



Dear all,

Well we've made it – we've got through January! It's often a challenging month but this year more than ever. The lack of sunlight and the torrential rain has made this third lockdown even harder.

When I wrote the February article last year I was looking forward to my installation with eagerness and anticipation never expecting my first year to be quite so challenging! However, there have been many positives that have come from my first year as Priest in Charge.

Most importantly, the village has really come together, supporting each other by doing shopping and exchanging toys, books and furniture! The advent windows were another wonderful way that our community brought some light and fun to the dark days.

As the vaccine is rolled out we can see the beginnings of hope, just as the daffodils are beginning to push through the soil. The light is coming and very soon the village green will once again be filled with people enjoying each other's company.

John 1 v 5 says 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' The people of Grayswood have been that light.

I look forward to seeing more of you all as the days grow longer and brighter.

With love and prayers for you all, Fi x

RELEASING JOY THIS LENT - 2021

We are travelling through such dark times now and yet God's joy and hope are ever present. Lent begins 17 February, but Lent is not just a time when we 'give up' our favourite indulgence, it is a season when we can give ourselves permission to pause awhile and 'open our eyes' to God's love, joy and presence in our lives and in the world.

To help us with this, our **Lent book** this year will be *Opening our Lives*, by Trystan Owain Hughes.

(Available from the usual online retailers – Amazon, Eden.co.uk and the Bible Reading Fellowship (~ £9) Please do contact Elaine if you would like help with this.

In *Opening our lives* there is a devotional reading for each day in Lent, concluding with one for Easter Sunday. Each daily reading closes with a reflective prayer.

Trystan Owain Hughes writes: **Lent is not about giving up or taking up, but a radical opening up: the opening up of our lives to God's transformative kingdom.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKcqcWBERA> *Opening our Lives – a new Lent journey with introduction by Trystan Owain Hughes.*

These short sessions will be opportunities for us to pray and reflect together. Do still join us, even if you would rather not purchase the book.

Dates: Wednesday 24th February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March. 7-8pm

Zoom link: Meeting ID: 835 7189 0290 Passcode: Lentcourse

For more information and to let Elaine that you would like to join us please do contact her revelainecollins@icloud.com or telephone 01428 714385



FEBRUARY 2021

ONLINE WORSHIP
EVERY SUNDAY
AT 10 AM

Join us on **zoom**
see back page
for details



The church is currently closed for gathered worship - for the latest information please visit allsaintsgrayswood.org

8am Holy Communion services: suspended

10 am Services: Every Sunday on zoom

Ash Wednesday: 17th February - Online United Benefice service hosted by St Barts at 8 pm

Private Prayer: All Saints is open on Wednesday mornings 10 –12 noon

PRAYER FOR LENT

from *Opening our Lives*

Loving God, in our suffering and our joys, in our relationships and daily lives, we ask that your kingdom come.

Open our eyes to your presence, open our ears to your call,

open our hearts to your love, open our ways to your will, open our actions to your compassion,

open our pain to your peace, and in doing so, open our world to your hope. In the name of Jesus,

Amen

THE HUNTER CENTRE , HASLEMERE

Many Grayswood residents are quite familiar with the work of the Hunter Centre, Grayswood Road, Haslemere, which was of course named after, Dr Anne Hunter, and we thought you might be interested in an update of the Centre's activities over the past year and an overview of our hopes for the year that lies ahead of us.

THE HUNTER CENTRE
Supporting those living with
DEMENTIA



The Hunter Centre, was established in 2017, after The Alzheimer's Society withdrew their funding and support for the previous day care facility. A group of local residents with the support of the Town Council were able to set up the Hunter Centre as an independent organisation with charitable status.

Under the Chairmanship of Anne Downing a group of enthusiastic trustees, together with a team of experienced dedicated staff, have provided an excellent day care facility supporting the needs of those affected by dementia and their carers from the local area.

This past year (2020) has been challenging following the national lockdown in March, but the staff have continued to open the Centre whenever it felt safe to do so and with limited numbers of clients. Although legally it could be seen possible to remain open at the present time, it is felt, with the huge rise in cases of Covid 19, that it is best to remain closed for the moment and review the situation every two weeks. While not wanting to incur the unnecessary risks of cross infection, we are also anxious to provide support for our clients and their carers, so the staff have been in regular telephone contact with all clients and carers every week and support and advice has been constantly available.

Ongoing Lockdown is a very difficult experience for those with dementia, as isolation and lack of stimulation can induce their downward progression, and their carers are in greater need of some relief and respite time. Under normal circumstances the very experienced Day Care Centre staff would be offering support in a relaxed, friendly and secure environment, providing activities such as music therapy, word games, creative activities, reminiscence therapy, social activities, and the opportunity to enjoy the delightful secure garden. Here carers can leave their loved ones, quite safely for a few hours while they enjoy some much needed respite.

Future plans include offering support to those recently diagnosed with early dementia. A 10 week course is planned for those in the earlier stages and this will be facilitated by Mary Jordan, who was previously a dementia navigator with the Alzheimer's Society, and is now an independent trainer and advisor. She is also an author of many books on the subject, including "Coping with Mild Cognitive Impairment".

Unfortunately one of the long standing trustees and member of the board from the beginning, John Worlidge, resigned in July and sadly died in October. He will be very greatly missed for his wise counsel, but last November the centre welcomed three new trustees, Melissa King, local businesswoman, Belinda Pope, recently retired with business and IT skills, and Jane Stopford, a retired Occupational Therapist with an interest in the wellbeing of carers.

If you, or anyone you know is interested in finding out more about what the Hunter Centre has to offer do contact the manager@thehuntercentre.co.uk or visit the website www.thehuntercentre.co.uk





DATE: Wednesday 10th February

TIME: 7:45pm on zoom

We are delighted to welcome Miranda Gore Browne as our guest speaker.

Miranda is probably best known as a finalist on the first series of The Great British Bake Off, where she made a great impression with her 'signature bake' biscuits. Miranda will take attendees through a biscuit decorating class, and a recipe will be shared in advance for those wishing to bake their own biscuits.

Guests welcome for a small fee, to contribute towards speaker fees. New memberships available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
grayswoodwi@gmail.com



SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ... WATCH AGAIN

Grayswood School and All Saints Church are within sight of each other, just a short walk across the green. The school puts great value on their Christian distinctiveness and the church is seen as an integral part of their community. In turn, the school is seen as part of the All Saints family and Rev Fi Gwynn and her team visit regularly to lead assemblies. Although visits for services festivals are on hold, you can catch up on assemblies at:

**[allsaintsgrayswood.org/children/
grayswood-ce-primary-school-assemblies/](https://allsaintsgrayswood.org/children/grayswood-ce-primary-school-assemblies/)**

~ a great way to watch again with your children and answer any questions they may have.

Questions
of your
own?
Please give
Fi a call on
07769
856343



?? ?? FEBRUARY QUIZ NIGHT ?? ??

Grayswood Club Quiz Night will be held on 25th February via email. Contact Angela awheeler100@gmail.com

GRAYSWOOD BOOK CLUB

"The thing about December" by Donal Ryan
on Tues, 16th February at 8 pm

Please contact Angela on awheeler100@gmail.com



FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS - UPDATE

The Friends are *"looking forward to 2021 with hope and ambition"* and hope to hold their jazz concert by the Eagle Jazz Band on Saturday 9th October and our fifth Open Gardens day on Sunday, 13th June - save the dates!

In line with the charitable aims, The Friends have agreed to make a substantial contribution towards the new interior lighting which is to be installed in All Saints in the Spring and *"which will greatly enhance the beautiful architecture of our church and give it an altogether more welcoming ambience immediately on entry"*.

Pauline is resigning as Chairman of The Friends after 5 years in the post and writes, *"I am delighted that Emma Stopford was nominated to succeed me by the Trustees at our (zoomed) meeting on 8th January, and her appointment is immediate. I know she will lead the Friends into a new era of development and challenge; and I wish her a very happy and fruitful time as Chairman of the Friends"*. Allen Chubb stood down as Treasurer and was thanked *"for guiding The Friends financially since 2011"* while Matthew Cave was welcomed as his successor. Allen writes, *"Though I have stood down now as Treasurer, I look forward to continuing as a Trustee. It's over ten years since our foundation [...] and by the end of this year we expect to have contributed over £50,000 to Church repairs and improvements, which is a notable achievement. We are grateful to our many donors, large and small, and to the many volunteers who have contributed to the success of our fund-raising events, which have been a lot of fun."*

For more information visit :
grayswood.com/friendsforall saints



CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

There will be no 8am services

10 am Morning Worship on zoom only

February 7th - Morning Worship - 10 am

Meeting ID: 875 2669 5447 Passcode: 693162

February 14th - Morning Worship - 10 am

Meeting ID: 830 8983 6618 Passcode: 121645

February 21st - Morning Worship - 10 am

Meeting ID: 880 7557 0128 Passcode: 549412

February 28th - Morning Worship - 10 am

Meeting ID: 822 1507 0159 Passcode: 938214

All services: 0131 460 1196 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.*

Ash Wednesday | 17th February | 8 - 8.45 pm

Our United Benefice Ash Wednesday service will be streamed from St Barts Church

www.haslemereparish.org/stay-at-home/live-service-streaming/


RUNNER BY MAIL

If you would like to receive the Runner by mail in 2021 please send 9 x 2nd class stamps to Pauline Lamb, Little Paddock, Grayswood GU27 2EE. For more details please email pjlamb4@gmail.com



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

Revd Elaine Collins is available Mon and Weds mornings and all day Friday.

Tel 01428 714385

Email: revelainecollins@icloud.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 February, we pray for those who live and work in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close.



HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

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

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!

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

DONATIONS

needed during lockdown

- small jars of coffee, small tins of hot chocolate
- milk
- custard
- tinned carrots, tinned sweetcorn
- tinned stew/meatballs
- couscous, noodles
- oats
- toothpaste, shampoo
- **Strong bags for packing**



Please donate small packets—large packets, bags and jars are very generous but difficult for us to fit into the food packs **Thank you**