



December 2019 / January 2020

As we enter Advent and the exciting Christmas season people are busy preparing to celebrate with family and friends. But for many people that I have come across lately 2019 can't end soon enough. Some have been facing health problems; some have family problems, some financial worries and some are just worn down with the current political climate and the endless talk of Brexit! And for some Christmas can feel exceptionally lonely.

Whilst we can look forward to a New Year, to making resolutions and all the exciting possibilities that it might bring, we have to consider the very real possibility that the change of date won't dramatically change what is happening in our lives overnight.

But there is hope!

As we come to Christmas try to take some time out of the busyness to remember the wonderful gift that God sent to us in the form of a tiny baby. A baby that would grow up fulfilling everything that had been written about him in the Old Testament and who as a man would ultimately give his life for us.

My prayer for you all is that whether 2019 has been a good year or a dreadful one that you will spend some time being thankful for what you do have. Even in the bleakest of times, if you allow him, God will give you his peace and a glimpse of the positive things that are happening in your lives. And whether you feel him or not, know that he is with you and that he loves you. May you all have a peaceful Christmas and 2020 bring you the joy and happiness that you are seeking.

With much love, Fi x

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

**11th December
8th January**



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

HOME GROUP

Wednesdays at 8pm

We begin with coffee & cake
and end with prayer.

Alongside our bible study,
the real strength of the group
lies in its fellowship - caring
for one another. The group
is very informal and lots of
fun. Please do join us one
month and see for yourself.

Phone David on 644125

NB: No meeting in
December

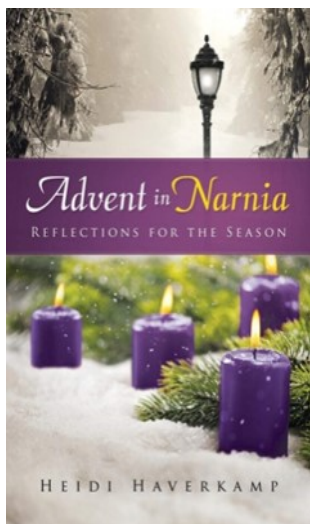


Good Book Morning
at 'Corner Cottage'
77 Lower Road

10.30 am—midday
4th Monday
of every month except
December



Do join us for
coffee and lively
discussions



Would you like to find some respite from the frantic
busyness of Advent?

Then why not join us for the 4 Wednesdays of Advent
when we will be reflecting on what Advent means to us
through C S Lewis's The Lion, the Witch and the
Wardrobe.

It is helpful if you have read the book, however long ago
that might have been, but please come along even if you
haven't read it.

We will be meeting on the

27th November, 4th, 11th, 18th December
in the North Transept in All Saints Church. 7.45 for 8 pm

We look forward to seeing you.

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



Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year from everyone at All Saints

Contact: 01428 656504 or allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com Next deadline: 15th Feb





All Saints Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December

11.00am – 1.30pm

Grayswood Village Hall

Soup and Bacon Butties served from 11.30am

CAKES & PRODUCE BULBS & PLANTS

BOOKS & DVDS BROCANTE & CRAFTS

TOMBOLA, RAFFLE & MORE!!

Entrance: £1 (adults) including tea/coffee and biscuit

Under 10s free

Contact: Di (654303) drdcook01@gmail.com



Wishing you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year .

To all our friends in Grayswood, we would like to share our gratitude and love, for all the support and kindness show towards us these last 5 months on arriving in Haslemere back in July. It has been a very busy and exciting times and looks positive for the New Year to come. We are looking forward in sharing the growth for our churches with the community together.

Each year Chris and I donate to a charity instead of sending out Christmas cards so have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year with your family & friends

Love Chris, Sophie & Gracie.

[Rev'd Chris Bessant is the Rector of the United Benefice based at Haslemere]



Save the Date

9th February 2020

*Special Service
to officially welcome*

Rev Fi Gwynn

as our priest-in-charge

*10 am Communion Service
with refreshments afterwards
in the Village Hall
Details to follow*

Grayswood School now has four new altar frontals courtesy of Sarah Bennett, administrator at All Saints, who kindly made them. The four colours represent the different seasons in the church year. They provide another way to link the school and the church across the green.



WASSAIL

Saturday 18 January 3.00-6.00pm

We are planning our first ever Wassailing event ahead of the first growing season for our apple trees which were planted back in the summer. Of course, we don't expect a bumper crop or anything like it. But we mean to wish our young trees every success.

Wassailing is an early English term related to the old Saxon greeting *Wæs þu hæl*, meaning "be thou hale" — ie "be in good health". To Wassail an orchard is an ancient tradition which has various forms but is essentially about wishing a healthy growing year to our apple trees and warning off any spiteful beasts at the same time. A procession of torches will make its way to the Orchard from our woodland where we will sing a few seasonal songs. Refreshments will be involved of course (on an apple theme), both child and adult varieties... simple fun and a great story too from a visiting professional story teller...



What else would you do with a Saturday afternoon in January!?

Tickets: £7 per family of up to 5 people and available on Eventbrite <https://grayswoodwassailing.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Kate Dean



GRAYSWOOD
Nursery and Forest School



Cards for Good Causes

Now until **Saturday 14th December**

Haslemere Educational Museum
Monday – Saturday 10am – 4.30pm
& Sunday 1 December: 11am – 4pm

Contact: 01428 642112

Haslemere Cards for Good Causes is a multi-charity Christmas card shop selling cards (many with a religious theme) on behalf of 30 national and local charities including GUTS, Phyllis Tuckwell and the Fountain Centre. Helped by the support of local volunteers we are able to give a very high return to these charities. We also stock advent calendars, wrapping paper, tags, stocking fillers and other traditional gifts.



HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Once again this year the Food Bank plans to distribute special Christmas packs which will contain some Christmas goodies as well as a square meal for a family. We would really appreciate if you could help with this by donating something from the list below.

Thank you for your support.:

- * Mince pies (pack of 6)
- * Small Christmas cake
- * Christmas pudding (900g)
- * Tinned custard
- * Tins/boxes of fancy biscuits
- * Tins/boxes of Chocolates / Sweets
- * Packets of nuts
- * Pringles
- * Christmas crackers

We would also appreciate donations of good-as-new toys, games & children's books to help those who will struggle with the expensive business of buying Christmas presents for the family. It would help us in the organisation of the distribution if donations were to reach us by Sunday 15th December.

While food items may be placed as usual in the church collection boxes it would be helpful if any toys etc were delivered directly to the Methodist Church opposite Lion Green as we have very limited space for such items in our churches.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year



Join us for an enjoyable evening of Christmas crafts (and, no doubt, mince pies!) at our December Grayswood WI meeting.

Date: **Wednesday 11th December**

Time: 7:45pm

Location: Grayswood Village Hall

Guests welcome for a small fee.

New WI memberships still available.

Contact grayswoodwi@gmail.com for more information.

Wishing all our members, their families and our local community a happy and peaceful Christmas, and the very warmest of wishes for the New Year.

OPEN GARDENS is back

Sunday 14th June 2020

Visit Grayswood's gorgeous gardens - all very different, from smaller cottage gardens to larger and more formal spaces.



THE EAGLE JAZZ BAND

Back at Grayswood Village Hall on
Saturday 28th March 2020.

7 pm fish and chip supper; 8 pm start

For more details contact:

Pauline on pjlamb4@gmail.com

or 01428 643798

Runner by Post

If you live out of the Parish or find it difficult to get to church regularly, but want to be kept in touch with all our activities, I will mail the Runner to you regularly.

Please send me your name and address and 9 x 2nd class stamps for a year, nine issues starting with

February 2020

Pauline

Note new email pjlamb4@gmail.com



CHURCH SERVICES in DECEMBER

All 10 am services at All Saints Grayswood unless otherwise stated

- 1st** 8 am Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
10 am Parish Communion for Advent
- 8th** 8am Holy Communion (All Saints)
10 am Parish Communion for Advent
- 15th** 8 am Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
10 am All Age Nativity Service
6 pm Carol Service followed by Christmas refreshments
- 22nd** 8 am Holy Communion (All Saints)
10 am Parish Communion for Advent
- 24th** *Christmas Eve*
4 pm Crib Service with Carols
11.30 pm Midnight Communion
- 25th** *Christmas Day*
We wish you a very Happy Christmas
10 am All Age Celebration followed by
a short Communion
- 29th** 10 am United Benefice Communion Service
(St Christopher's)

**CHURCH SERVICES IN JANUARY**

- 5th** 8 am Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
10 am Parish Communion for Epiphany
- 12th** 8 am Holy Communion (All Saints)
10 am Morning Worship
- 19th** 8 am Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
10am Parish Communion
- 26th** 8am Holy Communion (All Saints)
10 am Christingle Service for all ages

Christingle Service**Sunday 26th January at 10 am**

Everyone is welcome to this gentle child-friendly service.

During the service there will be a collection for
The Children's Society that raises essential funds for the
support of disadvantaged children and young adults across the
UK who are suffering from poverty, harm and neglect

**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 box in the church porch, 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 / 07929 935179

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 based in the church, is open Mon and Thurs mornings from 9—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: 01428 656504

Email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit our website:

allsaintsgrayswood.org

EVENTS IN DECEMBER / JANUARY**In the Village Club:**

Gardening Club: 14th December Christmas Supper. Contact Paula on 654307.

Coffee and Chat: Weds 11th December/ 8th January from 10.30—12 noon - homemade cake

Book Club: Tuesday December 17th at 8 pm we will be reading the story of fossil hunter Mary Anning 'Remarkable Creatures' Tracy Chevalier. Mulled wine on sale please bring nibbles and then for January 21st at 8 pm "Let me tell you about a man I knew" by Susan Fletcher

Quiz night and Christmas Raffle: Thursday 19th 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 (not December) 10.30 am—midday next meeting 27th January 2020

VILLAGE PRAYER

In December, we remember those who live and work in Prestwick Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Paddock Way, and Muddy Lane, and in January those in Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane, and Highercombe Road.

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

Village Hall Bookings: grayswoodvh@outlook.com

Grayswood Club: 07808 474147

Grayswood School : 642086

Grayswood Nursery : 658931

Wheatsheaf : 644440