Dear Friends

As a child having a birthday in June was great. It meant that I was always only ever 6 months away from getting presents. (Yes I was that materialistic!) I have wonderful memories of parties held in my parents garden – girls turning up in long party dresses (I was born in the late 60's) and then after a relatively short time of running around playing games our party clothes were discarded as we ran in and out of the sprinkler in our underwear to cool down. It's not rose tinted glasses either – global warming is a reality – I was in my late 30's before it ever rained on my birthday!

But I've learnt that forever looking forward isn't always a good thing because by doing so we can miss out on what is in the here and the now. This was re-iterated by someone on the radio during the week who was talking about the hundreds of thousands of visitors who were going to turn up in Windsor to celebrate Harry and Meghan's wedding. They advised them not to watch the procession through their phones or cameras, but to savour the fact that they were there and were able to see it for themselves and that their memory would hold better images than any still photo or video could. As they pointed out, there will be countless photos in the newspapers and on social media that will be far better than anyone in the crowd will be able to take.

And the same applies to us. We need to stop and take time to enjoy what is happening in the here and now. None of us know what tomorrow holds – let alone 6 months' time. Jesus said 'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

I'm not unrealistic. Most of us have to plan ahead for work or social events, and sometimes we do have to look a year or more in advance to arrange dates. But that doesn't mean that we shouldn't find time to celebrate all that is good today. Even just stopping for 5 minutes to take stock and to think of all that you have and are grateful for can make a huge difference.

Why not try it and see how it makes you feel?

With love. Fi

From the archives ...



... so with building works planned for the church over the Summer, the archives are being boxed up and moved to dustfree safe-keeping. Tucked among the dusty tomes was this work by WH Channing, an American Unitarian clergyman, writer and philosopher. Thought it would be good to share it with you as his words seems so apt some 150 years after they were written ... Ed

Life events

It is always great to welcome the school children into church. As well as a wholeschool service to celebrate Pentecost, we had 2 class

visits last month.

Year 3 were learning about Communion.





their very own mock wedding the day before Harry and Meghan tied the

GRAYSWOOD



in the Village Club 10.30 - 12 noon 13th June

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



Good Book Morning

at 'Corner Cottage' 77 **Lower Road**

10.30 am—midday 4th Monday of every month

Do come and join us For coffee and lively discussions

CHURCH SERVICES in JUNE

All services at All Saints Grayswood unless otherwise stated

June

3rd	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion (St Christophers, GU27 1DD) Parish Eucharist
10th	8am 10 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship
17th	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion (St Christophers, GU27 1DD) Parish Eucharist
24th	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion All Age Morning Worship with Baptism

Want to pause for 5 minutes?

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.

VILLAGE PRAYER

In June, we remember those who live beyond the parish boundary but worship in Grayswood



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 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 Wednesdays 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.

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Sunday 1st July 11.30-5.30

Don't miss this year's showing of the lovely Grayswood Gardens!

A mix of ten large and small gardens, some new, some visitor favourites, including the allotments and school garden and a sculpture garden

Homemade cakes & plant sale at the Village Hall / ploughman's at The Wheatsheaf

NEW for this year— classic cars display at Grayswood Garage.

The day closes with Sung Evensong in All Saints Church at 6.30 pm

Cake donations will be accepted on the day from 12—12.30 at the Village Hall Car Park.

Please let Trish Bell (01428 654418 or trishbell932@gmail.com) know if you are able to contribute and also provide details of your proposed donation (i.e. type of cake, does it contain nuts, has it been frozen etc.). Thank you in advance for your generous support in making this event a great success.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

- Small packets of sugar
- * Tinned spaghetti, pasta
- * Tinned potatoes
- * Puddings and tinned custard
- Drinking chocolate, long-life milk, instant coffee
- * Couscous or noodles
- * Oats

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- Packets of soup
- PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS for clients to take items home

Thanks to generous donations we do NOT need: dried pasta, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, meat or fruit, rice pudding, jam or marmalade, tea bags, rice, cereals, biscuits, treats or toiletries. Please donate small items rather than family packs, and non-perishables only, , as unfortunately the Food Bank is unable to store fresh foods. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Save the Date!

Cello and Piano Recital at

All Saints Church

on Saturday 16th June

Tickets £15—available on the door

Further details in the church porch.

Book Club in the Village Club

Please note that Book Club now meets on the **THIRD** Tuesday in the month. This month (June 19th) we will be discussing "The kind worth killing" by Peter Swanson.

EVENTS IN JUNE

In the Village Club:

Gardening Club: First Thursday in the month: 7th June, 7.45 pm - Mark Saunders Herbaceous Perennials

Book Club: NEW TIME THIRD Tuesday in the month: June 19th "The kind worth killing" by Peter Swanson

Quiz Night: last Thursday in the month: 28th June at 7.45 pm

Coffee and Chat: Second Wednesday in the month 10.30 - 12 noon: 13th June

In the Village Hall:

Toddler Group: Wednesdays mornings in term-time from 9.15-10.45, contact Jane White on 643891

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning: 4th Monday in the month,

USEFUL NUMBERS

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Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery School 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440

