FAYRE 11.30 – 1.30 pm on Saturday 7th May at Grayswood Village Hall

Bacon Butties served from 12pm – 1pm

RAFFLE, CAKES AND PRODUCE,
KITCHENALIA, BROCANTE,
BEAUTY AND THE BEADS,
PLANTS, BOOKS AND DVDS,
CHILDREN'S CORNER,
BOUNCY CASTLE, AND MORE!!

Entrance: £1 (adults) including tea/coffee & biscuit

More information from Di (654303; drdcook01@gmail.com)
or Shirley (653285; shirley1941@btinternet.com)



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

Deadline for inclusion of items in next edition: **16th May 2016**

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

- 1st Parish Eucharist
- 8th Morning Worship
- 15th Parish Eucharist for **Pentecost**
Wear something red.
- 22nd All Age Worship with Baptism
- 29th United Benefice Eucharist here at All Saints
- 5th May Ascension Day, Thursday at 8pm**
United Benefice Eucharist at St Bart's

**Archbishops' Call to Prayer****Ascension to Pentecost (5th – 15th May)**

During this time we will have several prayer stations in the church. Come and explore and use them to inspire you.

**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 does some teaching for the Diocese. 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

Fi Gwynn works part time in a voluntarily capacity for the church, as an Ordained Local Minister. Fi's day off is Friday.

email: revfigwynn@gmail.com

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: 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.

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

VILLAGE PRAYER

In May we remember those who live in Grayswood Road/ Haslemere Road (beyond the church), Northwards to the parish boundary, including Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Button.

Useful Numbers

Village Hall Bookings:
mark@stonefern.com

Grayswood Club 07748 065821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

**Events in May****In the Village Club:**

Book Club: Tuesday 9th May, 8 pm

Gardening Club: Garden Visit, Thursday 5th May

Quiz Night: Thursday 26th May, 7.45 pm

In the Village Hall:

WI: Wednesday 11th May

Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group: 9.15-10.45 am Wednesdays (term time). Details from Jane White, 643891, or Janet Fry, 01483 527390

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning: Monday 23rd May, 10.30 am

Haslemere Food Bank

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

Sugar
Long life milk
Small tins of drinking chocolate
Small jars of coffee
Tinned potatoes
Tinned spaghetti
Tinned pasta (ravioli, macaroni, etc.)
Tinned custard
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned fruit
Puddings, eg Angel Delight, steamed puddings etc.
Shampoo
Toilet paper
Treats, eg chocolate, sweets, etc.

Non perishables only, please.

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

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

this year runs from 15th—21st May, raising funds to help eradicate poverty in over 50 countries.

Grayswood Women's Institute

Meets in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our May Meeting will focus on the resolutions going to the AGM in Brighton, concerning food waste and care for Dementia sufferers—both are interesting and pertinent subjects for many people.

In June a script writer is coming to speak.

In July there will be a Games Night Event in the Village Club, to which our very supportive partners will be invited to join in the fun, and if you enjoy chocolate, the October Meeting is the one not to miss, as we are having a Chocolate Evening - yum-yum!

If any of these subjects are of interest please come along or for more information ring 01428 645014.

Local Garden Open in National Garden Scheme (NGS) 15 May 1-5pm: Malabar, Holdfast Lane

If you cannot make that date, what about Wed. 25th May between 5.30-7.30 pm, when Milford and Godalming Gardening Club is coming, or if not, please do get in touch with Beryl and Tony about visiting another time - 01428 661486, beryl.bishop@clara.co.uk (more details and pictures on the NGS website).

2½ acre country garden surrounded by mature oaks with climbing hydrangeas and roses, with undulating lawns bordered by imaginative colourful planting of unusual shrubs, rhododendrons, and azaleas. Bluebells, hellebores, primulas, lily of the valley and wood anemones throughout, with tranquil bark-chipped level woodland walks and natural archways giving a host of different vistas.



Haslemere Bridge Club requires someone to serve tea (& wash up!) at Grayswood Village Hall, for approx. 40 players every Wed. afternoon from 3-4.15pm. £18 per session will be paid. Please apply to John Tidmarsh on 682067