



April / May 2019

As I write this, we are still only in the second week of Lent. How have you been getting on? I had my favourite of the 40 acts this week – handing out chocolate! It coincided with my day at Skillway so I was able to share it with the students and the volunteers. The volunteers were delighted but the students were slightly sceptical as to why I was doing it. Initially a couple refused but once one had said 'yes' and made their choice of chocolate bar the others quickly changed their mind. I wondered if their reluctance was because initially, they thought there was a catch, that there was an ulterior motive to my generosity.

The greatest act of generosity happened at Easter when Christ gave his life for ours. No catch, no ulterior motive. All we need to do is say 'yes' to him. Happy Easter.

Love Fi x



Easter – divine stunt or a private moment? It is strange how Easter has become such a 'traditionally religious' occasion when at the heart of it are events that are brutal, mysterious, almost unbelievable. In particular, the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning which as a church family we rightly celebrate as central to our faith, and yet is probably an event we understand least. It's interesting to note that there were many witnesses to encounters with the risen Christ (as many as 500 on one occasion according to St Paul) and yet no one was there when the resurrection actually took place. You would think that if it was done as a grand gesture to convince the world of God's power over death and as a final demonstration of who Jesus was, it would have taken place in the centre of Jerusalem in the full glare of public scrutiny. Or are we missing the point? Resurrection encounters, powerful personal reminders of the living presence of Christ in the here and now are one thing, but what took place in the garden tomb was something quite different and not a divine stunt to impress anyone at all. It was, perhaps, something more profound, private, almost secret – or as CS Lewis beautifully describes it: "Deep magic from the Dawn of Time." With such thoughts in mind I penned the following ...

Son Rise

There was a kind of madness
In that moment that no one saw
When for two long days a small corner
of history held its breath
But why did no one see it?
Why was no one there?
Why did no one witness you throwing
your cards
So high in the air?
Perhaps it was private
And we weren't invited
To see
That veiled moment
Of divine and holy intimacy
When a grieving father

Wept tears of pain onto the broken
body of his tortured son
Tears bled in anger
Even regret
That tumbled down to breathe life
again into his lifeless form
And when
In the absolute quiet of that silent
dawn
They embraced one another
And then
Wiping away his parents' grief
The son rose
To once and for all
Banish the grave

Kick away the stones
And tread on the face of the imposter
death
Then stepping into the daylight
Bring hope to the hopeless
Light to the blind
So that never again
Would anyone find themselves lost in
the dark
And never again
Could anyone fail
To find
Their way home

Richard Everett

What's happening at The Club?

Garden Club

First Thursday of each month at 7.45pm



Plus garden visits, a Christmas meal and a garden party

Quiz night

Last Thursday of each month at 7.45pm



We mark our own answers!!

U3A Jazz

Appreciation

Third Tuesday of each month in term time 10.00 - 12.00 (U3A Membership needed)



Book Club

Third Thursday of each month at 8.00pm. We take turns choosing a book



Evening bar

The bar is open from 8.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Local real ale and a selection of bottled beers, wine and spirits.



Darts, pool, table tennis and skittle alley.

Social Events

Occasional Saturday evenings



Watch the website for new events

Village Coffee

Morning

Second Wednesday of each month. 10.30 - 12.00



Do drop in!

U3A Art Group

Thursdays in term time 10.00 - 12.00 (U3A Membership needed)



TREE WORK

Recent tree work at the back of the church is being carried out by Waverley Borough Council on their land to clear ash die back and keep the woodland healthy.



CARPET WANTED

We are looking to replace the carpet in the North Transept of the Church which is reaching the end of its days.

Does anyone have a suitable rug or carpet (approx 3m²) that might replace it?

If so please contact Richard on 07946 646930 or everettscript@gmail.com

Thank you!

Current events can be found on the website:

<http://grayswoodclub.simplesite.com/>

If you are interested in coming to any of these events and need more information call Angela Wheeler on 652667.

Grayswood Club can be found in the old school building at the end of Lower Road. It was given to the Village in Trust in 1905. Membership is £10 annually (£5 for Seniors & Juniors).

Godalming Community Gospel Choir

EASTER SHOWCASE

Wednesday 10th April from 7—9 pm at Godalming Baptist Church, Queen St, Godalming GU7 1BA

Join us for a very special evening of Easter contemporary and traditional gospel music. A rare opportunity to see and hear Godalming Community Gospel Choir "unplugged" - just voices and piano. A perfect way to celebrate the Easter story, be comforted and uplifted.

Early booking advised. Please visit www.gcgc.org.uk





THE GREAT GRAYSWOOD W.I. REVIVAL

We're thrilled to announce that Grayswood Women's Institute is back. Following a successful revival meeting in March, join us on **Wednesday 10th April** at **7.45pm** (for an 8pm start) at **Grayswood Village Hall**.

As it's almost Easter, **Salon du Chocolat** (based in Chichester) are our Guest Speakers. Hear about how they established their chocolate-making workshops and enjoy sampling some of their chocolates!

Join our W.I. on the night or email grayswoodwi@gmail.com for more information.

Grayswood W.I. gatherings will be held on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month.

*Wishing you a very
Happy Easter*

All Saints Spring Fayre

Saturday 11th May

11 – 1.30

Please see enclosed flyer

Please support us on the day but also when you are clearing out your wardrobes, cupboards, sheds and gardens!

We would be especially grateful for donations towards our general tombola, the plant stall, crafts and haberdashery, kitchenalia and Beauty and the Beads stalls!

And of course, cakes nearer the day!

For more information please contact
Di (654303; drdcook01@gmail.com) or Shirley (653284; shirley1941@btinternet.com)



THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS GRAYSWOOD

HOG ROAST AND BARN DANCE SATURDAY JULY 6TH 2019

All ages welcome

If the weather is bad, it will be held in the Village Hall so advance sales are restricted to 113 tickets.

If the weather is good we will be dancing on the Village Green



TICKETS: Barn Dance & Hog Roast £18 adults, £12 under 14s.

CONTACT: lamb@haslemere.com or 01428 643798

Good Book Morning
at 'Corner Cottage' 77
Lower Road

10.30 am—midday
4th Monday of every
month



Do join us for
coffee and
lively
discussions

Toddler Group



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



GRAYSWOOD COFFEE AND CHAT in the Village Club



10.30 - 12 noon
10th April
8th May

Every 2nd Wednesday
of the month
For more information,
contact Di on 654303 or
07769 971720 or
drdcook01@gmail.com

Grandmas and Grandpas

Would you like to pass on your gardening knowledge to the next generation? Join us at Grayswood School Gardening Club.
Every Wednesday afternoon, 3.15 - 4.15 during term time.

You don't have to come every week!

Contact Janet Dallas:
janetdallas54@gmail.com
01428 643227



CHURCH SERVICES in APRIL

All 10 am services at All Saints Grayswood unless otherwise stated

7 th	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	All Age Parish Communion
14 th	8 am	Holy Communion (All Saints)
	10 am	All Age Parish Communion for PALM SUNDAY
18 th	7.45 pm	Meal with Communion in the Upper Room for MAUNDY THURSDAY
		Please book with Judy (for catering) 644125
19 th	10 am	GOOD FRIDAY All Age Morning Worship; (gather on the Green if fine) followed by Hot Cross Buns
	12 - 2 pm	Church open for private meditation
	2-3 pm	Guided meditation
21 st		EASTER SUNDAY
	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	Parish Communion for All Ages with the renewal of Baptism vows
28 th	8 am	Holy Communion (All Saints)
	10 am	Morning Worship for All Ages with baptism followed by APCM

**CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY**

5 th	8 am	Holy Communion at (St Christopher's)
	10 am	Parish Communion
12 th	8 am	Holy Communion (All Saints)
	10 am	Morning Worship
19 th	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	Parish Communion for PENTECOST
26 th	8 am	Holy Communion (All Saints)
	10 am	All Age Morning Worship

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

*All Age Service
on 31st March
at 10 am*

Everyone Welcome

**RUNNER BY MAIL**

To receive The Runner by mail for the remainder of 2019 please send 6 x 2nd class stamps to Pauline Lamb, Little Paddock, Grayswood GU27 2EE.

If any would like to start receiving the Runner by mail please contact Pauline on 01428 643798 or email: lamb@haslemere.com

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In April and May we remember those who live and work in Grayswood Road including Church Close, Sandy Lane, and Lower and Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Burton.

**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 the postbox in the porch, or ask someone to pass a message on. A first name is all we need - confidences are ALWAYS respected.

Would you like a home visit or to speak with a priest?

Rev'd Fi Gwynn works part-time. Fi's day off is Friday.

Tel 01428 654728 or 07929 935179 Email: revfigwynn@gmail.com

Baptism? Wedding? Funeral? Please contact the church office on 07769 856343 in the first instance.

Do you have a general enquiry? Our church office is based in the church, 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: 07769 856343 Email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit:

www.grayswoodparish.org

EVENTS IN APRIL /MAY**In the Village Club:**

Gardening Club: 7.45 pm Thursday 4th April Pamela Holt talking on Kew Gardens in the Club
9th May Garden Visit to Millais Nurseries

Book Club: Third Tuesday (April 16th) 'The Truths and Triumphs of Grace Atherton' by Anstey Harris / (May 21st) 'The Secret River' by Kate Grenville

Quiz Nights on Thursday, 25th April & 23rd May at 7.45

Coffee and Chat 10.30 - 12 noon— every 2nd Wednesday of the month— look forward to seeing you on 10th April and 8th May

In the Village Hall:

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

Grayswood W.I. 2nd Wednesday - 7.45 for 8 pm start. Join on the night or email grayswoodwi@gmail.com

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning: 4th Monday in the month from 10.30 am—midday

USEFUL NUMBERS

Village Hall Bookings: grayswoodvh@outlook.com

Grayswood Club 07748 065 821

Grayswood School 642086

Grayswood Nursery 658931

Wheatsheaf 644440