



*Dear all,*

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It may well be that unless your birthday was in January or February you had to reduce your birthday celebrations this year. Our Christmas celebrations have had to be altered too. However, Christmas is still a time to celebrate as Christ's birth is always worth celebrating whatever the circumstances.

Below you will see an introduction from Rev Elaine Collins who will be licensed to the United Benefice on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Whilst it will take longer than usual for her to meet you all I do hope that you will make her feel welcome when you do get the opportunity. I am certainly looking forward to having her here as part of the team.

As we look forward to the New Year I am sure all our prayers are centred around the rolling out of the new vaccine and an end to the pandemic. However, don't let that be your only focus. Continue to look after each other as you have done so wonderfully during this past year. Grayswood is a very special place to live so let's look forward to celebrating as a village as soon as we can.

Until then may God bless you and your families with a peaceful, safe and healthy Christmas.

*with much love, Fi x*

## December 2020 / January 2021

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Advent Communion
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Advent Communion with installation of Elaine Collins
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Advent Communion
	6 pm	Carol Service on Zoom
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	4 pm	Christingle Service Zoom
	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion
Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	All Age Celebration (with shortened communion after)
Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Service



### Readings and sketches for each week of Advent

Please visit [allsaintsgrayswood.org](http://allsaintsgrayswood.org)

A light-hearted take on the Christmas story in four sketches for adults and the traditional story to listen to with younger family members

### Christingle Crib Service

**24th December 4pm on Zoom**

Please register for a Christingle Pack at [allsaintsgrayswood.org](http://allsaintsgrayswood.org)



## WELCOME TO ELAINE - OUR NEW ASSISTANT MINISTER IN GRAYSWOOD & HASLEMERE

Hello everyone – Fi has given me this opportunity to introduce myself before my licensing on 13th December.

Firstly, I live in Headley Down, not far from Ludshott Common, near Grayshott, with my husband Eddie (who is in his 90s!) and our cat. I have four adult stepchildren which means that I am also a step-grandmother and great grandmother but everyone just calls me Elaine!

Prior to my ordination in 2012, I was a secondary school teacher, but I decided to retire from teaching in 2013 – you just know when enough is enough! I have been on the ministry team in The Bourne and Tilford for the last 11 years, which included my 3 years of training, and I am so grateful for the opportunities that have come my way. Over the last 3½ years I have been the wedding chaplain at Farnham Castle, finishing in May although because of Covid, I have two weddings still to do. Hopefully, I will be able to catch up with these in 2021. I am also a spiritual director in the diocese.

My main interest is dancing; I have danced all my life and I belong to an over 55s dance group based in Portsmouth, where we have been lucky to perform. Zoom has been a lifesaver this year, there is just about enough space to dance at home. I also belong to a network called Dance into Worship, so from time to time we will dance in church services. I am trying to enjoy gardening a little more than I do but this is work in progress!

So, I am very much looking forward to my licensing and meeting and getting to know you all.

*Every blessing, Elaine*

## CAKES & PRODUCE

TO LIGHTEN THOSE WINTER DAYS

SAT 12TH DECEMBER & SAT 16TH JANUARY

10 – 11.30 AM

at the Church porch, All Saints, Grayswood

(more 2021 dates to follow)

Please come and support us

before you head out to Christmas shop

Contactless payment only

Please be prepared to socially distance and to use hand sanitiser

If you would like to provide cakes (unwrapped and in tins/  
polyboxes if possible) or produce, or have any questions please  
contact Di (654303)



Thank you

HASLEMERE  
GARDEN CENTRE

Yet again Haslemere Garden Centre has  
donated a beautiful Nordmann Fir to brighten  
up the village this Christmastide.

A big thanks to  
Gary and his team 🙏

## BLESSED ARE THOSE ...

Blessed are those who stay indoors for they have protected others.

Blessed are the unemployed and the self-employed, for their need of God is great.

Blessed are the corner shopkeepers, for they are the purveyors of scarce things.

Blessed are the delivery drivers and the postal workers, for they are the bringers of essential things.

Blessed are the hospital workers; the ambulance crews, the doctors, the nurses, the care assistants, and the cleaners, for they stand between us and the grave, and the Kingdom of Heaven is surely theirs.

Blessed are the checkout workers, for they have patience and fortitude in the face of overwork and frustration.

Blessed are the refuse collectors, for they will see God despite the mountains of waste.

Blessed are the teachers, for they remain steadfast and constant in disturbing times.

Blessed are the church workers; the deacons, priests and bishops, for they are a comforting presence in a hurting world as they continue to signpost towards God.

Blessed are the single parents, for they are coping alone with their responsibilities and there is no respite.

Blessed are those who are alone, for they are children of God and with Him they will never be lonely.

Blessed are the bereaved, for whom the worst has already happened. They shall be comforted.

Blessed are those who are isolated with their abusers, for one day – we pray - they will know safety.

Blessed are all during this time who have pure hearts; all who still hunger and thirst for justice; all who work for peace and who model mercy.

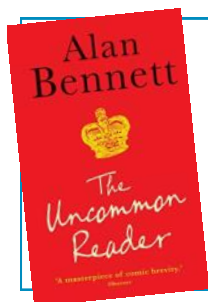
May you know comfort.

May you know calm.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all.

Amen. Created by Jayne Manfredi

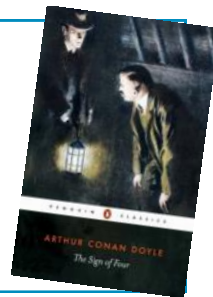




## GRAYSWOOD BOOK CLUB

Book Club is on Tuesday, December 15th at 8.00pm and Tuesday 19th January at 8 pm  
(Contact [awheeler100@gmail.com](mailto:awheeler100@gmail.com) for a Zoom invitation).

In December, we will be discussing "An uncommon reader" by Allen Bennett and in January, The sign of the Four by Arthur Conan Doyle.



### Save the date - December Zoom Meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

**TIME:** 7:45pm

December should be our Christmas craft evening, so this month we invite members to make a Christmas table or door wreath at home and share their creation in the meeting.

We also welcome Danielle Thompson from Lower Lodge Candles to talk to us about this family-run home fragrance business, and share her scent tips for this season and beyond

#### For more information contact:

[grayswoodwi@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodwi@gmail.com)

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

#### Find us on Facebook

@GrayswoodWomensInstitute



Wishing our village community and all our members a very Happy Christmas!



## CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday Club Quiz will take place on  
17th December & 28th January

See Grayswood Club website for details:  
[grayswoodclub.simplesite.com](http://grayswoodclub.simplesite.com)

## CHRISTMAS AT HOME WITH H&V LIVING

Join us for special festive shopping at home in our winter cabins. Shopping by candlelight & twinkly lights in a safe shopping environment.



#### Time & Location:

**Every Thursday & Friday**  
**3rd ~ 18th December 11~3pm**

**Home & Vintage Living,**  
**Haslemere GU27, UK**

Contact us for more information & to book a visiting slot on 07719718730

Thanks Jules x

Home & Vintage Living

[www.homeandvintageliving.co.uk](http://www.homeandvintageliving.co.uk)

## GRAYSWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Our village cricket club, Grayswood CC, will shortly be launching a Crowdfunder appeal to raise funds further to the significant financial impact of the COVID situation on the Club's finances. Any donations will be gratefully received. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/grayswood-cricket-securing-the-future>.



## HASLEMERE CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Tuesday 27th October - Friday 18th December

**Click and Collect** now available - please visit [cardsforcharity.co.uk](http://cardsforcharity.co.uk) Contact: 01428 653584

Haslemere Cards for Good Causes is a multi-charity Christmas card shop selling cards advent calendars, wrapping paper, tags, stocking fillers and other traditional gifts.



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

Next deadline: 15th Jan



CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER  
**8 am Holy Communion Services in Church**  
 13th, 27th December

**10 am Services in Church and on zoom**

All Saints Advent Communion

Time: Dec 6, 2020 10:00 London

Meeting ID: 837 0697 2305 Passcode: 048616

All Saints Advent Communion with the Licensing of Rev Elaine Collins

Time: Dec 13, 2020 10:00 London

Meeting ID: 853 5583 6917 Passcode: 865910

All Saints Advent Communion

Time: Dec 20, 2020 10:00 London

Meeting ID: 816 7156 2318 Passcode: 443559

All Saints Carol Service

Time: Dec 20, 2020 18:00 London

Meeting ID: 899 4059 8053 Passcode: 558760

All Saints Christingle Crib Service

Time: Dec 24, 2020 16:00 London

Meeting ID: 815 6163 9314 Passcode: 416622

All Saints Christmas Day Service

Time: Dec 25, 2020 10:00 London

Meeting ID: 861 9633 9014 Passcode: 435496

Topic: All Saints 4th Sunday Service

Time: Dec 27, 2020 10:00 London

Meeting ID: 821 1669 5629 Passcode: 796454



**All services: 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.

**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 December, we pray for those who live and work in Prestwick Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Paddock Way and Muddy Lane



**HASLEMERE FOOD BANK**



THANK YOU for your financial support and donations

**Tuesday Trolley 9.30-11.30 at Grayswood Village Hall**

**Wednesdays Church Porch 10am – 12 noon**

Please remember that all of us can need support at some time or another especially in the present circumstances.

If you or a family you know are in need please speak in confidence to Rev Fi Gwynn on 07769 856343 to obtain a voucher for the Food Bank.

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

**DONATIONS**

In the run up to Christmas, we are appealing for food and non-food donations as usual, but at this time we are also asking for items that can support families and children over the festive period.

- Festive treats, including mince pies,
- Small Christmas cakes and puddings (400g),
- Small boxes of biscuits and chocolates,
- Pringles, bags of nuts, and 6-packs of crisps
- Soft drinks

We are also collecting for our **gift distribution**.

Any BRAND-NEW toys, games, books and gifts for adults and children alike would be gratefully received. Thank you so much for your support.

**\*\* Please check that the best-before date of food items is AFTER Christmas \*\***