



Dear All

February is here! I know many people struggle in January, for various reasons, but up until now I haven't been one of them. However, this year it seemed so much harder than usual.

I think partly because we are still having to deal with the ongoing restrictions and frustrations of the pandemic, but also because the run up to Christmas was so exhausting. The Russian roulette of doing lateral flow tests every other day certainly upped the ante- no more so than on Christmas morning! I was reminded though of this quote from Anne Morrow Lindbergh:-

"Live from day to day, just from day to day. If you do so, you worry less and live more richly. If you let yourself be absorbed completely, if you surrender completely to the moments as they pass, you live more richly those moments."

AND - we are ready to begin a year of celebrations.

On **Sunday 13th February All Saints Church will be 120 years old.** To commemorate the occasion, we will be having a special service followed by cake and bubbles in the village hall. We would love you to come and join us if you can.

And of course, we have the Queen's Platinum Jubilee to look forward to. We are working together with the club and the school to co-ordinate plans, so keep watching this space so that you don't miss out.

Plus, the evenings are getting lighter, the bulbs are beginning to force their way through, and the sun is beginning to give us some warmth. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Much love Fi xx

Church Services

8am Holy Communion:

2nd, 4th and 5th
Sundays

10 am Services:

In Church and on zoom
every Sunday
all welcome no booking
required

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

allsaintsgrayswood.org

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 9 - 9.30
All welcome

Church Open

Every day: 9.30 to 4 (ish)

Whether you want to
pray, give thanks or find
hope in times of despair,
our beautiful Grade II
listed church is open for
you every day

All Saints Church

At the heart of Grayswood 1902 - 2022

Celebrate our 120th birthday with us
Commemorative Service at 10 am
Join us for cake and bubbles in the Village Hall



All Saints Grayswood 1902 - 2022



From the archives

All Saints Church was built in the new parish of Grayswood, created from parts of the old parishes of Witley, Chiddingfold, Haslemere and Thursley after the Vicar of Witley, the Rev John Brownlow Chandler, became concerned about the lack of worship facilities in the hamlet of Grayswood. He introduced weekly evening services in the school room at Grayswood (now the Grayswood Club) but following many discussions, it was agreed to create a new parish and church building.

All Saints Church was financed by Alfred Harman, the photography pioneer who founded Ilford Films and who had come to live locally in 1894. He paid not only for the church, on condition a new parish was created, but also funded a handsome vicarage and provided a sufficient endowment to realise a stipend for the incumbent.

The land, approximately one and half acres, was given by Lord Derby KG and was sufficient for the church, adjoining churchyard and adjacent vicarage. In 1901, the Rev John Sherlock Leake, then the assistant curate at Haslemere, became the Vicar-designate for the new parish of Grayswood.

All Saints Church was designed by Axel Herman Haig, a friend of Mr Harman and a distinguished Swedish architect living in Grayswood. The interior was financed by the new congregation and Mr Harman, the total being just under £5000.

Construction work started in February 1901 and just a year later, on February 13th 1902, All Saints was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester (Dr Randall T Davidson who later became Archbishop of Canterbury). The Rev John Leake was installed as its first Vicar.



The Consecration Service was followed by a baptismal service including the baptism of the infant daughter of Rev and Mrs Leake.

You can read more about the history of the church in the book by James Mackie, on sale in Church for £10.



Images:

The Consecration procession on 13th February 1902;

Grayswood at the time of the church's construction (note the scaffolding in the and the temporary corrugated iron church);

Rev John S Leake, first vicar of Grayswood



Memorial Service

For Lady Lesley Lisle Lewis
on 26th February at 10 am
All Saints Church, Grayswood.
Refreshments will be served afterwards
in the Village Hall
All are very welcome

Time to Be...in the presence of God

A quiet hour where we can pray with scripture and
pray for others

3rd Wednesday of the month @7pm

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| January 19 | February 16 |
| March 16 (Lent course - no meeting) | |
| April 20 | May 18 |
| June 15 | July 20 |
| August 17 (Summer break - no meeting) | |
| September 21 | October 19 |
| November 16 | December 21 |

Zoom code: 844 4083 8929

Passcode: TimetoBe

Please do email Revd Elaine Collins for more
information and/or to go on the mailing list for this
ongoing event - revelainecollins@icloud.com

Everyone welcome

Grayswood Village Club

Village Coffee Morning

Drop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes
Saturday 9th February 10 am to 12 noon
slightly longer opening to allow for more coffee
and cake consumption!
2nd Wednesday of the month

Knockout Skittles

Friday, 11th February 7.30 pm
Teams of 4 ..come as a team or join one on the
night.

Quiz night

Thursday 25=4th February from 7:45pm
New website: www.grayswoodclub.co.uk
Members only but it's easy to join :
call 07808 474147

Grayswood Book Club

The Glass Hotel by Emily St John Mandel
on Tues, 15th February at 8 pm
Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Lent



Ash Wednesday - Benefice Communion
Service with Ashing in the evening at St Barts
(check website for details)

Lent Reflections

On Wednesday evenings at All Saints
Mar 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30, and Apr 6th

Watch this Space....

Summer Barn Dance on the Village Green

Dancing, Food, Drinks and general merriment
organised by The Friends of All Saints, Grayswood
Date to be confirmed.



Join us for our February WI meeting -

DATE: Wednesday 9th February
TIME: 7:45pm
WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

This month, we are delighted to welcome village
resident, Allen Chubb, as our guest speaker.
Allen will be sharing some fascinating tales of life
as a volunteer policeman in London - do be sure to
join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Church Services for February

Church open for all 8 am and 10 am Services

- Feb 6th **10 am Parish Communion**
Meeting ID: 876 6501 6890
Passcode: 921300
- Feb 13th **8 am Holy Communion in Church**
10.00 am All Saints 120th Anniversary Service
Meeting ID: 839 3161 9479
Passcode: 697770
- Feb 20th **10 am Parish Communion**
Meeting ID: 824 7410 4469
Passcode: 917187
- Feb 27th **8 am Holy Communion in Church**
10 am Parish Communion
Meeting ID: 841 0843 6427
Passcode: 737567

*For all services please dial 0131 460 1196 UK
Enter the meeting ID followed by the # key. Then enter the passcode followed by the # key. You will be connected to the meeting and be 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 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 (day off 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?

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 from Rev Fi Gwynn on 07769 856343.

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

All in date, unopened tinned and packaged food items, sanitary products and domestic cleaning products are welcomed

Please donate small packets which are easier to fit into the food packs

Thank you



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