



Dear All

I wonder – during the pandemic – were you one of the people who vowed never to get so busy again once the lockdown ended? I certainly was. And yet, here we are entering Advent and the frenetic pace of life seems to be busier than ever!

Which is why Advent is such a special time to pause. To be still and to take stock of all that is important. And no, it is not to ensure that we have the perfect Christmas lunch planned, or to worry whether our child has the 'must have' toy of the year.

And this year especially, when so many will be cutting back on essentials, let alone luxuries, let us take time to reflect on the things that are important to us, and what makes Christmas so special.

The birth of a baby over 2,000 years ago, who went on to give his life for us. We will have a small selection of Advent books to borrow in the North Transept, so do come in and borrow one if you would like some help to stop and be still in this busy time. Or come and join us for one of our services over Christmas. We would love to see you.

Whatever you do, my prayers are that you will find the peace of the Christ child this Christmas, wherever you are.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023.

Love Fi x



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)



Christmas Fayre

Join us on

Saturday 3rd December
from 11 til 1 pm

at **Grayswood Village Hall**

Raffle, Cakes & Produce, Bulbs & Plants, Bottle tombola
Gifts, Books & DVDs,
Brocante, Toys, Preserves
Entrance £1 to include tea/
coffee and a biscuit.

Bacon butties from 11.30



Light up the Village

Sunday 4th December

Meet at
Grayswood Village Club
at 4.30 pm

Sing carols outside, watch
the Christmas Lights
switch-on and
then retreat to the Club
for festive drinks and
treats



Baby & Toddler Group

We're changing days!

Wednesdays

9-11

(From Weds 5th Oct)

During term time in the
Village Hall

£3 per family

Includes drink and
snacks for children and
tea/coffee and cake for
accompanying adults.
Lovely sociable group



Message from Isabelle Cole

It is my privilege to be your Lib Dem Town Councillor and I felt very honoured to have been elected in 2019 - but I shall not be standing again in 2023, because I really feel that it should be somebody younger and ideally more digitally able than I am - and as long as they have the interests of Grayswood and its community at heart, I don't think that it really matters which political party, if any, they belong to.

I stood in 2019 because I believe in choice and diversity - and because before those local elections, only 1 of the 18 Haslemere Town Councillors was not a Conservative ! I never imagined I'd get elected but I was - along with 6 other Lib Dems, 2 Greens and 2 Independents who, together with 7 Conservatives, have made Haslemere Town Council far more representative and better balanced.

It has been an interesting experience and a rather frustrating one, money being tight and red tape abundant ... To date my only achievement as a Town Councillor has been the noticeboard in the redundant bus shelter by the Grayswood Club ! I hope that my successor will have more luck than me in getting lidded litterbins installed on the Village Green; in getting the uneven footway in front of the Prestwick Lane houses resurfaced. These are all issues which I have tried and so far disappointingly failed to resolve.

Meanwhile I hope that having worked long and hard to secure from Surrey County Council the assurance of a 'lollipop lady' or man for our School, someone applies for the job !

Unlike a lollipop lady, a Town Councillor is unpaid and can claim no expenses - but for the sake of local democracy I really hope that someone from Grayswood will come forward as a candidate. I envisage possibly someone recently retired or an 'empty nester' whose family has left home: someone with time on their hands and needing a new focus, someone with the interests of our village and its community at heart.

If you think you may be that person please contact me: isabelle.cole@haslemeretc.org

Hopefully - and with my very best wishes to you all, Isabelle



A CHRISTMAS TREAT FOR ALL THE FAMILY
WITH A DRAMATISED READING OF...

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

READ BY RICHARD EVERETT USING THE ORIGINAL
ABRIDGED TEXT THAT DICKENS PERFORMED IN 1867

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GRAYSWOOD
FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER | 7PM - 9:30PM
TICKETS: £5

JOIN US FOR WINE AND CANAPES

BOOK ONLINE AT: WWW.ALLSAINTSGRAYSWOOD.ORG
PHONE ON: 01428 656504

All Saints Church
Grayswood

THE HUNTER CENTRE
Supporting those living with
DEMENTIA



Marjorie Gray Hall,
Grayswood Road,
GU27 2BW
01428 654710

Carer's Support

Do you feel isolated? Would you like someone to talk to, who knows how you're feeling? Pop down to see us on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 - 3.30

Christmas Celebration at St Christopher's Church
St Christopher's Green, Haslemere, GU27 1DD.

Thursday 8th December 2022, 7pm. Tickets £12.50
Featuring The Winterbourne Singers with music, poems, mince pies and mulled wine. Call 654710

Runner by Post

If you live out of the Parish or find it difficult to get to church regularly, but want to be keep in touch, I can post the Runner to you regularly.

Please send me your name and address and 10 x 2nd class stamps for a year, ten issues starting with February 2023.

Pauline - email pjlamb4@gmail.com

Pauline Lamb, Little Paddock, 4 Paddock Way, Grayswood. GU27 2EE



Christmas Flute Tidings

Mary Gorniak (a Grayswood resident and professional flautist) has released a Christmas CD with beautiful carols and hymns.

Making an ideal Christmas present, the CDs are incorporated in attractive gift boxes or downloads are also available. Order from marygorniakflute.co.uk (you can collect locally) or phone 07733 482890.



Christmas Showcase

Saturday 10th December @ 7.30 pm at SS Peter & Paul, Church Street, Godalming GU7 1ER.

Come and enjoy an uplifting evening of Christmas Gospel music with GCGC and our amazing Guest Soloist Kathy Mcleish from the Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir.

Tickets £10 on the door or from The Record Corner, Pound lane, Godalming, GU7 1BX
Refreshments, raffle and a very warm welcome!

Cards for Good Causes

Shop for cards, gift wrap, tags and gifts at Haslemere Museum til Christmas Eve
10 am – 4.30 pm



Grayswood Book Club

The Pull of the Stars
by Emma Donoghue

on Tues 20th December at 8 pm

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

on Tues 17th January at 8 pm

Contact Angela:

awheeler100@gmail.com



Tree-mendously kind of you !

The Nordman Fir at Grayswood Club has been kindly donated by Haslemere Garden Centre ... which is now selling Christmas trees and Christmas goods .

World of Water
Sweetpeas Café
Plants
Garden Furniture
Barbecues

**HASLEMERE
GARDEN CENTRE**

Proudly supporting Grayswood Club

Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday 9.00 - 5.30

Sunday 10.00 - 4.00

01428 685517

Grayswood Club

Light up the Village

4.30pm - Sunday 4th December

Live Music from the Wyrd Sisters

non-members welcome

7 pm - Saturday 10th December

Coffee and Chat with homemade cakes

10 am - Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Gathering

for Members and their families

6 pm - Saturday 17th December

Christmas Quiz

7.30 pm – Thursday 22nd December

Members only Club, but it's easy to join :

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



GRAYSWOOD
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1920 - 2022

Join us in December...

Glass Painting and a Bring & Share Supper

DATE: Wednesday 14th December, from 7:45pm

WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

Crafter extraordinaire and NEW Grayswood WI President, Tonia Harvey, leads us for a festive glass painting session - a perfect time to bring along, or join us as, a guest.

SAVE THE DATE: January 11th 2023

Presenting this year's shortlist of WI Campaign Resolutions plus enjoying a fun start to the New Year with some games.



**Wishing all our members &
our village community a
very Merry Christmas!**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

EMAIL: grayswoodwi@gmail.com

WEBSITE: grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home

FACEBOOK: [@grayswoodwomensinstitute](https://www.facebook.com/grayswoodwomensinstitute)

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Church Services in December & January

Dec 4th	10 am	Advent Communion
		Meeting ID: 876 4446 7456 Passcode: 940003
Dec 11th	8 am	Holy Communion in Church
	10 am	Advent Communion
		Meeting ID: 859 2573 4546 Passcode: 539078
	6 pm	Carol Service
		Meeting ID: 819 8790 4235 Passcode: 017268
Dec 18th	10 am	Christingle Service
		Meeting ID: 881 9218 4789 Passcode: 059422
Dec 24th	11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
Dec 25th	10 am	Christmas Day Service
		Meeting ID: 864 2750 0241 Passcode: 513305
Jan 1st	10 am	Parish Communion
Jan 8th	8 am	Holy Communion in Church
	10 am	Morning Worship
		Meeting ID: 851 6974 3546 Passcode: 651630
Jan 15th	10 am	All Saints Parish Communion
		Meeting ID: 864 9195 1353 Passcode: 797360
Jan 23rd	8 am	Holy Communion in Church
	10 am	Fourth Sunday Service
		Meeting ID: 819 3251 2879 Passcode: 602126
Jan 29th	10 am	United Benefice Service at St Christopher's

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.

Do you have a general enquiry?

Email our church administrator Sarah Bennett on allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit our website:

allsaintsgrayswood.org

VILLAGE PRAYER

In December, we pray for those who live and work in Prestwick Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Paddock Way and Muddy Lane



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 leave donations in the box in All Saints Church.



Thank you for all your support this year

Christmas Donations Needed Please

We are appealing for items that can support families and children over the festive period with a few extras

- * Festive treats, including mince pies, small Christmas cakes and puddings (400g),
- * Small boxes of biscuits and chocolates,
- * Pringles, bags of nuts, and 6-packs of crisps
- * Soft drinks

Please check that any best-before dates are **AFTER** Christmas



Village Hall Bookings grayswoodvh@outlook.com ~ Grayswood Club: 07808 474147 ~
Grayswood School 642086 ~ Grayswood Nursery 658931