



Dear All

MAY 2021

I used to wonder what we would talk about in the UK if we didn't have such varied weather. That has been slightly replaced with 'what will we talk about when we're not talking about Covid?'

As we continue to enjoy a lifting of restrictions it is understandable that it remains very much in the forefront of our conversations but I long for the time when it isn't on every news bulletin.

It was so wonderful to open the church again for in-person services last month and Easter was truly a celebration. It is still hard not being able to sing – unless you're at home on Zoom of course – but there is a slow, steady return to what we think of as normality. I have a hairdressers appointment booked and have had my second vaccination so I consider myself very lucky. However, we do need to be aware that many will still be extremely cautious or wary of leaving home, so do still keep an eye out for anyone that may still need help.

We do have lots to look forward to though and as you will see from this edition of the runner there are many dates to add to your diary.

Let's pray that the weather is on our side and that soon the green will be buzzing with people and cricket!

With my love and prayers, F x

CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints is open for Sunday services

Please do visit the website to book a seat as spaces will be limited to keep everyone safe

Services will continue on **zoom**. For details of how to join see our website or see the back page for details



allsaintsgrayswood.org

8am Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

10 am Services: In Church and on zoom every Sunday

PRIVATE PRAYER
All Saints will be closed during the Lighting Installation Works

From Wednesday 12th May the church will be open on Wednesdays



Coffee after Church

During May (weather permitting) we will be serving coffee after church at The Club from 10.45 to 11.30

Do drop in and join us if you are passing

Table service only, in groups of not more than 6 (or 2 households) outdoors



EVEN A STOPPED CLOCK IS RIGHT TWICE A DAY ... BUT WE HAVE GREATER AMBITIONS!

There has been a clock on the church at Grayswood for over 100 years. Believed to have been presented by the Atkinson-Willes family soon after the church was consecrated in 1902, the clock was initially wound by hand. In 1967, relatives of Mary Mort (a churchwarden, treasurer & parish secretary) provided an electric mechanism for winding the church clock in her memory. Some 50 years later that mechanism has burnt out and can no longer be repaired - and so the clock is at a standstill.

We would like to restore the clock to full working order, but replacing the two winding mechanisms (and removing the mercury and asbestos in the old installation) is going to cost £7500.

If you can help in anyway please do get in touch with the PCC Secretary Tracy Garland (pccsecgrayswood@gmail.com) - perhaps you could organise a fundraiser, perhaps your place of work has a matched giving scheme, perhaps you know of relevant grants.

If you would like to donate online to the fundraising appeal please visit :

<https://allsaintsgrayswood.churchsuite.com/donate/>

Or place the cheque made payable to All Saints Grayswood PCC with a note in an envelope in the letterbox in the Church porch. Thank you



GRAYSWOOD CLUB

Sundays might never be the same again.....

Starting on **SUNDAY, 2nd May** we'll be trialling

Sunday lunchtime opening
12.00 - 3.00pm

So why not stroll on down for a pre-lunch drink,
or even to watch the cricket.



From Friday, 7th May we also hope to open on
Friday evenings

PLEASE NOTE: As we will initially have to meet outdoors we are at the mercy of the weather so please check the website/emails if the weather is inclement

MEMBERS ONLY (It's easy to join - call 07808 474147)

ECO CHAMPION WANTED

Could you help us care for God's earth a little more. We have already made great progress ~ installing a new more efficient boiler, installing LED lighting, swapping to recycled paper in the office and reducing mowing in areas of the churchyard to encourage native species of flowers and insects.

We are now looking for someone who can take us to that next stage – with the aim of being carbon net zero by 2030 and becoming an ECO Church.

Could you enthuse a team of people to look at all aspects of church life, steer us in the right direction and create a sustainability plan?

Please chat to

Rev Fi Gwynn
07769 856343 or
revfigwynn@gmail.com



OPEN GARDENS 13TH JUNE 2021 10.30AM— 5.30PM A GREAT DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

Just a reminder that we shall have ten gardens open, including the Grayswood Allotments. There will be a fantastic display of Classic Cars in the forecourt of Grayswood Garage, sculpture at App Art, a plant stall, Dylan's ice creams, and teas served from the Village Club.

There will be a service of Evensong at 6.30pm to close the day (book via the website: allsaintsgrayswood.org) Tickets £5 including an illustrated programme with map. We are currently arranging parking around the village, though of course hope that Village residents will walk.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

On the plant stall we are looking for several people to give a couple of hours during the day to help serve, and to pack up at the end of the day. We would also appreciate help assembling tables!

Please contact: pjlamb4@gmail.com for further information.

Could you donate cakes (for the teas being served from the self-service booth at The Club)?

In the past you have always been so generous with your cake donations, please continue to make this a successful event for the village and the Church.

Cakes can be left in the Church porch from 11.30 am (after the conclusion of the Church service) until 1pm. If this is inconvenient please let Trish know (01428 654418) and she will arrange to collect.



WELL WELL WELL ...

*Well well well I ask myself
what are we going to do
we cannot go to the cinema
nor can we go to the zoo*

*we're not allowed to go near crowds
or even hug our friends
this really is driving me crazy
am going round the bend!
and we simply have no idea
when this nightmare will end*

*but wait a minute - all is not lost
we can exercise in our flats
press ups and downs and jiggle about
to prevent us from getting fat
we can also read and watch the box
listen to music and dream*

*and realise just how lucky we are
so all isn't as bad as it seems.*

Tania - Wispers Park

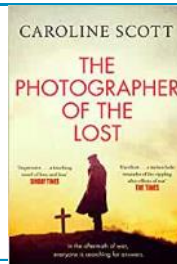
GRAYSWOOD BOOK CLUB

'The Photographer of the Lost'

by Caroline Scott

on Tues, 17th May at 8 pm

Contact Angela on awheeler100@gmail.com



THE HUNTER CENTRE

Supporting those living with
DEMENTIA



Dementia Awareness Week

17th – 22nd May

The Hunter Centre will be hosting a Virtual Dementia Bus

At: Tesco's car park, Wey Hill, Haslemere

On: Wednesday 19th May

From 10am – 4pm.

This gives people a brief insight into what it's like to be living with this illness, through touch and sound.

Come down and see us!



HASLEMERE FESTIVAL

17th to 31st May

In a welcome step towards normality, this popular local festival is going ahead. Speakers will include our own Rector, the Revd Chris Bessant, on wreck diving and marine archaeology and Allen Chubb on Ten Years as a Special in London.

Most of the events can be attended either in person or online via Zoom.

For the programme and details of how to book, please see

www.haslemerefestival.org.uk



Join us for our May Zoom WI meeting - a talk from Chris Feare, local ornithologist.

DATE: Wednesday 12th May

TIME: 7:45pm

This month, we welcome Chris Feare, Grayswood resident and ornithologist, as our guest speaker for a talk on the role and importance of wild birds in our community.

Following a degree in Zoology and over two decades at the Department of Environmental and Rural Affairs, Chris established research and consultancy firm WildWings Bird Management in 1996. His career has seen him work in the Seychelles for over four decades and he has written several books based on his studies.

NEW WI MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE.

GUESTS WELCOME FOR A SMALL DONATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
grayswoodwi@gmail.com



Easebourne Garden and Allotment Society

Annual Plant Sale | Saturday 29 May | 10 - 12

In front of Easebourne Priory GU29 0AJ
(nr Cowdray Farm Shop) | Parking nearby

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

- May 2nd** **10 am Parish Communion**
in Church (please book) and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 863 8982 1123 Passcode: 109296
- May 9th** **8 am Holy Communion in Church** (please book)
10 am Morning Worship
in Church (please book) and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 874 9927 0432 Passcode: 407106
- May 13th** **8 pm Eucharist for Ascension**
In Church only (please book)
- May 16th** **10 am All Saints Parish Communion**
in Church (please book) and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 883 8087 7802 Passcode: 030127
- May 23rd** **8 am Holy Communion in Church** (please book)
10 am Morning Worship
in church (please book) and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 865 7899 8132 Passcode: 715238
- May 30th** **8 am Holy Communion in Church (please book)**
10 am United Benefice Service at St Barts
(please book via the St Barts website)

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.*

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 May, we pray for those who live and work in Grayswood Road beyond the church including Lower & Upper Birtley, Witley Farm, Shoelands, South Park, Stroud, Hurt Hill and High Button

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 PLEASE

- **Tinned fish and tinned meat**
- **Tinned fruit**
- **Tinned carrots, peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes**
- **Baked beans**
- **Long life milk**
- **Tinned custard**
- **Small jars of coffee**
- **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**