



April/May 2020

Happy Easter!

It seems rather strange writing those words when the country is in the grip of the coronavirus. Depending on how you are affected by it will determine how you feel reading those words. I have just come home from taking the Sunday Service, There is a huge amount of fear and panic in the country, if you believe the press, but that was not evident from those gathering today. We all took the necessary precautions, following guidelines issued by the Church of England, but were still able to gather to share in ministry and prayer. I'm sure the presence of 3 practising nurses and 2 retired nurses helped allay any worries. Sadly, since writing the above all acts of public worship have been suspended until further notice.



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The fact that our Easter services will now not happen brings great sadness not just to me, but to many of our regular congregation as Easter is the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Holy Week begins the week before Easter with Palm Sunday when we remember Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey. We then remember his last meal with his disciples by sharing a meal with communion in the Upper Room (the Oonagh Jeffery room) on the Thursday evening. A highlight of the week for many. We then move into the sad events of Good Friday, when we remember Christ's brutal crucifixion and finally to the celebration of his resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday. With none of these services I wonder how Easter will feel?

Whatever happens, I do know that God is bigger than the coronavirus and that his presence and grace will be with all those who seek him during these tough times.

May you each know God's healing peace.

Much love, Fi x

CHURCH OPEN

The church building will remain open between 9—4 each day and there will be prayer stations in the windows for anyone who wishes to come in and pray, or just come in and sit and enjoy being still in God's presence.

Please check the website regularly as this will be updated to keep you in touch with what is going on—allsaintsgrayswood.org

All regular groups have been postponed until further notice—please see website for up-to-date details

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
in the OJ Room
in the Village Hall
For details please ring
Jane White, 643891



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

Every 2nd Wednesday
of the month

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





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 local residents. 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: At Grayswood Club has been cancelled. Further details can be found at www.haslemeretc.org/neighbourhood-plan.

Hard copies of the plan: will still be available to view at **All Saints Grayswood** from **2nd March—27th April** (The church will be open 9 am —4 pm)

COME & JOIN THE CRICKET CLUB ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

On a Friday evening the Cricket Club provides coaching on the Green for all its junior members. Available throughout the evening is a BBQ and refreshments for the kids, their parents and any spectators. We would like to invite Village residents and friends to come and join us for a drink at anytime throughout the evening. Perhaps become a Social member for just £10 for the season. These sessions will provisionally run from Friday 24th April until 24th July (excl 29th May) but please keep an eye on the website for details. We look forward to seeing you.

Malcolm Gloak, Grayswood CC Chairman



Grayswood Women's Institute



April, May and June Meetings have been postponed but we hope to see you back in July to join us for some fascinating talks and discussions at our WI meetings...

DATE: 2nd Wednesday
TIME: 7:45pm
LOCATION: Grayswood Village Hall
CONTACT: grayswoodwi@gmail.com

Guests welcome for a small fee. New WI memberships available.



YOUTH CRICKET AT GRAYSWOOD



The cricket season is almost here and we would love to welcome current and aspiring young players at Grayswood.



For boys and girls age 4-7. A 14-week program teaching beginners to learn the skill.



For boys and girls age 7-11. A 14-week program teaching older beginners or All Stars graduates to learn to play.



Dedicated girls' and women's cricket from age 11, teaching the skill as well as providing opportunities to play.



For boys and girls age 7-17 progressing from All Stars and Dynamos, to advance skills and enjoy competition play.

Training starts Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April (depending on age group).

Find out more at grayswood.play-cricket.com
Or email Adrian Kent – kentaj@aol.com

Lockdown

Yes there is fear.
 Yes there is isolation.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 Yes there is sickness.
 Yes there is even death.
 But,
 They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
 You can hear the birds again.
 They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
 The sky is no longer thick with fumes
 But blue and grey and clear.
 They say that in the streets of Assisi
 People are singing to each other
 across the empty squares,
 keeping their windows open
 so that those who are alone
 may hear the sounds of family around them.
 They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
 Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
 Today a young woman I know
 is busy spreading fliers with her number
 through the neighborhood
 So that the elders may have someone to call on.
 Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
 are preparing to welcome
 and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
 All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
 All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way
 All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
 To how big we really are.
 To how little control we really have.
 To what really matters.
 To Love.
 So we pray and we remember that
 Yes there is fear.
 But there does not have to be hate.
 Yes there is isolation.
 But there does not have to be loneliness.
 Yes there is panic buying.
 But there does not have to be meanness.
 Yes there is sickness.
 But there does not have to be disease of the soul
 Yes there is even death.
 But there can always be a rebirth of love.
 Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
 Today, breathe.
 Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
 The birds are singing again
 The sky is clearing,
 Spring is coming,
 And we are always encompassed by Love.
 Open the windows of your soul
 And though you may not be able
 to touch across the empty square,
 Sing.

Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM 13/3/2020

SELF-ISOLATION COULD BE FUN!

Bored with your own company and fed up with Netflix? Well, if you have access to the internet, or a Smartphone, here are a few things you could try.

'Catch up' on the radio. Try www.bbc.co.uk/sounds - you can listen to radio plays, free audio books, comedy shows or even start listening to The Archers.

Skype, or FaceTime. Try dropping in on people, using video. If you know someone who is 'Techsavy' get them to set up a short cut on your phone, or a relative's phone so that it is easy to contact each other.

Email. Write a letter to one of those contacts on your Christmas list who you haven't contacted for ages. Attaching a photo or two could add interest. If you are hopeless at typing, try experimenting with the microphone button on the keyboard and learn how to dictate.

Internet shopping. If you've not tried it before you may get free delivery or a discount for your first shop so it's worth looking at more than one supermarket.

Try a new games App. 'Word Chums', '1010!', 'Solitaire', 'Sudoku' or 'Conundra' might keep you occupied for a while.

Subscribe to an online newspaper. For example subscription to "The i" is available for just over £40 for three months as an introductory offer.and if all else fails.....make someone's day by sending them a card/letter, or just phone them up!

GOOD LUCK! Phone Angela 652667

EAGLE JAZZ BAND

Postponed until September 26th
 Please contact Pauline if you have
 already purchased tickets—
 pj lamb4@gmail.com

**GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS**

SUN 14TH JUNE 2020
 POSTPONED TIL 2021



CHURCH SERVICES

As you are probably aware, On Tuesday 17th March 2020, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called for all Public Services of Worship to be suspended until further notice.

If you have access to the internet take a look at the Church of England website -- www.churchofengland.org where you will find access to a number of online services.

VILLAGE PRAYER

In April / May , we remember those who live and work in Grayswood Road



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 STILL be running the **London Marathon** although on the revised date in October 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



HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Please continue to support the local food bank as there will be many local families experiencing hardship as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic

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



EVENTS IN GRAYSWOOD

In the Village Club:

Grayswood Club will be closed until further notice—please check website for updates grayswoodclub.simplesite.com

In the Village Hall:

Toddler Group: will be closed until further notice

77 Lower Road:

Good Book Morning: will not be held until further notice

ALL SAINTS SPRING FAYRE POSTPONED

(but hopefully we will hold a SUMMER FAYRE instead)

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

USEFUL NUMBERS

Village Hall Bookings:

grayswoodvh@outlook.com

Grayswood Club: 07808 474147

Grayswood School : 642086

Grayswood Nursery : 658931