



The Grayswood Runner



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Dear Friends

All change!



Historically for us in Britain September is all change. Children change classes or schools, parents think new uniforms, young people go up or come down from University, look for new jobs or consider a gap year. Teachers welcome and readjust to new pupils / students.

With change comes newness and challenge, perhaps excitement and adventure, and although it might be a bit scary, there are masses of opportunities for growth - as a human being. In my life experience so far, God is continually inviting us to growth, and to all that involves.

I'm beginning to respond yet again to that invitation, as it's all change for me too this year. As most of you will know by now, retirement looms, and 9th September is my last Sunday working and living in Grayswood. The place and the people have been very special to me - as they were to Richard too - and I shall miss everyone very much. Thank you for being such a special community. It has truly been a place to call 'home', which the people - you - have made it for me in a way that some places we have lived were not.



Goodbye and God be with you

With my very best wishes as ever and may the loving God lead you forward, Christ Jesus take your hand on the way, and the Spirit surround you with grace.

Barbara

All Saints Harvest Festival Service
will be held on Sunday 7th 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 Wednesday 10th October

Good Book Morning
at 'Corner Cottage' 77
Lower Road



10.30 am—midday
4th Monday of every month
Do come and join us

Toddler Group

Wednesday mornings (term-time)
from 9.15-10.45 am in the OJ Room, Village Hall
Starts back September 12th
For details please ring Jane White, 643891
£2.50 per family unit



Daytime Home Group
2.30- 4 pm
Church House
September 5th
Further dates and venue TBC



Lucy Roberts
1 October 1960 - 29 May 2018

For Lucy

As even the last embers of life
Begin to fade
And the long time resisted surrender
Becomes not just the chosen path
But the welcome road
As the apparent end appears to be
appearing
And drifting into nothingness seems to
beckon
Those watching nearby
Or holding you from afar
Catch sight of a mystery:
That unexpected yet hoped for peace
Silently descends and invades the room
Filling every possible nook and cranny
of available space
With a silence resounding with
Presence
And what a moment ago seemed like
quiet emptiness
And the solitary sound of your
occasional breathing
Suddenly becomes your distant yet
unmistakably mischievous laughter
As all the questions that had dogged
your years
And every pious response that you had
graciously received
But secretly despised
And every unsatisfactory reply you had
been asked to accept
But privately scorned
All found their answers in a familiar face
And you are embraced
By all you ever hoped for
And the
unstoppable you
Runs wild-haired
Into unspeakable
joy.

Richard
Everett



CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

All 10 am services at All Saints Grayswood unless otherwise stated

2nd	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christophers)
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
9th	8am	Holy Communion (St Bart's)
	10 am	Parish Eucharist – Barbara's Farewell service
16th	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christophers)
	10 am	Parish Eucharist
23rd	8 am	Holy Communion (All Saints)
	10 am	All Age Morning Worship
30th	10 am	United Benefice service at St Bart's

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 retires on 9th September. Please call or email the office during the vacancy.

Revd Fi Gwynn works part-time, mainly on Wednesdays & 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 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.

Tel: 656504 Email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit:

www.grayswoodparish.org

Grayswood Tennis Tournament

Sunday 16th 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: joannawoodartist@btinternet.com

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

- * Small packets of Sugar
- * Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Pasta, Tinned Potatoes
- * Tinned Meat
- * Tinned fruit, Puddings
- * Drinking Chocolate, Long Life Milk, Instant Coffee
- * Couscous or Noodles
- * Oats
- * Packets of soup
- * Toilet Rolls, Shampoo and Soap
- * PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS for clients to take items home

Thanks to generous donations we do NOT need: dried pasta, baked beans, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, jam or marmalade, tea bags, rice, cereals, biscuits or treats.

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.

**RSCM CHOIRS EVENT**

October 14th 2018
Sung Evensong at Guildford Cathedral 6.00pm.

This is a Guildford RSCM 'Area Choirs Festival Evensong'. About 100+ members from choirs in the area will be joining together, including, we hope, 14 from our choir.

[The RSCM stands for 'The Royal School of Church Music' to which we are affiliated. The medals and ribbons which we wear are part of the graded scheme of musicianship combined with awareness of church customs, buildings, services etc]

Come and support your choir

**UPDATE ...**

As The Runner goes to print, the building works are progressing well with the accessible toilet and the adaptations for the church office. Thank you for all your donations and support. We anticipate that works will be completed in September.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning**

in September in the Village Club

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: Thursday 6th September 7.45 pm Speaker TBC

Book Club: Third Tuesday (8th September) are reading "The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows.

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

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 10.30 am—midday

USEFUL NUMBERS

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