



THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

These heartfelt words seem totally inadequate for how I feel for those who came to my licencing service on the 9th February. Despite storm Ciara it was standing room only. It was an amazing service and the love and support I felt was completely overwhelming. Thank you so much to all who came, or sent cards and messages and helped prepare and serve the delicious lunch in the hall.

As the Archdeacon said, it has been a long vacancy, but sometimes we need these spaces to allow time to let go of what has been and be ready to embrace something new.

As we move into Lent, the beginning of spring is starting to show, despite the storms doing their utmost to delay it. Shoots of new growth are beginning to show.

Lent is a time of preparing for Easter. A time to take stock of Jesus' teachings before he was led to the cross at Easter. Christians often choose to give something up or take on a discipline for the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. As I have done for several years now, I will be giving up Social Media, a habit that can at times be rather addictive and can rob me of valuable time that can be best used doing other things! I will also choose a book to read – this year it is Barefoot Prayers by Stephen Cherry.

Maybe you would like to join me by choosing something to relinquish or take on this Lent. May it be a time of new growth for us all.

Much love, Fi x

March 2020

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



STANDING ROOM ONLY ...

As Archdeacon Paul commented, the Holy Spirit was manifest in Grayswood today not just by a sound like the rush of a violent wind with Storm Ciara but by love, joy and peace tangible as friends, family and congregations gathered for the licensing of Rev Fi Gwynn as new Associate Priest. The church was packed to the rafters to welcome Fi to her new role!

*Clergy Team for the United Benefice of Haslemere and Grayswood:
L-R Rev Chris Bessant, Rev Fi Gwynn, Rev Justin Manley-Cooper
with the Archdeacon of Surrey, the Venerable Paul Davies.*



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



GRAYSWOOD COFFEE & CHAT

in the Village
Club
10.30 - 12 noon



11th March

Every 2nd Wednesday
of the month

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



ALL SAINTS SPRING FAYRE

SAVE THE DATE ~ SATURDAY 2ND MAY ~ 11 AM — 1.30 PM

For more information please contact Di 654303; drdcook01@gmail.com

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





NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Since 2012 many dedicated volunteers have spent hundreds of hours and engaged with thousands of local people to gather information and evidence to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that will help shape the future of our community.

Haslemere Town Council is now preparing to commence a consultation with the residents of Beacon Hill, Critchmere, Grayswood, Haslemere, Hindhead and Shottermill to get your views on the proposed Plan. The consultation will run from 2nd March to 27th April 2020.

It is vital that the Policies within it receive support to take them forward, so we urge all those (16+) who live or work in the area to view the Plan, and/or short summary, and respond to the survey all of which can be found at www.haslemeretc.org/neighbourhood-plan.

What Happens Next? After the consultation closes on 27th April we will look at the comments and representations received and where evidence supports it we will make amendments to the Plan. It will then be submitted for review by the relevant authorities and this will hopefully lead to residents deciding in a formal referendum whether the Plan should be adopted.

Drop in event: Grayswood Club on 8 April from 10.30am to 12pm. Further details can be found at www.haslemeretc.org/neighbourhood-plan.

Hard copies of the plan: will be available to view at

All Saints Grayswood from 2nd March—27th April (The church will be open 10 am —4 pm)

ASIAN HORNETS

Last year, several of these alien species were discovered in mainland UK and over 80 nests destroyed in Jersey alone. These hornets predate all flying insects - bees, wasps, flies, butterflies, moths, dragonflies.



Please check your sheds, garages, lofts and wood piles now. Look at tree canopies when you are out. Download the Asian Hornet Watch App on to your phones, check the pics and report any sighting of old or early nests or emerging queens (the first has been found already in Jersey). We need and will very much appreciate the help of the general public to control any outbreak. Most sightings in Jersey have come from non-beekeepers. *Di Cook* (654303; drdcook01@gmail.com)

Grayswood Women's Institute

Though our March W.I. meeting plans are still in progress, do get the date in your diary and join us for what will surely be another enjoyable evening.

DATE: Weds 11th March
TIME: 7:45pm
LOCATION: Grayswood Village Hall
 More details via Facebook /email soon!
CONTACT: grayswoodwi@gmail.com

Guests welcome for a small fee. New W. I. memberships available.

CHRISTOPHER'S SMILE

Christopher's Smile is our current charity at All Saint's Church. Christopher was a little boy, who died of a brain tumour 9 days before his 6th birthday. Children's cancers are biologically different from adult cancers, and his parents, Kevin and Karen, set up this charity in order to provide funding for more specific research into children's disease and treatment. The bulk of the money so far raised has gone directly to fund individuals who are doing one off research in conjunction with the Royal Marsden Hospital and the Institute for Cancer Research. The cost of administration is strictly controlled and volunteers are very much involved. The vision of the organization is for every child diagnosed with cancer not only to survive, but to reach adulthood and enjoy a good quality of life.



PRAYER SPACES



During two days in February pupils from all classes in Grayswood School had the opportunity to visit All Saints church and learn about prayer. Prayer Spaces enable children and young people, of all faiths and none, to explore life's questions, spirituality and faith in a safe, creative and interactive way.



GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS

SAVE THE DATE
SUN 14TH JUNE 2020



Another chance to see the lovely secret gardens of Grayswood— a mix of new gardens and visitor favourites;

Contact: Pauline pilamb4@gmail.com

Spring is coming

Spring is coming
I heard everyone say
But I looked out the window
It was another miserable day.

Spring is coming
The days will be brighter
Everything seems so bleak
I just want it all to get lighter.

Spring is coming
The flowers will soon be out
The ground is just mud at the moment
But I know they will persevere and sprout

Spring is coming
The days are getting longer
Flowers are blooming
The sun is no longer a stranger.
By Claire Thornton



LENT COURSE

Are you getting Five a Day?
How about NINE a Day!

St Paul taught that as Christians we can produce the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit' in our lives, and there are nine of them: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

Across six Wednesday evenings in Lent, beginning on 4th March, there is a new course running to explore these Fruits of the Spirit, and how we can nurture them in our lives. More details on the flyer on the website. We begin at 7:45 to 9.30 pm at All Saints (There is a parallel course on Tuesdays at St Barts 7.30 - 9:00pm).

PCC has agreed to cover the cost of the course book (£10 but donations welcome) entitled "Cultivating the Fruits of the Spirit, by Chris Wright". If you wish to attend, please let Fi or Sarah know so that we can order the books.

656504 / 07769 856343 or revfigwynn@gmail.com

EAGLE JAZZ BAND

They Are Nearly Here

The Eagle Jazz Band will come to Grayswood on Saturday 28th March to perform their amazing programme of classic Jazz from the popular songs of the 20s, 30s. and 40s; Rags, Stomps, Blues and Swing.

Organised by The Friends of All Saints, in Grayswood Village Hall. Music, a Bar and, possibly, dancing

7.00pm including Fish & Chip Supper £24 pp or

8.00pm start, tickets £16 pp

Tickets from Pauline at: pilamb4@gmail.com

"Delighting audiences worldwide since 1951"



CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

All services at All Saints unless otherwise stated

1st	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	Parish Communion
8th	8am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
15th	8 am	Holy Communion (St Christopher's)
	10 am	Parish Communion
22nd	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Mothering Sunday All Age Morning Worship with baptism
29th	8am	Holy Communion
	10 am	United Benefice Service Holy Communion at St Barts

VILLAGE PRAYER

In March, we remember those who live
and work in Lower Road, Park Close,
Ash Tree 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 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. Her day off is Friday.

Tel 01428 654728 / 07769 856343 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

Hannah Bleach will be running the **London Marathon** on Sunday 26th April for her chosen charity -**Blesma, The Limbless Veterans**. This charity helps serving and ex-Service men and women who have lost or lost the use of limbs or eyes. They support men and women in their communities throughout the UK & overseas to rebuild their lives through rehabilitation activities and welfare support. The First World War led to the birth of nearly 18,000 charities, Blesma is 1 of the 10 which exist today.

If you would like to sponsor Hannah, please visit her fundraising page (<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HannahBleach>) or sign the

sponsorship form at the back of All Saints Grayswood.

Thank you for your support

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

Gardening Club: 5th March 7.45 at Tulips with Lesley Chamberlain

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

Book Club: Third Tuesday (17th March) at 8 pm we will be discussing "The Light Years" by Elizabeth Jane Howard

Quiz night: Last Thursday (26th March) 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

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Thanks to all the generous donations we have we currently **ONLY** need:

- ♦ Tinned Stew / Tinned Ham
- ♦ Tinned Peas / Tinned Carrots
- ♦ Tinned Custard / long-life milk
- ♦ Tinned Pasta e.g. ravioli / macaroni

Haslemere Food Bank packs provide a three-day emergency supply of food and toiletries for people in crisis – families and individuals referred by local support agencies,

including All Saints Church.
Please speak in confidence to
Rev Fi Gwynn if you know a
family in need 07769 856343

**Rise! Take Your Mat & Walk!**

World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March 2020

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer.

This year there will be an hour's service to pray for Zimbabwe at **Haslemere Methodist Church** at 10.30.

Doors open at 10 a.m. and there are refreshments afterwards.

www.wwdp.org.uk

**USEFUL NUMBERS**

Village Hall Bookings:

grayswoodvh@outlook.com

Grayswood Club: 07808 474147

Grayswood School : 642086

Grayswood Nursery : 658931

Wheatsheaf : 644440