



March 2018



Dear Friends



Someone asked me (jokingly) one day, 'Whatever did you do to send two of your children so far away from home?' (My daughters live in Australia and America).

I passed the question on to my eldest (in Sydney) who replied that we made them feel so secure, gave them such strong roots, that they were able to explore the world with confidence. I was moved – yes, to tears.

Security enables us to cross boundaries, explore the unknown, wonder, enjoy life. Strong roots enable growth.

It makes me very conscious of people who haven't got that sense of security. For some it's even worse – they live in fear and become fearful. A sense of reserve is one thing, timidity is another. It hinders abundant living, it inhibits growth, it prevents us from being the people God wants us to be. Sadly, we see the evidence all too frequently in the News.



This Lent I have committed myself to pray for such people every day, for that sense of security and strong roots. Will you join me?

With my very best wishes

Barbara

COUNTING ONE'S BLESSINGS

In 1961/62, at the age of 18, I taught with Voluntary Service Overseas for one year in Tanzania, coinciding with the Country's transition to "uhuru" or independence. When jobs in businesses and government would be "Africanised" before long, the African boys in my secondary school were eager to learn, realising how lucky they were to be among the minority at school. The Africans were nearly all poor, with a poor diet and few possessions. Young children played with discarded items of rubbish, with few other toys. A common treat was a short stick of sugar cane, which they chewed. Toothbrushes were sticks cut from trees, with frayed ends for brushing. They had no shoes and played football in bare feet. In spite of all this, they smiled readily and laughed most of the time.

With their simple blessings, these people were generally very content. How much more content should we therefore be, with our much greater blessings.

Allen Chubb

Jimmie Song's Legacy

Many of you will remember Jimmie who helped us out a great deal during two vacancies and who therefore got to know Grayswood and its parishioners well. He died a year ago last December and we have just heard that he left a generous bequest of £7,000 to the Friends of All Saints. This will help greatly towards our planned reordering of the Vicar's vestry.

Pauline, Chairman of The Friends of All Saints

Runner by Mail

If you just pick up a copy occasionally, or sometimes forget, perhaps you would like to receive the Runner by Mail. Just send 7 second class stamps (to cover the remainder of this year) to: Mrs Pauline Lamb, Little Paddock, 4 Paddock Way, Grayswood, Haslemere GU27 2EE – or drop them in to the church office.



GRAYSWOOD COFFEE AND CHAT



in the Village Club
10.30 - 12 noon
14th 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

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 March

CHURCH SERVICES IN MARCH

Every Sunday: 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

Every Sunday the main service is at 10am

Sundays during Lent at 6pm (March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th):
reflective evening worship

March

- 4th Parish Communion
- 11th All Age Service for **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
- 18th Parish Communion
- 25th All Age Morning Worship for **PALM SUNDAY**



HOLY WEEK

29th **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.30 Supper and Eucharist round the table

Please book with Judy (for catering) 644125

30th 10am **GOOD FRIDAY** All Age Morning Worship;

gather on the Green if fine

followed by Hot Cross Buns

12 – 2pm Church open for private meditation

2-3pm Guided meditation



and

1st April **EASTER SUNDAY with Bishop Jo**

Eucharist with the (optional) renewal of Baptism vows

VILLAGE PRAYER

In March, we remember those who live in Lower
Road, Park Close and 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 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

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

HOME & VINTAGE LIVING FAIR

Beautiful spring fair
with a stunning selection
of French Brocante, antiques,
linens, soft furnishings,
home, garden ware & hand crafted
gifts.

Spring plants & garden talks in the
tearoom whilst enjoying
homemade cakes over looking the
cricket green

£2 entry ~ under 12's free

Friendly dogs on leads welcome

Saturday 17th March 10-3pm

Grayswood Village Hall

www.homeandvintageliving.co.uk



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, OR 643798

Sounds of the Sixties

Back by popular demand

Saturday 10th March at 7.30

Grayswood Club

Tickets: Adult £4, Under 18s £2 (includes pizza slices)

EVENTS IN MARCH

In the Village Club:

Gardening Club: Thursday1st 7.45 pm - Pamela Holt -
"Royal Botanical Gardens"
Kew**Book Club:** Tuesday 13th -We are reading "The Snow
Child" by Eowyn Ivey**Quiz Night:** Thursday 29th
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: 9.15-10.45am Wednesdays in term
time. Jane White, 643891

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning:

Monday 26th, 10.30 am

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

WANTED!
MILK BOTTLE TOPS

The Friends of All Saints want
your milk bottle tops!

Please leave any donations -
washed and bagged - by the
pigeon holes at the back of the
Church for collection.

This is a long term project as
we need about 10 bin bags full
before any money is received.

Thank you Trish Bell

GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 1st July

Gorgeous gardens ,
yummy teas, giant plant sale,
ploughman's at the
Wheatsheaf, classic cars

ENTRY £5 including parking

Gardeners - please save any split
perennials, spare cuttings and
seedlings for the Plant Sale.

Cake bakers - as ever, we rely on your
kind generosity to donate homemade
cakes (drop-off point tbc)



USEFUL NUMBERS

Village Hall Bookings:
grayswoodvh@outlook.com

Grayswood Club
07748 065 821

Grayswood School
642086

Grayswood Nursery School
658931

Wheatsheaf
644440