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Dear Friends



We're already one twelfth into it, but better late than never!

I've always failed miserably at most of the resolutions I've ever made, so this year, I'm thinking more about the ancient Christian tradition of 'practising the presence of God', which means consciously reminding oneself that God has been and is always present, whether we acknowledge it or not, whether we feel it or not. There are a few similarities to 'mindfulness' in that it focuses on the awareness of the present moment, but with God in the equation as well as self.

So I'm challenging myself – and now you – to reflect on the past year, and afterwards perhaps to use these or similar questions daily or weekly as appropriate.

- \* What do I want to celebrate?
- \* What am I particularly thankful for?
- \* What or who gave me hope in bleak moments?
- \* Who or what encouraged me?

Although we may have been unaware of it at the time, God was present in all those moments and more besides.

And now, in 2018, looking forward

- \* how can I use the reflections from the above to give me strength and purpose for now?
- \* how can I be the giver as well as the receiver of good things?
- \* how can I be more conscious of God as always present?
- \* how can I reflect the goodness and graciousness and hospitality of God in all that I do and say?

In other words perhaps, what sort of human being do I want to be?

With my very best wishes *Barbara Steele-Perkins*

## Are you a quiz buff?

But do you know the answers others are least likely to give?

If so, then try our

## POINTLESS QUIZ

based (loosely!) on the TV game show

Grayswood Village Hall

March 3rd 2018

7.30 – 10.30 pm

Tickets: £10  
or a table of 8 for £70

to include supper

Licensed bar and raffle

Contact Di Cook 01428

654303 or

drdcook01@gmail.com

Money raised will go towards the accessible toilet & new Church Office

## Welcome to Grayswood CE Primary School

Meet the new headteacher: "My name is Mrs Jo Fraser and I took over as the new Headteacher of Grayswood CE Primary School in September 2018. It has been a very busy first term getting to know the children, parents and staff at the school and I now felt I should introduce myself to the wider Grayswood community. I live locally with my husband and 3 daughters. In my spare time, I enjoy being with my family and am often to be found walking on Thursley Common or at a local playground! I have been very fortunate to work in very different schools during my career and have learnt a huge amount from each one; from a large challenging inner city primary school in Fulham to Witley CE Infant school down the road where I have been Headteacher for the past 6 years. I feel immensely excited by the opportunity of being headteacher at such a lovely, family orientated Christian village school as Grayswood and look forward to meeting the local community over the coming months."



## GRAYSWOOD COFFEE AND CHAT



in the Village Club  
10.30 - 12 noon  
14th FEBRUARY

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

Contact Di on 654303 or  
07769971720 or  
drdcook01@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

We look forward to  
meeting you!  
£2.50 per family unit



## DAYTIME HOME GROUP



Church House  
2.30-4pm

ALL WELCOME

First & third  
Thursdays

1st and 15th Feb

## 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 worship (Feb 18th and 25th)

4th Parish Communion

11th Morning Worship

14th **Ash Wednesday** 8pm  
United Benefice Service at  
St Christopher's



18th Parish Communion

25th All Age Morning Worship  
with the Baptism of Charlie Williams

## VILLAGE PRAYER

In November 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 day off 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 day off is Friday. Tel 654728 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)

## GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS

**Sunday 1st July**

Another chance to see the lovely  
secret gardens of Grayswood

A mix of new gardens  
and visitor favourites

Yummy cakes, packed plant stall

Contact: [lamb@haslemere.com](mailto:lamb@haslemere.com)  
or 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



## EAGLE JAZZ BAND



**SATURDAY 24TH MARCH AT 8PM AT ALL SAINTS**

CLASSIC JAZZ FEATURING SONGS  
OF THE 20s, 30s, 40s

DELIGHTING AUDIENCES WORLDWIDE SINCE 1951

**TICKETS £15 OR £27 WITH TWO COURSE JAZZ SUPPER  
AT THE WHEATSHEAF**

CONTACT [LAMB@HASLEMERE.COM](mailto:LAMB@HASLEMERE.COM), OR 643798

## GRAYSWOOD AFTER SCHOOL GARDENING CLUB

**Can you help?** We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 - 4.15 with our enthusiastic band of young gardeners, aged 8-10. Garden Club will start again in early March.

You don't have to be an expert gardener. We also do craft activities like making and decorating pots and plant labels. You don't need to come every week.

**Come and join us!** We have spaces for three new helpers. Contact Janet Dallas:  
[janetdallas@gmail.com](mailto:janetdallas@gmail.com) or 07766547207



## Get connected to your neighbours online

Nextdoor is the private social network for neighbours in Grayswood, Chidd & Witley.

**It's easy to stay connected to your neighbourhood, wherever you are:** Nextdoor is the best way to stay informed about what's going on in your neighbourhood—whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, planning a local event, or sharing safety tips. There are so many ways our neighbours can help us. We just need an easier way to connect with them.

**Communicate in a secure environment:** All members of Nextdoor use their real name and verify their address. The conversation always stays private, just between you and your neighbours. Ask Angela Wheeler for more details or **go to** [grayswoodchiddwitley.nextdoor.co.uk/](http://grayswoodchiddwitley.nextdoor.co.uk/)

## EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

In the Village Club:

**Gardening Club:** Thursday 1st 7.45 pm—David Millais talks on "Rhododendrons from the Himalayas to Chelsea"

**Book Club:** Tuesday 13th - We are reading "The end we start from" by Megan Hunter

**Quiz Night:** Thursday 22nd 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 14th

In the Village Hall:

Toddler Group: 9.15-10.45 am Wednesdays in term time. Jane White, 643891

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning:

## 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