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Dear All,

This is a lovely opportunity for me to give you an update about our Grayswood CE Aided Primary School. We are just entering one of the busiest times of the year with Open Gardens, our Science and Maths Week, Art Week, Sports Day and Summer Fair fast approaching...

We would love to invite you all to our **Community Morning on Saturday 16th July** so that you can see what we have been up to. Our new building project, as many of you know, was quite a trial. I would really like to thank you for your support and forbearance during such a difficult time and I hope that you will all enjoy seeing our amazing new facilities.



Our very special thanks goes to All Saints Church for the ongoing financial support of the school. We have been able to buy a variety of resources to support our RE curriculum, had a visit from 'Barnabas in Schools' and have bought resources for our new Library which is at the very heart of our school.

We look forward to welcoming 30 new children to our school in September as our existing classes all move up, so that we will then have Reception up to Year 5 which is incredibly exciting. It is so lovely that nearly half of our new intake come from the amazing Grayswood Nursery and Forest School and are siblings of our own children. Here is to a very happy and sustainable future ...

Sally Bloomfield



The volunteer network, which helps local people get out and about, is seeking **volunteer drivers** and **duty officers** who can offer even as little as a few hours a month.

The office opens every weekday from 10 am—1 pm (and until 4 pm on Mondays and Fridays).

No computer work is involved for duty officers, and volunteer drivers can state exactly when they are available to help—without obligation or any pressure.

If you would like to find out more, please collect a flyer from the back of All Saints Church, or contact the duty officer on 652505 (during office hours).

Thank you.

Dear Friends

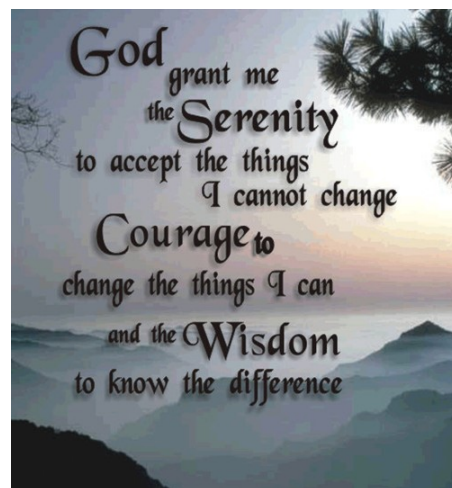
As I'm writing this people are coming and going at the Village Hall placing their vote and this will be printed before the outcome is known. From the media we hear that it's such a close thing that they cannot predict which way it will go. Whatever the outcome however, there will be change afoot, we trust for the better.

How do you see change? Sometimes we embrace it whole-heartedly because we want it; sometimes it's threatening because it's different; sometimes we shrug our shoulders because we know we have to get on with it. Charles Handy, in a book about leadership says that people who are in love with life see change as '*never a problem, never a threat, just another exciting opportunity.*'

This prayer, familiar to many perhaps, was written by Reinhold Niebuhr, an American theologian and may be helpful in the times ahead, both personally and as a nation.

With my very best wishes

Barbara



Welcome to Phil

Phil Miller was trained as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) and first licensed by the Bishop to Haslemere parish some years ago. We're delighted that on 25th June this year, the year which celebrated 150 years of Reader Ministry, he was re-licensed to us in Grayswood.

**What is an LLM (Reader)?** They are lay people (not ordained) who are called by God and trained and licensed by the Church to preach, teach and lead non-sacramental worship. They can also assist in pastoral work; those who are not restricted by their work for example, are able to take funerals. They wear a blue scarf to denote their office.

**The Grayswood Open Gardens Day 2016** organised by *The Friends of All Saints* was, thankfully, warm and fine – a window between the recent storms! The gardeners had all been lovingly tending their various and varied plots, and put on a great show. The tea and homemade cakes were, as always, quite delicious and the plants did a good trade. So our thanks to you all, the movers and shakers, and all their helpers.

For reasons which we will be analysing, attendance was down on previous years and therefore we only made around £1,700. This is our first hasty reckoning to get into this edition of the Runner – the exact figure will appear later in the year - in the September issue.



However the feedback from the villagers who came, and those from far afield, was extremely good and we feel that Grayswood Open Gardens Day is firmly established in the Summer calendar – so we are already looking forward to, and planning for, 2018!!!

Pauline Lamb and Janet Dallas,  
for the Friends of All Saints Grayswood

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

Deadline for inclusion of items in next edition: 15th August 2016

**CHURCH SERVICES in JULY**

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion  
 Every Sunday the main service is at 10am  
 3rd Parish Eucharist  
 10th Morning Worship  
 17th Parish Eucharist  
 24th All Age Worship with Baptism  
 31st UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE  
 10am at St Christopher's (No service here at 10 am)

**CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST**

7th 10am Parish Eucharist  
 14th 8am Holy Communion  
 10am Morning Worship  
 21st 10am Parish Communion  
 28th 8am Holy Communion  
 10am All Age Worship with Baptism

**For your information:**

St Bartholomew's Church will be closed from Monday 25th July until towards the end of September, for essential work to be carried out. During that period, all Sunday Services in Haslemere will be held at St Christopher's, with the main Morning Service at **10 am**.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 10am-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.*

**For more information, please visit the church website on :  
[www.grayswoodparish.org](http://www.grayswoodparish.org)**

**GRAYSWOOD  
 VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

is currently seeking a **Cleaner** (paid post) and an **Honorary Treasurer**.

To find out more about what is involved, please email [info@grayswoodnurseryschool.co.uk](mailto:info@grayswoodnurseryschool.co.uk) or speak to Kate or Judy on 01428 658931 (mornings only)

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

The Christmas Day Lunch in Haslemere has now been running for around 20 years, and during that time, has been organised by many different people from the local churches.

It currently takes place in Haslewey Community Centre — although it is run independently. The day is great fun and very rewarding, and is a really important annual event, meaning a great deal to the guests who attend — people in the community who would otherwise spend Christmas Day alone. If it is unable to continue, it would have a very sad impact on many people!

This year, a new organiser, who would be fully supported by a very large and willing group of volunteers, needs to be found.

I have carried out this co-ordination role for the last 2 years, and would be delighted to talk to anyone who is interested in finding out more about what is involved or is considering taking the role on. I can be contacted on 01428 724389 (please leave a message if there is no reply, and I will call you back), or by email: [hclorganiser@gmail.com](mailto:hclorganiser@gmail.com).

Please consider now if this is something you might be willing to take on, or if you know someone else who might be interested. I would appreciate help in finding the right person.

*Jo Long*

**Useful Numbers**

Village Hall Bookings:  
[mark@stonefern.com](mailto:mark@stonefern.com)

Village Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School  
 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

**GRAYSWOOD NURSERY  
 ART EXHIBITION**

Please come and view the children's Lowry inspired artwork in the Village Hall, between 10 & 11 am on Tues. 5th July.

**Haslemere Food Bank**

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

Sugar  
 Long life milk  
 Small jars of coffee  
 Drinking chocolate  
 Tinned potatoes  
 Tinned spaghetti  
 Tinned pasta (ravioli, macaroni, etc.)  
 Packet soup  
 Puddings  
 Tinned custard  
 Tinned fruit  
 Shampoo  
 Toothpaste  
 Treats



*Non perishables only, please.*

**Events in July and August****In the Village Club:**

**Book Club:** Tuesday 12th July and 9th Aug., 8 pm

**Gardening Club:** Picnic Supper, Thursday 7th July, 7 pm, at 4 Paddock Way, Prestwick Lane, Grayswood. Please bring food to share, drinks, cutlery, plates, glasses and chairs.

**Quiz Night:** Thursday 28th July and 25th August, 7.45 pm

**In the Village Hall:**

**WI:** Wednesday 13th July and 10th Aug.

**Grandparent/Parent Toddler Group:** Wednesdays, 9.15-10.45 am. Details from Jane, 643891, or Janet, 01483 527390. Last meeting this term 20th July, then back again on 14th Sept.

**77 Lower Road:**

**Good Book Morning:** Monday 25th July and 22nd Aug., 10.30 am

**Phyllis Tuckwell**  
 Hospice Care

**Can you help?**

Phyllis Tuckwell, the Hospice Care charity, is looking for volunteers to help in its shops throughout West Surrey and North East Hampshire, and to drive the van to deliver larger items.

If you have some time to spare to volunteer and want to take advantage of this rewarding and worthwhile opportunity, please find out more by visiting [www.pth.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.pth.org.uk/volunteering), speaking to Karen Rackley on 01252 729431, or emailing [voluntary.services@pth.org.uk](mailto:voluntary.services@pth.org.uk).

Thank you.