



Dear all,

I'm writing this the day after Boris has announced his roadmap out of lockdown and the sun has been shining. I don't know about you but considering that January seemed to go on for ever, February seems to have whizzed past.

We are now into the season of Lent, traditionally a period of self-discipline and waiting for the joy that Easter will eventually bring. Whilst it has often been a time of fasting and for giving up things that we enjoy, allowing for reflection on our journey with God, this year I have chosen to take up things which give joy, a theme that is running through our Lent course. This has included making time to read every day, not just for the few minutes before I fall asleep at night. The Orthodox Christians describe Lent as a time of 'bright sadness' which certainly seems to resonate this year. Given all the things that we have missed out on this past year, being able to look forward and to tentatively make plans is a comforting thought.

Given that we live in such a beautiful part of the world I have been enjoying Brian Draper's Lent course which focuses a lot on the great outdoors. If you haven't come across him then I would encourage you to visit his website <https://www.briandraper.org> and watch his Winter Wander video. It really does give you a sense of peace and tranquillity in what is still a very unsettled world. It has changed the way I think and feel when I am out walking Colbie in the woods.

Whilst churches have been able to remain open during this latest lockdown the PCC and I took the decision that it just didn't seem the safe thing to do. We are, however, delighted that we will be resuming services in church, starting on Easter Sunday 4th April. We will still have to limit numbers, for the time being, and unless another announcement is made, we still can't sing, but it is a positive step in the right direction. Details of how to book a seat are on the website.

I hope that you can get out and enjoy the warmer, drier weather and that if you haven't had it already that your vaccination date will come around very soon.

With love and prayers for you all, Fi x

MARCH 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: starting again on Easter Sunday

10 am Services: Every Sunday on zoom

PRIVATE PRAYER

All Saints is open on Wednesday mornings
10 –12 noon

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Day of Prayer this year will be different from any we have ever known. All over the world, people will be worshipping on the day as usual but in unusual ways. The theme for 2021 is "Building on a Strong Foundation" and is hosted this year by the WDP Vanuatu.



The Republic of Vanuatu, founded in 1980 as a parliamentary democracy means 'country that stands up', and the motto adopted was 'In God we stand.' 83% of the population are Christians. For more information visit: www.wwdp.org.uk/2021-theme-and-country-vanuatu/

You can find the **2021 WDP Worship Service** at www.wwdp.org.uk

You can donate by text: TEXT 2021WDP 5 TO 70085 TO DONATE £5
Any amount can be donated up to £40 just add the sum after 2021WDP and our text will cost the amount plus one standard rate message.



Contact: 07769 856343 or allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

Next deadline: 15th Mar



WHAT'S ON DURING LENT AND EASTER

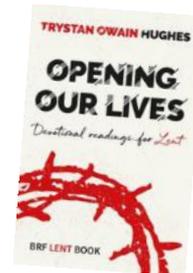
RELEASING JOY THIS LENT - We are travelling through such dark times now and yet God's joy and hope are ever present. Lent begins 17 February, but Lent is not just a time when we 'give up' our favourite indulgence, it is a season when we can give ourselves permission to pause awhile and 'open our eyes'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

We are hosting short weekly sessions as opportunities for us to pray and reflect together.

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



THE LENT INSPECTOR - A Government official is collecting WIGUL forms (What I'm Giving Up for Lent) - 10 things without which you will be absolutely miserable for the next 6 weeks!" – A sketch by Richard Everett – available on our website.

MOTHERING SUNDAY - 14TH MARCH

Please join us on zoom for Morning Worship at 10 am



PALM SUNDAY - 28TH MARCH

Palm Crosses will be available to collect from the Church porch from 21st March

Please join us on zoom for Morning Worship at 10 am



HOLY WEEK - 29TH MARCH - 3RD APRIL

Visit our website to download a copy of Compline for Home with readings for use during Holy Week

GOOD FRIDAY - 2ND APRIL

There will be Prayer Stations available in the grounds of the church

Visit our website to download a Walk of Witness for Home

Please join us on zoom for a family service at 10 am



EASTER SUNDAY - 4TH APRIL

Holy Communion in Church at 8am (please book)

Decorate the cross on the Lych Gate with flowers

Please join us on zoom for a family service at 10 am

There will be a limited number of places available in Church - please book via the website

HE IS RISEN
alleluia

All zoom service details are on the back page | For more info visit: allsaintsgrayswood.org

If you would like a paper copy of any service please do contact
Rev Fi Gwynn - 07769 856343 or revfigwynn@gmail.com

COFFEE AND CHAT HOUR

1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays - join us any time between 10.30am and 11.30am

Grab a coffee (and cake?) and join us for an informal chat on Zoom.

(Check the website for zoom meeting codes)





DATE: Wednesday 10th March

TIME: 7:45pm

March is Sleep Awareness Month, a time to focus on importance of sleep and encourage good habits and routines to improve sleep quality and overall health.

We're therefore delighted to welcome **Carly Garrett**, expert on Women's Wellbeing and Reflexology, as our guest speaker.

Via Zoom, Carly will take members through a **guided reflexology and relaxation routine**, to help ease stress and calm busy minds before bed.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
grayswoodwi@gmail.com



?? ?? MARCH QUIZ NIGHT ?? ??

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

GRAYSWOOD BOOK CLUB

"Knife and Death" by Jay Gill
on Tues, 16th March at 8 pm

Please contact Angela on awheeler100@gmail.com



STOP PRESS: FoASG JAZZ CONCERT postponed to Autumn

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS

After 50 years of service, Joanne Thomson is hanging up her secateurs! Joanne has brought her wonderful artistic flair to the flowers at All Saints Grayswood for half a century with her arrangements greatly admired by a many a visitor and worshipper. THANK YOU Joanne for sharing your time and your talents.

We also said a fond farewell recently to Judy Culhane after many years on the flower rota or organising it herself. Judy had a very beautiful fluid style similar to Constance Spry – ideal for weddings – we will miss her smile, organisation and talent.

With lockdown easing, it would be good to add to our numbers to arrange flowers in church for Sunday services and festivals*. Please give it some thought, you don't have to be brilliant, the church just benefits from colour and arranging flowers is art, never wrong. You do not need to be a master flower arranger – you could be the Picasso of flowers!

Come and join our friendly team.

Call or email Sasi for a friendly chat:

01428 480666, sasicave@gmail.com

*We supply oasis/floral tape and flowers for the festivals (you supply flowers at other times for a pedestal arrangement).



DANCE INTO WORSHIP

Lent Workshop - Exploring the Jesus Prayer in dance



'Jesus Son of God, have mercy on me'

Date: Saturday 6 March 2-4 pm via Zoom

To book: please email (by Thurs 4th March) committee@danceintoworship.org.uk.

Details of the workshop, and the zoom link will be sent to you on Friday 5 March.

Just something to think about! If you happen to have any percussive instrument at home, please do have it to hand for the workshop.

Finally – and very importantly - there will be time for tea and cakes! So do bring your favourite cake – and if anyone wishes to share a recipe – please do so!

We look forward to dancing with you and meanwhile do take care and keep safe!

For more information please contact Elaine revelainecollins@icloud.com or 714385

CHURCH SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER

**There will be no 8am services
10 am Morning Worship on zoom only**

March 7th - Morning Worship - 10 am

Meeting ID: 856 3662 8348 Passcode: 557803

March 14th - Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday - 10 am

Meeting ID: 815 0507 3893 Passcode: 811022

March 21st - Morning Worship - 10 am

Meeting ID: 824 0111 9153 Passcode: 762448

March 28th - Morning Worship - Palm Sunday - 10 am

Meeting ID: 836 1182 1476 Passcode: 859382

April 2nd - Good Friday Family Service - 10 am

Meeting ID: 885 0022 8608 Passcode: 253273

April 4th - Holy Communion at 8am

- Easter Sunday Service in Church /on Zoom - 10 am

Meeting ID: 883 0018 6564 Passcode: 784080

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.*

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

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned carrots
- Long life milk
- Small jars of coffee
- Jam and marmalade
- Couscous
- Noodles
- 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**

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

