



March 2017



Dear Friends

LENT

Ideas for the 21st century

What are you doing for Lent this year? Giving up or taking on? Both? Or neither? Traditionally it's a time of self-discipline, a time of personal preparation, which makes the celebration of Easter even more special.

I could underline something in each of these lists (examples only) which are relevant to me! But will I? That is the question.

- Things we might consider **giving up completely** and use Lent as practice: gossip, swearing, complaining / moaning, procrastination, junk food, always arriving late.
- Things we might consider **using less** - or more discriminately: coffee 'to go', fast food, mobile phones, facebook, time-filler TV.
- Things we might consider **giving up for the 40 days of Lent** as a self-discipline, apart from the usual chocolate or alcohol: buying groceries we don't need, snacking between meals, shopping for clothes.
- Things we might consider **taking on for the 40 days** (and perhaps even keep up afterwards): give away at least one thing every day, throw out at least one thing every day, read a devotional book, say three nice things to your spouse / children / someone you see regularly every day, do something you've been meaning to do for ages and have never got around to.

Don't forget, if you'd like to take part in the 'Retreat in Everyday Life' (see Feb Runner) either come along to the Hall at 7.45 for 8pm on a Wednesday evening, beginning 8th March for 5 weeks, or send me an email and ask for the material. I'll send it to you each week.

With my very best wishes

Barbara

THE WHEATSHEAF INN

What is a pub, somewhere to relax, to mingle, to socialize - the heart of the community. Alas that is changing for many reasons - access to alcohol from supermarkets, from garages, from the corner shop, the price and drink driving. All these plus all the technology in the home make staying at home an attractive proposition. So we face the death of the British pub, an industry that has changed much over my 30 plus years in the trade. At one time we only had to serve great beer, keep clean premises (especially toilets) and keep undesirables out. Now we have to serve food and allow access to children. We have to keep up with vast changes in law, deal with rising admin and face competition from cafes and lots of licensed outlets. I miss the old pub, where class and money was set aside and social status was immaterial, where a beer and a chat was important. We had retired senior servicemen, builders, gardeners and city workers all happy to meet as equals. Please let's give a new lease of life to the British pub.

Grayswood has the trinity needed in a village, a church, a school and a village pub. Let's keep it that way. Ken

Mothering Sunday at The Wheatsheaf with food served from 12-7

Wheatsheaf Inn Grayswood Road Grayswood Haslemere Surrey GU27 2DE 01428 644440 or thewheatsheafgrayswood@hotmail.co.uk
www.thewheatsheafgrayswood.co.uk



Women's World Day Of Prayer

Friday, 3rd March at 10.30 a.m. at St. Stephen's Church, Shottermill, Haslemere. GU27 1NS.
Service prepared by the Women of the Philippines on the theme "Am I being Unfair to you?"
Coffee from 9.45 a.m. —service lasts 1 hour— some church parking
All Welcome - Men, Women & Young People

GRAYSWOOD COFFEE AND CHAT

in the Village Club
10.30 - 12 noon
8th March

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month
All ages are invited to drop in for tea/coffee and cake and a chance to meet others in the village

For more information, contact Di on 654303 or 07769971720 or drd-cook01@gmail.com



Toddler Group

Wednesday mornings, during term-time, from 9.15-10.45 am in the Oonagh Jeffrey Room, Grayswood Village Hall

For more info please ring Jane White, 01428 643891

A warm welcome awaits you, and we are looking forward to meeting you!
£2.50 per family unit



DAYTIME HOME GROUP



Church House
2.30-4pm

ALL WELCOME
First and third

Thursdays:
2nd & 16th March



CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Every Sunday: the main service is at 10am

Every Sunday at 6pm (During Lent) : reflective, informal service

1st	Ash Wednesday 9.30am School Service 8pm United Benefice Service at All Saints
5th	Parish Communion
12th	Morning Worship
19th	Parish Communion
26th	All Age Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday
31st	School end of term service



VILLAGE PRAYER

In March we remember those who live in

Lower Road

Park Close

Ash Tree Close



Do you need space to escape the busyness of life? Whether you want to pray, give thanks or find hope in times of despair, our beautiful Grade II listed church is open for you every day from around 9am until dusk in winter, and until 6pm in summer.

Would you like us to pray for you? God hears you, but it is good to know you have other people who care, joining with you! Phone us, email us, add your name to 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.

Would you like a home visit or to speak with a priest? Grayswood has two priests who serve our parish.

Revd Barbara Steele-Perkins officially works part-time for the Parish.

Barbara's day off is Tuesday.

Tel: 656504 Email: barbarasteeleperkins@tiscali.co.uk

Revd Fi Gwynn works part-time, mainly on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fi's day off is Friday. Tel 656504 Email: revfigwynn@gmail.com

Baptism? Wedding? Funeral? Please contact the church office on 01428 656504 in the first instance.

Do you have a general enquiry? Our church office in Church House, Church Close, GU27 2DB is open Mon, Thurs and Fri mornings from 9am -12 noon for general enquiries and is staffed by our administrator Sarah Bennett. At other times you can still leave a message or send an email. Messages will be answered every day except Tuesdays.

Tel: 656504 Email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit:

www.grayswoodparish.org

CLAMMER HILL ALLOTMENTS

The Clammer Hill allotment site in Grayswood, is a beautifully peaceful site.

It is Haslemere Town Council's smallest site with 24 plots ranging from 30 square metres to over 90 square metres, and the waiting list at present is significantly lower than it has been in recent years.

If you are interested in taking an allotment please contact Sarah Nash for more information: 01428 654305/deputy.clerk@haslemeretc.org.

You can also fill in the online application form by visiting www.haslemeretc.org/services/allotments

HOME & VINTAGE
SPRING FAIR

Saturday 15th April 10-3pm
Grayswood Village Hall

A wonderful selection of Handmade & Vintage to get you, your homes & gardens ready for spring. Our pretty flower filled tearoom will be open serving Hot cross buns & yummy tea & cakes. Easter treats for the children £1 entry ~ under 10's free



GRAYSWOOD
Nursery and Forest School

VACANCY

Grayswood Nursery and Forest School are seeking someone to support the children at lunch time
Days: Monday, Tuesday and possibly Thursday.
Hours: 12.15-2.00 (term time only). You will need undertake a DBS check.

If interested, please contact Kate Dean on 01428 658931 or info@grayswoodnurseryschool.co.uk

EVENTS IN MARCH

In the Village Club:

Gardening Club: 'GM Crops and the GM Debate' with Jack Salway, Thursday 2nd, 7.45 pm

Book Club meets on Tuesday 14th at 8 pm: the chosen book is "Exposure" by Helen Dunmore.

Quiz Night: Thurs. 23rd, 7.45 pm

Yoga: weekly sessions on Tues/Thurs. Please book in advance by calling: Eva 07956 171540

Coffee and Chat: 10.30 - 12 noon Wednesday 8th March

In the Village Hall:

Toddler Group: 9.15-10.45 am
Wednesdays in term time.

Details from Jane White, 643891

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning: Monday 27th, 10.30 am

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Currently particularly in need of:

- * Tinned stew
- * Tinned potatoes
- * Small jars coffee
- * Tinned rice pudding / custard
- * Drinking chocolate
- * Tinned spaghetti
- * Tinned pasta eg ravioli
- * Long grain rice
- * Sugar
- * 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



THE FRIENDS' JAZZ CONCERT

The FB Pocket Orchestra takes its listeners back to the hot jazz, blues, ragtime and popular dances of the 1920/30's.

We present a cornucopia of instruments and voice:

Ollie Corbin – Tuba, Cornet, Accordion, Vocal and Kick Drum; Jenny Russell – Vocal, Clarinet, Melodica and Washboard; Paul Stevenson – Guitar and Banjo

www.fbpocketorchestra.co.uk

Saturday 1st April 2017 at 8.00pm
in All Saints Church.

Tickets £15, or £25 with delicious 2-course supper at the Wheatsheaf

Contact: Pauline Lamb: 01428 643798 or email: lamb@haslemere.com

USEFUL NUMBERS

Village Hall Bookings:
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Grayswood Club
07748 065 821

Grayswood School
642086

Grayswood Nursery School
658931

Wheatsheaf
644440