

September 2022





Dear Friends

I hope you have all enjoyed this summer of unusually warm weather. I'm sure for those with school aged children it has made keeping them occupied during the summer holiday a little bit easier.

Pete and I were fortunate enough to have a holiday in Scotland this year, travelling around the north coast and visiting the Isles of Mull and Iona.

I knew I was tired when I left, but I hadn't realised quite how physically and mentally exhausted I was until I had the time to stop and take a break. The scenery on the north coast of Scotland is simply breath-taking, and whilst it did entail a lot of driving (we did just under 2,000 miles in total) the views of the mountains, hills and beaches more than compensated.

lona had long been on my list of places I wanted to visit, and it didn't disappoint. Iona is one of a few places that is referred to as a 'thin place', a place where the boundary between heaven and earth is considered especially thin. There is a unique sense of peace and stillness on the island, despite the many day visitors like us. I would dearly love to return and stay overnight to really get a deeper sense of that peace once the day trippers have gone.

But it was on one of the beaches on the mainland that I had my most poignant encounter with God. I saw a very simple tide line, a thin line of broken shells. (See photo). It spoke to me about how every day we must leave something behind. Whether it is guilt over something we have said or done that we're not proud of, letting go of relationships that are no longer healthy or that have just come to a natural end, or leaving behind a part of our life which is no longer relevant. For those children just about to start nursery, primary school, secondary school or maybe even University or work, these changes must happen, but they are not always easy. For adults the changes may be more subtle, or they may be huge and they may not always be in our control, but like the tide, it is a constant evolution, however much we may wish to stop it

I do believe, however, that if we share our concerns and our worries with God daily, or even twice daily like the tide, that he will give us the strength to cope with the changes and allow us to leave behind the things that are no longer needed or are good for us. And if you ever want to talk about letting things go, then I am here to listen.

Love Fi xx



Church Services

8am Holy Communion: 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays 10 am Services:

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

Details on back page allsaintsgrayswood.org

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 9 - 9.30 All welcome Church Open

Every day: 9.30 to 4 (ish)

Grayswood Community Volunteers



If you know someone who needs assistance then please do let us know.

If you want to sign up to help, just follow the link from the home page allsaintsgrayswood.org



Baby & Toddler Group

Thursdays 9-11
During term time in the
Village Hall
£3 per family

Next deadline: 15th September

Contact: 07769 856343 or allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

Enrol in the u3a - There's something for everyone!

The Haslemere u3a, is for those who are either retired, no longer busy raising a family, semi-retired or working from home. Age is immaterial but a zest for life is essential. Haslemere u3a provides an opportunity to enjoy your favourite hobbies and activities, create new interests and meet like-minded people.

"Staying active, socializing, learning new skills and subjects and having fun in the so-called Third Age of life, are our basic aims, as well as promoting physical and mental health through a veritable cornucopia of classes and activities" said Allen Chubb, Chairman Haslemere u3a.



An independent charity, the u3a was founded in 1995 and is based at the iconic Haslemere Hall, where thought provoking monthly talks are hosted to which all are welcome free of charge, including non-members.

The Haslemere u3a has over 600 members and around 60 interest groups providing a wide range of stimulating activities from walks, tennis, bowling and cycling – both gentle and challenging – to pilates, language groups, cookery classes, dancing, art, bird watching, bridge and so much more.

Enrolment: Monday 5th September from 12.30-2.30pm at Haslemere Hall

Membership costs £6 per annum. Class attendance fees are also minimal – tennis, for instance is just £1.50 per two-hour session!

For more information, please go to our website - u3asites.org.uk/Haslemere

Quiz Night

Join us on Friday 18th November for a night of fun quizzing in good company

Supporting Tearfund and Friends of All Saints



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 1st October 10 am to 12 noon Grayswood Club Contact Carol: c.and.d.franklin @googlemail.com



CLASSIC TALES FOR ALL AGES

A dramatised reading of...

CS Lewis'
THE LION, THE
WITCH AND
THE
WARDROBE
&

Oscar Wilde's'
THE SELFISH
GIANT

Read by Richard Everett



£6 per family unit

Children's fun snack pack included!

- Under 12s must be accompanied
- Please specify number of adults and children when booking





SAT 12TH NOVEMBER 2022

6:30PM Approx. 1 hour

All Saints Church, Grayswood ook online at: allsaintsgrayswood.org Phone on: 01428 656504

Our Accidental Letters

With the help of Jon Taylor, Stephen Frye ... no not that Stephen Fry ... has just published a book of short, nature related stories, activities and quizzes for children and the whole family to read and enjoy together, titled Our Accidental Letters. The fictional stories are contained within thirteen

genuine letters, written and sent to a real family in south London throughout 2020. Each letter is accompanied by original illustrations, activities and photos, reflecting our local countryside.

The book launch will be held at Oliver's in Haslemere on Sunday 18th September from 3.30pm (On the day book cost £10).

Please contact Stephen by email at stephenfrye@btconnect.com or phone on

653482 if you and your family would like to attend or purchase a copy. The book is available at The Haslemere Book Shop, Waterstone's Online and Amazon (ISBN 9781399925587).

All profits are going to Teenage Cancer Trust and Suffolk Owl Sanctuary



Support for Ukraine Refugees

Guildford Diocese is working with the charity Citizens UK to provide support for Ukrainian Refugees in the Guildford area, and have a number of families needing homes.

If you are interesting in either hosting a family or providing other forms of support please do visit the Diocese website where there is further information and guidance on how to get involved.

https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/i-am-resources/interested-in-supporting-ukraine

Join our House Group

Friendly and informal discussions about life and faith on Tuesdays 7.30—9.30 pm

Contact: Pippa H-M on pippahollins1@gmail.com

Time to Be...

in the presence of God

A quiet hour where we can pray with scripture and pray for others — 3rd Weds of the month @7pm Sept 21, Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 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

Grayswood Book Club

The Weekend by Charlotte Wood on Tues, 20th Sept at 8 pm

Email: awheeler 100@gmail.com

CHARLOTTE WOOD The Weekend

Grayswood Tennis Picnic

When: Sunday September 18th from 11am

Where: Grayswood House, Lower Road

What: Rob & Jo Shaw are hosting a very informal

Tennis Tournament with BYO picnic

in the garden

Who: All welcome to come & play/watch/natter

Prizes: Junior and Mixed age Doubles Cups

up for grabs

RSVP: E-mail joannawoodartist@btinternet.com

or tel. 01428 656163/07710 428193

Hope you can make it.

Grayswood Club

Coffee and Chat

Drop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes 14th Sept - 10 am to 12 noon

Games Night

7.30-10.00, every Wednesday

Quiz night

Thursday 29th Sept from 7:45pm

Members only but it's easy to join:

Call 07808 474147 and for other events please visit www.grayswoodclub.co.uk

SURREY CHURCHES RIDE & STRIDE SAT. 10th SEPTEMBER 2022

Ride or Stride round our churches & raise money for our own church and others in Surrey
All Saints Grayswood will be offering refreshments to walkers and riders.

If you wish to participate and raise money for All Saints Church please contact our local Church Organiser Tracy Garland on pccsecgrayswood@gmail.org or County Organiser Hamish Donaldson on 644473

www.SurreyChurchesPreservationTrust.org



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Join us for our September meeting on Our Environment

DATE: Wednesday 14th September

TIME: 7:45pm

WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

Guests welcome for a small donation.

New WI Memberships available.

Get in touch for more information or to join us!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

EMAIL: grayswoodwi@gmail.com **WEBSITE:** grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home **FACEBOOK:** @grayswoodwomensinstitute



Church Services for September

Church open for all 8 am and 10 am Services

Sept 4th 10 am Parish Communion

Meeting ID: 882 1811 6283

Passcode: 340565

Sept 11th 8am Holy Communion in Church

10 am Morning Worship Meeting ID: 893 0147 7353

Passcode: 150533

Sept 18th 10 am Parish Communion

Meeting ID: 895 4601 6546

Passcode: 248145

Sept 25th 8am Holy Communion in Church

10 am Fourth Sunday Service Meeting ID: 820 4031 7750

Passcode: 971388

HARVEST FESTIVAL
2ND OCTOBER 2022 AT 10 AM

For all services please dial 0131 460 1196 UK

Enter the meeting ID followed by the # key. Then 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

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 01428 656504

or allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

Do you have a general enquiry?

Contact our church administrator Sarah Bennett at

allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, visit our website: allsaintsgrayswood.org

Village Prayer

In September, we pray for those 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 Please

- Tinned fruit
- Treats (crisps, chocolate, nuts)
- Small bottles of fruit squash or juice
- * Couscous / noodles / 500 packet of oats
- * UHT milk / Coffee
- Tinned pulses, tinned potatoes
- * Jam / Marmalade
- * Tinned meat
- Toilet roll / Shower gel
- * Laundry detergent

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

