

Dear all,

Well 2020 continues to surprise and confuse me.

Last week it was getting decidedly autumnal as the evenings started to draw in and I contemplated turning on the heating. Today, as I write this it is 25 and sunny! Deciding what to wear in the morning is becoming a challenge.

A few weeks ago, we were looking at how we might be able to gather for harvest on the village green, but sadly, with the new regulations this won't be possible. We will of course have our Harvest Service in church and this year it will be a harvest communion. Do join us in church or on zoom if you can.

We will be supporting the foodbank as usual so please do drop anything that you can contribute to the box in the church porch. We will also continue to extend our focus beyond the local need and this year we will also be supporting Water Aid, a charity chosen by our PCC. The foodbank is vitally important for people in our local area, but it is equally important that we do not forget our outward giving too. It has been only too apparent how lucky we are to have access to fresh water when the supply to the village was severely affected a few weeks ago. Imagine what it must be like not to ever have fresh water!

Countries like Africa continue to suffer death on a huge scale, as they do every year, not just in a pandemic. Maybe looking beyond our own struggles will help gain some perspective on what we are going through.

In the meantime, know that you are all very much in my thoughts and prayers as the autumns draws in and we face new challenges.

with love, Fi x

### All Saints Harvest Festival Service Sunday 6th October, 10 am

HARVEST GIFTS - This year we are again hoping to donate as many nonperishable items as possible, of those brought to the Harvest Services, to Haslemere Food Bank, which meets the needs of



many within our local community. Financial gifts will be donated to Water Aid a charity bringing clean water to the poorest communities.



# Gathered Worship every Sunday at 10 am

Join us on **zoom** See back page for meeting details There are limited spaces in Church - please book online at **allsaintsgrayswood.org** or call 07769 856343

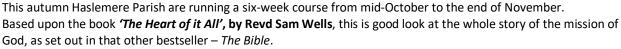
8 am Holy Communion Services in Church 11th & 25th October

## 10 am Services in Church and on zoom 4th - All Saints Harvest

Communion 11th—All Saints Morning Prayer followed by APCM 18th— All Saints Parish Communion 25th - All Saints - 4th Sunday Service

Children: activities for younger congregation members can be found on our 'Children at Home' page on the website Private Prayer Church opening times Wednesdays from 10–12 noon

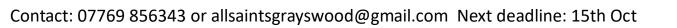




The course will run on **six consecutive Wednesday evenings from 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Each session will last around **40 minutes, and will be hosted on Zoom**. Anyone with a computer, tablet or phone will be able to join in. Copies of the course book will be available for around £8.

To register your interest or find out more please visit

https://www.haslemereparish.org/faith/autumn-course-the-heart-of-it-all/





#### WaterAid

Now more than ever it's vital the world's poorest communities have access to clean water. Without it they cannot wash their hands to protect themselves from illness and many struggle to grow food they rely on to survive.

In Timor Leste, a country that suffers very long dry seasons, lots of families farm for a living - but without a constant supply of clean water often their

livestock die and crops fail. At a time when communities around the world are celebrating the bountiful gifts of harvest, many can't grow enough to feed their families. The communal water tank regularly runs dry in Felisberta's village of Vatuvou in Timor Leste, so she must journey uphill along a rocky, driedup riverbed to get water for her family. The gruelling trip tires her out, especially in the tropical heat. Despite it being dirty, the water she collects is precious. "Because we have less water, we try to manage it – we use it for drinking," she explains. "Sometimes the kids don't take a shower or a bath for



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two days. We also don't really wash our clothes." Having so little water also means Felisberta can't give any to her animals, so her only source of income is dying. "We don't have enough [animals] to sell, so it's hard," she



says, "If we had water we could grow vegetables to sell."

Join our Harvest Appeal and bring clean water to communities like Felisberta's, so that they can protect themselves from illness, have plentiful harvests and become more resilient to crises.

## transforming generosity

Join us this October for Transforming Generosity with Guildford Diocese

Over the month we will look together at the Gospel of Luke, seeking a deeper understanding of God's abundant generosity, reflecting on generous giving as part of our discipleship and worship, and responding by continuing to build generous churches. We know that a generous people can transform our communities, and beyond, at this time.

We want to invite you to take five minutes out of your day to listen to – or read - a short reflection from the Gospel of Luke, each focusing on the theme of generosity. We have some brilliant and thought-provoking reflections to share with you.

We pray that Transforming Generosity can be a foundation for us as Christ's people to be a beacon of hope and light in every circumstance, showing His generosity in all its forms.

Find out more about the podcast at

https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/making-disciples/encouraging-generous-giving/transforming-generosity

#### FACE COVERINGS MADE TO ORDER

I am still making 2 ply nonsurgical masks and will be happy to make them for anyone who needs one. Ring me on 01428 654418. No charge but a small suggested donation of £2.50 to All Saints would be appreciated. *Trish Bell* 

You are warmly invited to attend the Annual Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Grayswood on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 at 7.30 pm

Whether you are remembering someone who died recently, or many years ago, please join us in this Service of Thanksgiving for their Life

Numbers are currently limited, so if you would like to reserve a space please call 01428 656504 by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October** *leaving your name and contact details* 

If you would like us to read out the names of those you are remembering during a time of prayer in the service, please telephone the Church Office on 01428 656504 or email: allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October** 



#### Come and join our team of Church Flower Arrangers Whether you attend church or not, your

creative talents can be appreciated by congregation and passers-by alike.

The more people like you, the more we share the load and we always have great fun making All Saints look spectacular for Christmas, Easter, Harvest, weddings and festivals\*.

Come and join our friendly team. Thank you! Call or email Sasi for a friendly chat: 01428 480666, sasicave@gmail.com

\*We supply oasis and floral tape as well as flowers for the festivals (you supply flowers at other times).



#### Serving the Community in Grayswood



The Village Hall is delighted to announce that we have now reopened and are taking bookings!

We have been awarded the industry standard COVID-19 secure status by VisitEngland. This confirms that we are adhering to respective Government and Public Health guidance, and have the required processes in place to keep you safe. At the present

time we can accommodate a maximum of 30 people in the main hall socially distancing, with groups of up to 6 people, in-line with the Government guidelines. Please email grayswoodvh@outlook.com for more information and to book the hall for your classes, gatherings and meetings.

## Grayswood Village Hall better supporting our community

We are very pleased with the level of your responses to the survey on the best ways we can support our community, now and in the future. We thank everyone who contributed. In response to the feedback received we shall update you of our plans and aim to run a follow-up survey next Spring.

## Invite to The Annual General meeting by Zoom

The Trustees would like to invite you to attend their AGM on

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 8 pm**. This year's AGM will also be conducted via ZOOM due to social distancing regulations. Please email the Village Hall Secretary for details. Email: grayswoodvhsecretary@outlook.comThe Grayswood Village Hall can't wait to welcome you back! Visit <u>www.grayswood.org.uk</u> Find us on Facebook@GrayswoodVillageHall.





#### CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER 8 am Holy Communion Services in Church 11th & 25th October

# 10 am Services in Church and on zoom 4th - All Saints Harvest Communion 11th—All Saints Morning Prayer - followed by APCM 18th— All Saints Parish Communion 25th - All Saints - 4th Sunday Service

**4th October**: All Saints Harvest Communion Meeting ID: 856 1856 0869 Passcode: 036347 0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

**11th October**: All Saints Morning Prayer - followed by APCM Meeting ID: 838 0524 7033 Passcode: 184068 0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

**18th October**: All Saints Parish Communion Meeting ID: 889 8602 5011 Passcode: 847080 0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

**25th October**: All Saints - Fourth Sunday Service Meeting ID: 898 5102 0720 Passcode: 711263 0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

If you are calling in to zoom - dial the number for the relevant service. You will be asked to enter the meeting ID followed by the # key. You will be asked to enter the passcode followed by the # key. They will then tell you that you have joined the meeting and are on mute. Please do not unmute yourself unless necessary as this can distort the reception for everyone else. If you do need to unmute you press \*6. Please note that unless you have inclusive calls then the calls will be charged at your usual standard rate - which would be for approximately 40 minutes.

## HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

The Haslemere Food Bank continues to operate thanks to generous donations.

**Tuesday Trolley** Collection 9.30-11.30 at Grayswood Village Hall or **Wednesdays Church Porch** when the church is open for private prayer (10am – 12 noon).

#### THANK YOU for your support

Please remember that all of us can need support at some time or another especially in the present circumstances, IF YOU, or ANYONE YOU KNOW is in need during this time please do not hesitate to obtain a voucher for the Food Bank.

Please speak in confidence to Rev Fi Gwynn if you or a family you know are in need on 07769 856343.

All good wishes from the Haslemere Food Bank, stay safe stay fed!

## WAYS TO CONTACT THE CHURCH

## 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, 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 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 07769 856343 or email allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com in the first instance.

Do you have a general enquiry? You can still contact our church administrator Sarah Bennett by email allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit our website:

allsaintsgrayswood.org

## VILLAGE PRAYER

In October, we pray for those who live and work in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree Close



## DONATIONS

Items URGENTLY needed during lockdown: (Large packets, bags and jars are very generous but difficult to fit into food packs.)

- Tinned pulses, Tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes
- Noodles, Couscous, Rice, Oats
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned spaghetti and baked beans
- Coffee and tea
- Pasta sauce,
- Rice pudding, Custard
- Toilet rolls & Shampoo.

THANK YOU

