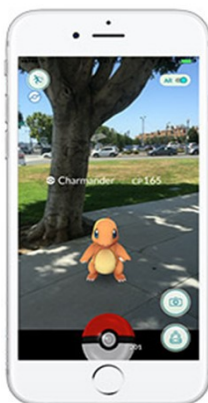




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### Embrace change, however strange!



The virtual-reality game 'Pokemon Go' has become one of the biggest phenomenons of 2016 with over 9.5 million users playing daily on their mobile phones! If you haven't already heard, the application (or, for non-techies, the video game) maps out real-life locations and introduces small 'virtual' creatures into the world, which can then be collected on the user's phone. All Saints Church has interestingly become a 'Pokestop', the Village Hall is now better known to some as a 'Pokemon Gym', and we understand that there might be something strange going on near the Forestry Commission too!

Though the notion of people of all ages wandering the streets, mobiles held aloft, searching for cute multi-coloured make-believe characters might seem a little odd (we're definitely not debating that!), it's always important to be receptive to trends and changes however unique.

The game, for example, has brought generations together in new surprising ways, from millennial's directing nursery schoolers towards the nearest pink, singing, Jigglypuff, to groups of junior schoolers gathering together to bond over their new virtual friends. It's a way of getting people outside to enjoy the sunshine, even if they're looking at it through a screen.

While it can often feel that technology takes us farther away from one another - in this case sending people out hunting for mythical monsters - it's frequently more complex and often just brings us together in new ways. It's a reminder to be tolerant and look for the good in strange and new - a message which we can take into all areas of our lives.

Jon Horvath



**A Reminder!** Tickets are selling fast, so please don't delay, as pre-booking is essential!

Come and enjoy an exciting evening in the Village Hall with a traditional skittle alley on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10.00 for a delicious supper including home-made pudds, from Judy Culhane 01428 644125

or Shirley Richmond 01428 653285, shirley1941@btinternet.com



### Dear Friends

I'm quite used to travelling on my own - and long distances too. And I was quite proud of myself. Until, that is, I took an additional route that was new to me which involved amongst other things three alternative flight numbers (for the same flight), three different airlines and a bus journey I wasn't prepared for. I discovered, though my pride got damaged a bit, that one advantage of grey hair is that some(!) people expect you to be unsure and don't mind in the least answering even daft questions.



I was reminded of my years as a primary teacher and how I learnt from experience that it's always the curious children who ask questions. They're eager to discover and learn and they don't mind saying they don't know. When my eldest started school, the thing that worried her most as she left the house that first morning was not knowing where to hang her coat!

I told her to ask, and encouraged each of them in turn to ask, ask, ask. My grandchildren, I'm delighted to say, are also acquiring the habit.

When did we lose that habit? Is it pride that stops us, because we think we ought to know? Or is it, perhaps more worryingly, that we can't be bothered, or haven't time to discover and learn anymore? The world is still full of amazing things which are not only interesting but fun to discover.

And what about our understanding of the Christian Faith? Do we think we know or are we happy to ask? A well-known and notable scientist assumes that he knows what sort of god (a deliberate small 'g') Christians believe in, but in fact most Christians quite rightly reject the god he rejects. He assumes, but he doesn't ask. I wonder why?

Please do keep asking questions, learning, discovering. Are there questions you would like to ask the church - and/or me? Feel free to ask - and come for a coffee. Mind you, there are bound to be things there are no simple answers for. Unlike my holiday experience this year, which was relatively easy to sort out, there are still mysteries which are too deep for our understanding.



With my very best wishes

**Barbara**

### HAPPY HARVEST

**All Saints Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, at 10 am**

### LUNCH

All are most welcome to a light lunch to celebrate harvest in the Village Hall at midday. There will be no charge but donations will be given to charity. To give an idea of numbers please ring Judy on 644125, or sign the list at the back of church. Thank you.

### GIFTS

This year we are again hoping to donate as many items as possible, of those brought to the Harvest Services, to Haslemere Food Bank, which meets the needs of many within our local community. With that in mind, we would be most grateful if non-perishable items could be given, in particular, those listed on the reverse of this sheet.

We really appreciate your co-operation, and know that it will make all the difference to the recipients of your generous gifts.



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

2nd **HARVEST**  
 9th Parish Communion  
 16th Parish Communion  
 23rd Bible Sunday  
 All Age Worship with Baptism

30th **Patronal  
Festival**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 7.30****Annual Memorial Service**

*Come and light a candle  
in thanksgiving for a life remembered  
(see notice below)*

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In October we remember those who live in Lower Road,  
Park Close and Ash Tree Close.

*You are warmly invited to attend the  
Annual Memorial Service (details above)*

*Whether you are remembering someone who died recently,  
or many years ago, please join us in this  
Service of Thanksgiving for their Life*

*If you would like us to read out the names of those you are  
remembering during a time of prayer in the service,  
please telephone the Church Office  
on 01428 656504,*

*or email: [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com)  
by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October*

**HASLEMERE FOOD BANK****Is currently particularly in need of:**

Tinned spaghetti  
Tinned pasta eg ravioli  
Tinned potatoes  
Long grain rice  
Cereals/oats  
Tinned rice pudding  
Tinned custard  
Jam  
Marmalade  
Biscuits  
Small jars of coffee  
Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste



*(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 for your ongoing  
support 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 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 9am-12 noon—but is **currently closed until Thurs. 6th October**. 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, Fi 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)**

**Useful Numbers**

Village Hall Bookings:  
[grayswoodvh@outlook.com](mailto:grayswoodvh@outlook.com)

Grayswood Club  
07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School  
658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

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

**Book Club:** Tuesday 11th, 8 pm

**Gardening Club:** 'Wisley Garden Throughout the Year', with Richard Thornton, Thursday 6th, 7.45 pm

**Quiz Night:** Thursday 27th, 7.45 pm

**In the Village Hall:**

**WI:** Wednesday 12th, 7.30 pm

**Grandparent/Parent Toddler**

**Group:** 9.15-10.45 am Wednesdays (term time). Details from Jane White, 643891,

**77 Lower Road:**

**Good Book Morning:** Monday 24th, 10.30 am

**GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL**

is seeking a MIDAS trained driver for the minibus on Friday afternoons, 12.30-3 pm.

Please contact the School Office on 642086 for more information.

**Cards for Good Causes**

will be available at  
**Haslemere Educational Museum,**  
High Street, Haslemere  
**from Monday 17th Oct. until  
Saturday 17th Dec., plus Sunday 4th Dec.  
10 am—4.30 pm**

This is a multi-charity Christmas Card Shop selling cards (many with a religious theme) on behalf of both national and local charities including **Christian Aid** and **Help for Heroes**.

Traditional advent calendars, wrappings, tags and gifts are also on sale.

**A different opportunity to clear your clutter!!**

Last month we were requesting contributions of small jam jars for the

**All Saints Fayre on 3rd December,**

but now Shirley would be most grateful if you could fish out any nice bowls or containers that would be suitable for us to plant up with bulbs to sell.

Please leave any contributions in bags by the choir vestry door (on the right behind the choir stalls at the front of All Saints church). Many thanks.

