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## Dear Friends

The commandment to do no work on the Sabbath appears to us a prohibition. 'Thou shalt not...' is what we hear. But its origin is far from that, in fact the opposite. The Jewish people have been slaves in Egypt. They're cruelly treated and made to slave away for no reward, all day and sometimes all night, making bricks for their Egyptian masters.

Imagine being told, once you have been rescued from Egypt, you are now to be free from work one whole day a week, whether you're master, mistress or servant, whether you're the boss or the junior. That's a gift – as well as a statement of equality and of justice. It's a humanitarian ideal – we need it.

It disturbs me that many people today seem to be 'owned' by their boss; 7 days a week they receive messages to which they feel they must respond immediately; unsurprisingly they become stressed almost beyond reason and families lose out. Part of the wisdom of keeping a day free from work, is that it gives the opportunity to enjoy people – the relationships we have, especially family.

We talk a lot today about work / life balance, but are we in danger as a culture of being slaves – just like the Israelites in Egypt? Is there anything we can do about it?

With my very best wishes *Barbara*



**GRAYSWOOD COFFEE AND CHAT**  
in the Village Club  
10.30 - 12 noon  
**13th SEPTEMBER**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

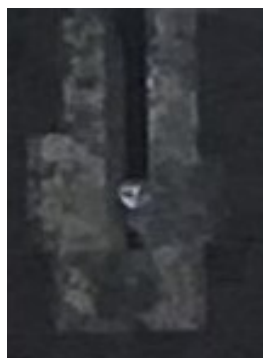
A warm welcome  
awaits you, and we are  
looking forward to  
meeting you!  
£2.50 per family unit



### Danger to church mice?

We have special unintended visitors at the church who leave their calling cards! An old wives' tale says that if bird droppings land on your head or property, it is good luck! These anonymous visitors were recently sighted and we now know we have resident barn owls. The chicks join choir practices, making hissing noises as they call for food. Strange noises could also be heard at the evening church council meeting (?!).

Barn owls are protected and we must learn to enjoy and respect their company, and feel honoured, as there are few pairs in Surrey. Barn owls can live for up to 12 years in the wild, but often reach only about 3 years due to hazards such as roads so we don't know how long they'll stay. But the church roof void is luxury barn owl real estate with the graveyard supplying food – long may they keep coming!



Peeping out from the  
West End slit window

All Saints Harvest Festival Service  
will be held  
on Sunday 1st October, at 10 am



**HARVEST 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.

**HARVEST 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.

**SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE** will be held in church at 9.30 on Monday 2nd October

**CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER****Every Sunday:** 8am Holy Communion (BCP)**Every Sunday:** the main service is at **10am****3rd** Parish Eucharist (All Age)**9th** Morning Worship**17th** Parish Eucharist

6pm at the Cathedral:

Farewell to Archdeacon Stuart Beake

**24th** All Age Morning Worship

and an advance notice

**1st OCTOBER****10am** Harvest Festival**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In September we remember those who live in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson 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 ministers who serve our parish.

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

Barbara's Sabbath is Tuesday.

Tel: 656504 Email: barbarasp46@gmail.com (please note new address)

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

Fi's Sabbath 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 listened to every day except Tuesday.

Tel: 656504 Email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit:

[www.grayswoodparish.org](http://www.grayswoodparish.org)

The Friends of All Saints Grayswood  
present:

## Godalming Community Gospel Choir

Saturday 28th October, 7.30pm  
All Saints Church

Come along to an uplifting musical evening full of energy and passion.

This unique and popular choir is open to everyone regardless of faith, background or financial circumstances; and no auditions are required to join. The singers perform a range of US and British, contemporary and traditional gospel music.



Contact Pauline Lamb  
for more information and  
tickets (£15):  
lamb@haslemere.com  
or 01428 643798

**HASLEMERE FOOD BANK**

Currently particularly in need of:

- \* Tinned fruit
- \* Tinned custard
- \* Tinned rice pudding / custard
- \* Tinned carrots, peas
- \* Jam / marmalade
- \* Drinking chocolate
- \* Loo rolls
- \* Shampoo



Please donate 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

**Grayswood Tennis Tournament**

Sunday 24th September  
from 11am

Rob & Jo Shaw at Grayswood House are hosting an informal tennis tournament. All welcome to come & play or just watch. Bring a picnic. Junior & mixed-age doubles' cups up for grabs.

RSVP [jo@grayswoodhouse.com](mailto:jo@grayswoodhouse.com)

**THANK YOU ...** to Haslemere Town Council.....for installing the steps at the top of the cricket pitch and taking down trees to open up the view at the War Memorial, a fitting tribute as we remember the centenary anniversaries of the fallen in WW1.

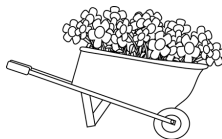
**WANT TO HELP GET YOUNGSTERS INTO GARDENING?**

We need volunteers to inspire and encourage Grayswood Primary School pupils aged 8 - 11 to become gardeners.

The after school club has been running since March. We have a hugely enthusiastic group who have learnt how to weed, dig in fertiliser, sow seeds, water and harvest plus we've had a great time along the way.

If you can spare an hour or so on most Wednesday afternoons during term time (3.15 - approx 4.15pm), we would love to hear from you.

Contact: Janet Dallas on 01428 643227.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Village Club, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September  
between 10.30 and 12.30pm.

If anyone would make a cake or is able to volunteer help please contact Carol Franklin 652902.

**EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER****In the Village Club:**

**Gardening Club:** 'Vegetables and Fruits in Containers' with Mr Richard Bailey, Thursday 7th, 7.45 pm

**Book Club** September book as per August: "People of the book" by Geraldine Brooks, Tuesday, September 12th

**Quiz Night:** Thursday 21st at 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 on Wednesday 12th

**In the Village Hall:**

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

Jane White, 643891

**77 Lower Road:**

Good Book Morning:  
Monday 28th, 10.30 am

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

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

Grayswood Club  
07748 065 821

Grayswood School  
642086

Grayswood Nursery School  
658931

Wheatshaf  
644440