



**September 2019**

My warmest greeting to you all. Sophie and I are delighted to have been given the opportunity to bring our family and our lives to Haslemere.

Thank you for all your patience over these last months, with the Church of England's lengthy appointment process, and the uncertainty of the appointment at Grayswood, it's had to be a matter of prayer and patience for everyone. Nevertheless, a time of change brings new hope and new life, as God's will unfolds. I can't tell you how excited I am to get stuck into the ministry this Autumn.

For a couple of months before my arrival back in late July, Sophie and I drove through Grayswood many times on our way to and from Chobham. Each time we spotted something new, and we have had a few chances to walk around and get to know the parish. Many would simply say 'oh it's a lovely village', but what makes that possible is the commitment of many people who work so hard to present the village with the beauty it displays. Having been a 'villager' myself for many years in Surrey, I know just how effective the community can be.

As time goes on my principal aim is to get to know you all very well. Please be patient because it will take time! I am joining your family as one who serves as well as one who leads, but principally I would wish our bond to be that of friendship. Jesus famously referred to his disciples as friends in that wonderful passage from John 15 where he described himself as the vine, and surely Haslemere and Grayswood are a part of that spreading growth in our lives.

Sophie and I are very much looking forward to being amongst you.

May Christ's blessings be upon you all.

 [Revd Chris Bessant]

### The Friends' Barn Dance and Hog Roast

On a perfect Summer evening we laid out a circle of hay bales on the Village Green and, as the delicious smell of roasting hog wafted across to us, and the sound of rattling bottles and glasses echoed from the Hall we knew the Barn Dance and Hog Roast was about to begin. Families, friends and couples arrived as the band was warming up and the caller announced the first dance. The children led the way, enthusiastically and accurately following the caller's instructions. Then the adults joined in and all were twirling and whirling as the light faded. There was a feeling of timelessness as if country dancing on an English village green had continued through the ages. Refreshed by drinks from the bar and delicious pork burgers the dancers continued through the evening and groups sat around the circle chatting. As the band played the last dance, the first drops of rain fell and everyone quickly helped to put the bales under cover and generally clear up. All agreed it had been a joyful evening, and promised to tell their friends, so that we may have a greater number of "Barn Dancers" next time. The Friends of All Saints were delighted to raise over £700 towards the repair and maintenance of our church building and grounds, and wish to thank all who came and all who helped to make this a successful evening.

*Thank you*

Pauline Lamb

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  
in the Village Hall  
For details please ring  
Jane White, 643891  
£2.50 per family unit



### HOME GROUP

Wednesdays at 8pm

We always begin with coffee and cake and end with prayer. Alongside our bible study, the real strength of the group lies in its fellowship and caring for one another as well as being informal and lots of fun. Everyone is welcome so please do join us one month and see for yourself.



**GRAYSWOOD  
COFFEE AND CHAT**  
in the Village Club  
10.30 - 12 noon

**11th September**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday  
of the month

For more information,  
contact Di on 654303 or  
07769 971720 or  
drdcook01@gmail.com



Contact: 07769 856343 or [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com)

Next deadline: 15th Sept



### Refugees

They have no need of our help  
 So do not tell me  
 These haggard faces could belong to you or me  
 Should life have dealt a different hand  
 We need to see them for who they really are  
 Chancers and scroungers  
 Layabouts and loungers  
 With bombs up their sleeves  
 Cut-throats and thieves  
 They are not  
 Welcome here  
 We should make them  
 Go back to where they came from  
 They cannot  
 Share our food  
 Share our homes  
 Share our countries  
 Instead let us  
 Build a wall to keep them out  
 It is not okay to say  
 These are people just like us  
 A place should only belong to those who are born there  
 Do not be so stupid to think that  
 The world can be looked at another way

**Brian Bilston**  
*(now read from bottom to top)*



### Friends of Grayswood School Community Cream Tea

Would you like to visit your local school?

We would love to meet you, especially if you were a pupil here in the past!

On **Friday 18th October at 1.30pm** we are holding a community cream tea and we would love you to join us.

Tickets are £4 per person. Please let us know in advance that you plan to come either by emailing [grayswoodfrogs@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodfrogs@gmail.com) or by leaving a message at the school office.

If you have old photos of Grayswood or Grayswood school we would love to see them and to share your stories of bygone Grayswood.

Hope to see you there.

Friends of Grayswood School



### Grayswood Tennis Tournament

When: Sunday September 8th from 11am  
 Where: Grayswood House, Lower Road  
 What: Rob & Jo Shaw are hosting very informal Tennis Tournament  
 Who: All welcome to come and play or just watch. Bring a picnic  
 Prizes: Junior and Mixed Age Doubles  
 Cups are up for grabs  
 RSVP: Tel 01428 656163 or e-mail [joannawoodartist@btinternet.com](mailto:joannawoodartist@btinternet.com)  
 Hope you can make it

GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL'S GOVERNORS AND FRIENDS OF GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL JOINTLY PRESENT

# QUIZ NIGHT

**NEW DATE: NOVEMBER 8TH**

**GRAYSWOOD SCHOOL**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:45 PM QUIZ STARTS AT 8:15 PM  
 £15 PER PERSON TO INCLUDE A CHILLI SUPPER  
 CASH BAR

Bring a team of 8 players or form a team on the night  
 Contact [grayswoodfrogs@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodfrogs@gmail.com) for more details



**Haslemere U3A Enrolment Day**  
**Monday 2nd September**  
**1.30 - 3.30 pm**  
**at Haslemere Hall.**

If you are retired or close to retirement and determined to stay active, come along to discover their wealth of activities.

Numbering over 600 members and run by them, this independent charity has increased its membership by 118 in the last year.

There are over 60 Groups, covering various outdoor activities, languages, card games, lunch clubs, art, cooking, dancing and much more.

Cost £10 to join, then £5 per year  
 (extra fees payable for some Groups).



Our September meeting will welcome Victoria Page from Love Haslemere Hate Waste, who will be coming along to inspire and empower us to take care of our resources and cut down what we waste.

Wednesday, 11 September 2019

from 19:45-22:00

at Grayswood Village Hall



**CELEBRATING THE BEST OF LOCAL**

**Saturday 21st September – Lion Green, Haslemere 10am - 4pm FREE ENTRY**

Back for its fourteenth year, the ever popular Haslemere Food Festival is set to be bigger and better than ever before. With all the favourites you would expect, including cheeses, olives, chutneys and preserves, pies, oils, meats, cakes and patisseries and award-winning ice creams! English still and sparkling wines, locally brewed beers and ales, cider and gin and free samples of food, drink and delicious products for you to buy and enjoy later.

This year, we also have something new to offer. Alongside our usual array of children's entertainment, we are giving our younger foodies a chance to get their hands dirty with some group classes being run by The Natural Cook Company. Molly Moo Cow will also be on hand to keep us entertained and Haslemere Museum will be providing their interactive craft making stall. With Fairground rides and live music, there really is something for the whole family.

Our line-up of demonstrations includes gin tasting and distilling talk from REDH and we are also pleased to announce that Masterchef winner Dhruv Baker, will be doing the final demonstration of the day with Tempus Charcuterie. After winning MasterChef in 2010 Dhruv pursued his dream of a career in food, firstly by working in some of the UK's finest restaurants including Le Gavroche, The Kitchen and Helene Darroze at the Connaught. He has also presented on Waitrose TV and is a regular contributor for numerous publications and a brand consultant. Dhruv published his first book Spice in 2014 and in the same year opened his gastro pub The Jolly Gardeners.

We are also proud to announce that we'll be single-use plastic free! That means no plastic cups, coffee cups, polystyrene plates, plastic cutlery or plastic condiments sachets. We have been working alongside Love Haslemere Hate Waste to ensure that all our stall holders get behind our commitment to no single-use plastic, and we have had such a positive response so far that we are confident that we will have a waste and plastic free festival!

As always, the Haslemere Food Festival 2019 is sure to provide something for visitors of all ages, with entertainment that will have everyone's taste buds tingling and feet tapping. So make sure you keep up to date with all the latest news and information by following us on facebook @HaslemereFoodFestival



**CHURCH SERVICES in SEPTEMBER**

<b>1st</b>	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	All Age Parish Communion (All Sts)
<b>8th</b>	8am	Holy Communion (All Sts)
	10 am	Morning Worship (All Sts)
<b>15th</b>	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	Parish Communion (All Sts)
<b>22nd</b>	8 am	Holy Communion (All Sts)
	10 am	All Age Morning Worship (All Sts)
<b>29th</b>	8am	Holy Communion (All Sts)
	10 am	United Benefice Service (All Sts)

**VILLAGE PRAYER**

In September, we remember worshippers who live and work 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?**

**Revd 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 or 01428 656504 in the first instance.

**Do you have a general enquiry?** Our church office is based in the church, is open Mon and Thurs 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 or 01428 656504

Email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit our new website:

**allsaintsgrayswood.org**

**New Christian Festival—City on a Hill at Wintershall**

A team of Christians are organising a new Christian (Church of England) festival that will be held 31st July – 2nd August 2020 at Wintershall estate (just outside of Guildford). The festival team hopes to connect with people who feel enthusiastic about the vision for the festival and who might consider supporting them as one of their benefactors.

The founder of the festival is Dr Luke Martin. Luke teaches theology at a nearby boarding school and is soon to be licensed as a lay minister (Anglican). Luke is pledging at least £2,000 of his salary towards the festival and they're asking others to consider matching that figure or matching half of the figure (£1,000). They hope to raise £20,000. In return, the benefactors would receive email updates about the progress of the festival, some free tickets, and, of course, they'd be listed as one of the benefactors.

There is a copy of the proposal document at the back of All Saints Church if you would be interested in having an informal chat with Luke about the possibility of such support. The organisers hope that this will provide "an opportunity for an individual or couple to support ... an exciting and worthwhile venture that will help encourage and nurture the church in the wider London area."

Dr Luke Martin can be contacted via Ailsa McKinlay (Administrative Assistant) on cityonahill.festival@gmail.com or 07801 803340

**HASLEMERE FOOD BANK**

Thanks to all your permanent donations we currently **ONLY** need the following:

- ♦ Tinned fruit
- ♦ Tinned stew
- ♦ Tinned meatballs / Tinned hot dogs
- ♦ Tinned macaroni / Tinned ravioli
- ♦ Small jars of coffee
- ♦ Packets of rice
- ♦ Drinking chocolate

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

**GARDENING CLUB**

Join us at Grayswood School Gardening Club.

Every Wednesday afternoon, 3.15 - 4.15 pm during term time but you don't have to come every week!

Contact Janet Dallas:  
janetdallas54@gmail.com  
or  
01428 643227

**EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER****In the Village Club:**

**Gardening Club:** 5th September  
- A Gardener's Look at Ireland with Mr G Peach

**Coffee and Chat:** Wednesday 11th September from 10.30—12 noon with homemade cake—drop in any time

**Book Club:** Third Tuesday (17th Sept) at 8 pm we will be reading 'Travels on my Elephant' by Mark Shand

**Quiz night:** Thursday 26th August at 7.45 pm—shake up those brain cells

**In the Village Hall:**

Toddler Group: Weds in term-time from 9.15-10.45 am, call Jane White on 643891

**77 Lower Road:**

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

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

Village Hall Bookings:  
grayswoodvh@outlook.com  
Grayswood Club: 07808 474147  
Grayswood School : 642086  
Grayswood Nursery : 658931  
Wheatsheaf : 644440