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## Glorious Grayswood!

Well done, you're reading "The Runner" so must be interested in the community in which you live.....but do you take time to build links with fellow villagers?

Unfortunately the pressures of work and family life, the distractions of TV and time spent on electronic devices, means we are slowly drifting apart as a society.

Grayswood is different though as we enjoy a terrific sense of community.

Church events such as the recent Skittles Evening are open to all, not just church folk, and the church itself is both vibrant and friendly, with an enthusiastic choir.

The Village Club at the end of Lower Road has a Book Club, Gardening Club, Quiz Nights, great social evenings and is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays if you just fancy a drink and a chat.

The Village Hall hosts Pilates, the W.I., Bridge Club, fairs, a thriving Nursery and much more.

Our Village School has regular fund raising events, the Village Green has a Cricket Club in Summer and is a great place to meet dog walkers....and we still are fortunate to have a local pub!

Quality of life is often closely linked to the quality of our relationships. What are you waiting for? Get out there and help build an even greater community by getting to know your neighbours better.

If you're nervous about taking that first step, give me a call. (Enquiries about event and club times to Angela 01428 652667, [awheeler100@gmail.com](mailto:awheeler100@gmail.com)).

Angela Wheeler

## GREAT VILLAGE BASH

Will take place in the Village Club  
from 7.45 pm  
on Saturday 19th November

£10 per person into the kitty at the start of the evening, please.

Everyone's welcome, so please spread the word and let's make it an evening to remember!

## SURPRISE, SURPRISE!

### Dear friends

Christians sometimes get a very negative press, sometimes deservedly, but sometimes not. Some Christians do seem to emphasise the 'thou shalt not's of the faith, so what do you make of what are popularly called the Ten Commandments?

Imagine being a slave in a culture of oppression, never having enough to eat, being forced to bow down to the many gods of your oppressor, forced to work, work, work and never let up, forced to do exactly what you're told – including having sex with the bosses – you, your wife or husband and your children. You are forced to behave in ways which disgust you; you have no choice, you're a slave.

That's how it was in Egypt for the Israelites, but now life is different. Egypt is behind you so you can behave in ways which are honourable and respect other people. How do you do that? You are now free – free to worship the God you know, who saved you from oppression and cruel slavery; free to bring up your children yourself; free to say 'no' to coercive sex; free not to worship your masters' gods; free not to have to lie and steal for enough to eat; free to honour your parents. The icing on the cake is that you and your whole household now have the luxury of a whole day free from work to worship and to relax with the family. In a nutshell you are free to love.

Taken in the context in which they are set then, the 'Ten Commandments' are far from a mere list of 'thou shalt not's'. The Hebrew word is not actually 'commandment' but simply 'word' and they say 'shall' not 'must' - ten words from God to make and keep life good. I can't see Moses grim and unsmiling like some pictures I see, but smiling like this one, because in their original context they are a joyful expression of FREEDOM. They are a promise. Imagine the joy of the freedom to behave as you know you should and as you want to. Imagine not being forced to behave in ways which disgust you. And by consecrating their children to God, the Israelites

in effect are saying 'We belong to God, not the slave master'. We are God's people. We are free.

In the context of our own 'work (or shop) until you drop' culture, what difference might it make if we think of these ten 'words from God' as promise and freedom, there to make and keep life good?

With my very best wishes

Barbara



## PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR

### All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3 December  
11.30am - 1.30pm  
Grayswood Village Hall

Lots of fun and entertainment for all,  
including:- Raffle, Bran Tub, Toys and Games,  
Gifts, Bubs, Mugs, Books and DVDs,  
Cards, Bottle Tombola  
and lots more....

Soup and Bacon Butties  
served from 12.15pm - 1.30pm

Stall contributions welcome, as are any offers to help on the day!!

Contact Di (01428 654303; [drdcook01@gmail.co.uk](mailto:drdcook01@gmail.co.uk))  
or Shirley (01428 653285; [shirley1942@btinternet.com](mailto:shirley1942@btinternet.com))



**CHURCH SERVICES in NOVEMBER**

**Every Sunday:** 8am Holy Communion  
**Except on 13<sup>th</sup>** the main service is at **10am**

6<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion

13<sup>th</sup> **10.50am Service of Remembrance**

20<sup>th</sup> Parish Communion

27<sup>th</sup> All Age Morning Worship

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm Annual Memorial Service**  
*Come and light a candle in thanksgiving for a life remembered*



**ORGAN RECITALS  
 AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,  
 HASLEMERE**

Will take place on the first Saturday of the month during the Autumn.

On 5th November, Soprano, Joanna Thomlinson, will give a recital, accompanied by Clive Osgood.

Concerts begin at 11 am, with refreshments beforehand from 10.30 am.

Admission is free, with a retiring collection to support the conservation of St Bartholomew's and St Christopher's churches.

All welcome.

**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. 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)**

**All Souls Day**

At St Christopher's Church  
 on 2nd November  
 at 8 pm  
 there will be a Eucharist  
 which will include  
**FAURE'S REQUIEM**,  
 sung by  
 The Haslemere Singers  
 All welcome

**THE NATIVITY—  
 a play for all the family**  
 Enjoy the 'real' Christmas Story at Wintershall—with actors in memorable costumes, live animals and a real barn, tickets are available from 01793 418299 or [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com)  
 Performances (lasting approx. 90 mins) take place at 2.30 and 5.30 pm on 14th, 17th and 18th, and 4.30 and 7 pm on 15th and 16th December.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**  
 For Carol Singing round the Village on 21st December—  
 details in next edition

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

**Book Club:** 'Brooklyn' by Colm Toibin, Tuesday 9th, 8 pm

**Gardening Club:** 'The Royal Parks' with Simon Richards, Thursday 3rd, 7.45 pm

**Quiz Night:** Thurs. 24th, 7.45 pm

**In the Village Hall:**

**WI:** Wednesday 9th

**Grandparent/Parent Toddler**

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

**77 Lower Road:**

**Good Book Morning:** Monday 28th, 10.30 am

**HASLEMERE FOOD BANK****Currently particularly in need of:**

Tinned spaghetti  
 Tinned pasta egg 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)*

**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

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In November  
 we remember those who live in  
 Grayswood Road and Haslemere Road.

**Offer your hand for international friendship!**

Welcome an adult international student into your home this Christmas and make the world a friendlier place!

Adult international students in the UK face a lonely holiday on a university campus, and would love to spend a few days with you, learning about British culture, experiencing Christmas festivities, and telling you about their own country. Hosting is a voluntary position suitable for all ages and is also available throughout the year with HOST, a charity set up in 1987.

To find out more, please visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292.

