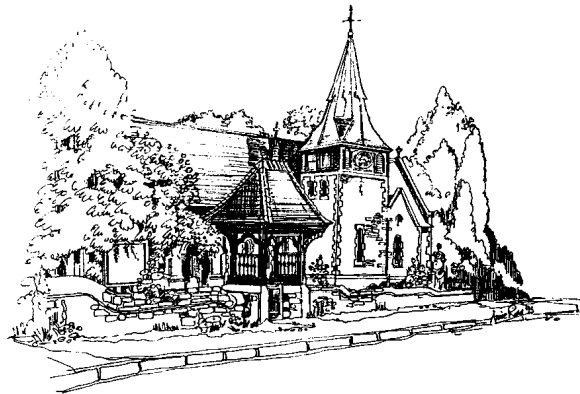




For God, for one another, for the world

Reports of teams for Ministry and Mission 2018

For the Annual Parish Meetings April 2019



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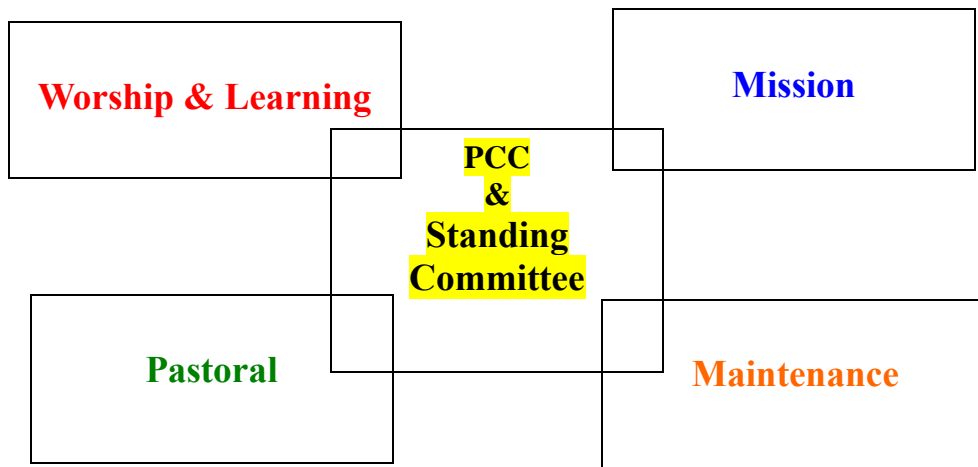


All Saints Church Grayswood

Teams for Ministry and Mission

Worship and Learning Teams and Coordinators Mission Teams and Coordinators

A	Special Services	Barbara SP/Fiona	A	Special Services	Barbara SP/Fiona
B	Home groups	David Culhane	B	Hospitality	Judy Culhane
C	Rotas	Church office	C	Fayres	Shirley Richmond
D	Prayer ministry	Dian Mordin	D	The Runner	Sarah Bennett
E	Music	Jean White/Shirley	E	Mission Links	<i>tba</i>
F	Sunday School	Paula Burton			



Pastoral Teams and Coordinators

A	Care in the community	Fiona
B	Bereavement team	<i>tba</i>
C	Church family get togethers	
	<i>(team in place – co-ordinator tba)</i>	

Maintenance Teams and Coordinators

A	Finance	Darren White
B	Buildings/Grounds	John McLean
C	Important Bits	Hazel Morgan
	<i>(cleaning, coffee rota etc.)</i>	
D	Flowers	Sasi Cave

WORSHIP AND LEARNING TEAMS

HOME GROUPS

We now have two groups running as the daytime group ceased when Barbara left.

The Wednesday group meets weekly during term time in the evening and numbers vary as not everyone can come each week. During the year we have examined Paul's letter to the Romans as well as looking at "Living the Good News" and "Developing spiritual character", the latter a series of studies prepared by John Stott. After Easter 2019, we shall have a look at John's gospel. We always begin with coffee and cake and end with prayer. The real strength of the group lies in its fellowship and caring for one another as well as being very informal and we have lots of fun together. As a group we continue to mentor Fiona as her ministry continues to develop.

Everyone is welcome so please do join us one month and see for yourself.

The daytime home group met on two Thursday afternoons a month with Barbara. They have looked at different "voices" in the Bible both in the Old and New Testaments which can seem at odds with each other. The group also explored two different styles of meditation.

The third discussion group meet monthly on the second Monday at Jane White's house. This year we have continued to use Rob Bell's videos as a springboard to our discussions. Some have been quirky, some challenging and one in particular – shocking. The conversation often goes off in very different directions. It is a safe space to talk about our faith, its challenges and our concerns.

There is no formula and all ideas and thoughts are shared and heard in the context of Christian love where we respect each other, regardless of differences of opinion.

David Culhane (Co-ordinator)

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PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Book

A prayer book is available on the table at the back of church for written prayer requests that are included in the spoken prayers (intercessions) during the main Sunday Service over the course of a month. Requests can be re-entered on the next page for the following month if prayer is required for longer.

Church Service Prayer

Each week during the 10am service one or two members are on duty to offer prayer one to one. This is available either during communion in the side chapel or after the end of the service on the weeks there is no communion. Please approach either David & Judy Culhane, Mary Gorniak or Dian Mordin and they will pray with you.

Weekly Prayer Cover

The weekly Service sheet and The Runner suggest prayer topics for and around different areas in the village and beyond.

Prayer Chain

A group of individuals linked together by phone, pledge to pray over a period of time for any requests. A minimum of information is needed such as a name or situation. All requests are kept in strict confidentiality.

To make a prayer request please phone a group member - Dian Mordin 07818 282330, Judy or David Culhane 644125 or Fiona Gwynn 07929 935179

Prayer Triplets

Small individual groups meet together weekly in each other's homes and pray about concerns for themselves, friends and family. These groups are highly recommended for building up and supporting each other. They are also an amazing way to see God in action as you witness prayer answered in ways you never thought possible.

To be part of a triplet group please contact Dian Mordin 644143 who can put you in touch with others.

Reflect and Prayer

The side chapel has various visual stations with suggestions for reflection and prayer aids. In addition to quiet reflection, our current theme has been seeking guidance for our church's future and how we can use our gifts.

Dian Mordin (Co-ordinator)

MUSIC

2018 has seen the choir numbers remain constant at 21, plus one family of four joining us when they can. This ensures that we can provide a good sized choir for most services. We have 7 juniors, with four now in their teens and Katherine has served the choir loyally for ten years, since she was seven. It is very impressive to see the youngsters grow from young children, giving dedication and commitment to the church and choir.

The Guildford area of the Royal School of Church Music has been reformed, and one of the highlights of the year was preparing for, and enjoying, the area choirs festival, held in the Cathedral in October.

The music was challenging, but a few singers from St Bart's and St Christopher's came to our Friday practices before we met up with other local churches for a rehearsal at Chiddingfold in September. Then eleven of us spent the afternoon prior to the service at the cathedral under the direction of Katherine Dienes-Williams, the Cathedral's director of music. There were over 100 singers who were joined by the Cathedral choir.

We have attended several United Benefit services with strength of numbers and feel that the united choirs should help considerably to unite the benefice!

Our church is affiliated to the RSCM which means that every member of our congregation is a member and can benefit from all that is on offer! Please ask Shirley Richmond if you want to know more.

We now have a strong bass line as Matthew and Johnny have moved to sit with the men, but would appreciate more altos and tenors. We hope that Anthony, our only tenor, will soon be back. We welcomed two adults, but sadly no Juniors, although the number of children who come to join the Song Squad and sit with us for the monthly All Age Service is increasing.

Our sincere thanks go to Rob Jackson for playing the organ for some services and practising with the choir men; also to Mary and George Gorniak for accompanying the All Age services and to George for relief organ playing. We really would like to form a music group.

Jean White and Shirley Richmond

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday school has continued to run on the first three Sundays in the month in term time with Andrew Canale, Angela Wheeler and Paula Burton leading sessions for the children, supported by a small team of volunteers.

A new approach has been adopted this year, using 'God's Story' for children age 7-11. This has been well received by the children who respond well to bible-based sessions and are encouraged to think about their relevance in today's world.

A big 'thank you' to Richard Everett, who led last year's Nativity performance, and thanks also go to parents who ensured that their children were prepared to play their respective roles. The Nativity is the highlight of the Sunday School calendar and Richard's involvement ensured that it went swimmingly.

Paula Burton

MISSION TEAMS

CHURCH FAYRES

Once again, two fayres were held in May and December. Although the aim is to raise money for the running of the church, they are always such happy occasions and give an opportunity for 'outreach' and it is lovely to see faces from the village, welcome those from Haslemere and the surrounding area and those who are just passing by.

The totals were:

May £1365.93

December £2469.51

It is worth noting that the money taken on the raffle for each fayre was £839 and £830.

Thanks must go to those who donated, manned stalls or helped in any way and of course to the visitors who spent.

Shirley Richmond (Fayre team co-ordinator)

HOSPITALITY

All Saints is a hospitable church and thanks to the wonderfully willing support of so many who make cakes, scones, sandwiches, puddings, salads etc. and host Lent lunches in their homes, we are able to reflect God's abundant generosity to us. Thank you to all who help so willingly whenever needed. It is so appreciated.

Judy Culhane (Co-ordinator)

MISSION LINKS

During the year we support four main missions, one throughout each quarter, through the donations that you put into the coffee tin each week and the donation bowl at the back of church. We do not take out expenses for the coffee but give all the money and to each quarterly mission the PCC has agreed that we add £300 from funds. In 2018 our quarterly missions were CMS (our Mission partners Jimmie and Katya working in Brazil), Through Faith Missions (working in the UK with which David Culhane is involved) and Skillway (vocational workshops for young people based in Godalming with Greg Bleach as the general manager). For the fourth quarter, which changes each year, we supported Toilet Twinning Africa – which seemed particularly appropriate as we were fundraising for our own accessible toilet to be put in the North Transept. The following donations were sent in 2018:

Toilet Twinning Africa	£480
CMS donation total	547
TFM	482
Skillway	440

In addition we supported Grayswood school (£10 per child), Grayswood Nursery (£250 a term), Tear Fund (£100) from our Christmas card donations, the Bishop's Lent appeal (£300), Send a Cow (£280), from our Harvest collections, the Poppy Appeal, the Children's Society and Christian Aid (sent direct).

THE GOOD BOOK MORNING

The Good Book Morning continues to meet on the 4th Monday of each month from 10.30 – 12 noon at 'Corner Cottage', 77 Lower Road.

During the past year we have lost one or two of our regular attenders owing to failing health or death.

Coffee and chat lead to lively discussions and frequently we feel better for having shared our worries and our joys.

Why not come and join us?

Jean White.

COFFEE AND CHAT

For the second year, we are holding a monthly coffee morning on the second Wednesday of the month in the Village Club. It has proved very popular and has given villagers an opportunity to meet, chat and enjoy coffee and cake treats! With a regular attendance of 20-25, we saved over £140 last year, which will be donated to The Hunter Centre. Any future profits will go to nominated local charities.

Di Cook

THE RUNNER

The Grayswood Runner continues to be produced ten times per year and distributed by a team of volunteers to all 350 or so homes in the parish. We have trialed a double-paged edition for Easter and Christmas, which has met with positive feedback.

Alongside the church news and contact details, there are articles of local interest and adverts for local events hosted by The Village Club, the Friends of All Saints and increasingly by the School and Nursery too.

Alongside the monthly letter from the clergy team, there have been articles on the Haslemere Hares, commemorative events held to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War, thought-provoking seasonal contributions from local residents and an item on the revival of the local WI.

If you would consider writing a short article (100 or so words) for one of the editions, please email allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com or drop a note into the postbox in the Church porch.

The deadline for receiving contributions for the following month's edition can be found at the foot of each copy (usually the 15th of the month), and the Runner is displayed on the new church website: allsaintsgrayswood.org

Sarah Bennett (Editor)

PASTORAL TEAMS

The pastoral team meets twice a year. Those on the team keep a watch over the village and outside the parish. They visit newcomers, those who are sick and bereaved, deliver cardigans to newborns and notify the clergy of any concerns.

This year several of our team have themselves been in need of pastoral care.

We would love to see some new members to our team, as several people are no longer able to commit to regular visiting. If you think that this is something that you would be interested in then please do contact me.

Rev Fi Gwynn OLM Curate 01428 654728 07929 935179

MAINTENANCE TEAMS

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

We are very grateful for our Buildings and Grounds team who watch over the church and its surrounds, spending many hours keeping it to a high visual standard. David Hutton and volunteers make up the team and have recently been joined by John McLean who has kindly accepted the role of Team Coordinator. They also look after the maintenance of the Garden of Remembrance.

After due diligence, the contract for the main grounds maintenance was awarded to Andrew Obee, Wisborough Green, West Sussex.

A survey to review potential electricity savings by installing LED lighting was undertaken in 2018, but due to other building priorities, this project has been placed on hold.

During 2019 there were significant alterations to the north transept area. The main works included, but not limited to, converting the vestry into a Church office, adding a disabled toilet, new kitchen area incorporating a sink, dishwasher, fridge and general storage area. A new more efficient boiler was also installed.

Following the dry summer of 2018, it was noticed that many surface areas within the Churchyard had sunk, including graves and grave stones. Remedial action to 'top up' the sunken graves with soil will commence in Spring 2019.

John McLean (Co-ordinator)

FLOWERS

We have a gifted flower team and each week (except during Lent) we ensure that there are flowers in church for all to enjoy. Sasi Cave took on the co-ordinating of the team during 2018 and designed and created, on our behalf, a moving and stunning display for the Haslemere Remembers flower festival held in September in St Christopher's church. The design included a copy of the Axel Haig Memorial stone, skilfully made by John McLean and the names of those on our Memorial tablet were produced in beautiful calligraphy by Rosie Edwards. Thank you to all who are so generous with their time, who give flowers and keep them watered during the week and who make the church look so lovely.

PLANNED GIVING, GIFT AID AND CHURCH SERVICE COLLECTIONS

The total Standing Order and plate collections for 2018 was £40,340 which was £540 more than in 2017. Standing orders account for three quarters of that income. Standing Orders increased by £1,055 and church collections decreased by £515, most of the Standing Order increase was due to people transferring from envelopes to standing orders, some with an increased donation. In general there have been very few increases during the year in established individual donations by envelope or Standing Order.

The shift towards donation by Standing Order has continued and this makes it much easier to predict income and the budget accordingly. The fact that so many members are prepared to commit to a regular Standing Order payment instils great confidence for the future.

Gift Aid remains strong and the total HMRC rebate was £11,065 for 2018, this figure includes £1,004 of rebate from donations received for the North Transept project. The HMRC rebate is made up of two parts, the standard Gift Aid and a new scheme for small donations which are not made under Gift Aid. The new scheme has resulted in almost all donations not Gift Aided, of £20 or less, being eligible for an HMRC rebate. However the small donations scheme only works when the Church has a healthy standard Gift Aid

scheme, so it is very important that if you can donate under Gift Aid that you do so. For one-off donations please use the yellow envelopes in the church pews and fill in your name and address. For regular donations please join the scheme using the form at the back of the church, If you have any queries please talk to me either in church or by phone.

The planned giving scheme currently has 43 individual members and 20 family members which represents 83 adults and their children which is an increase of 2 on 2017.

Finally I would like to thank the sides people for their diligence in marking up the collection envelopes each week and also to Judy Culhane for providing banking details so that we can claim HMRC rebates.

Well done and thank you to everyone who donates time or money to help run the church.

David Hutton (Planned Giving and Gift Aid Administrator) 01428 644178

CHURCH BRING AND BUY

This has been another successful year for the after-church stall, and sincere thanks must go to all those who make cakes, bring produce and books, and of course those who buy. We should appreciate a few more cake makers. The total raised for the year was £1365.93.

Shirley Richmond

BUCKET COLLECTIONS

Since November 2017 when we started fund raising for the North Transept re-ordering, small buckets have been placed weekly in strategic positions: in the choir vestry, at the back of the church and in the Village Hall, inviting all to 'get rid of' their loose change. These small amounts mount up and so far we have raised £1073.27 in total. Thank you all.

Shirley Richmond

CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

What a year! From Barbara's retirement to the move to the new Office/Vestry (and the inevitable hiccups with telephone and data comms), to implementing the new GDPR. But we have risen to the challenge – found work arounds to problems, streamlined the filing, found new 'homes' for items, and kept the show on the road.

With my new window on the world, it is great to see the number of people who come and visit their churchyard and who pop into the church either to admire the building or just sit awhile in a busy world. Thank you to all in the congregation who have called into the office to ensure my wellbeing.

It continues to be a privilege to work alongside so many amazing people committed to the life of their church in Grayswood and to be able to support those in the wider parish when they have needed the church.

Sarah Bennett (Church Administrator)