



Dear All

A belated Happy New Year to you all.

Snowdrops to me, mean that spring is on its way. The house I grew up in had an abundance of them in the front garden and my Dad and I would always want to be the first to spot the blooms. (Obviously my Mum and brother weren't bothered!) Their tiny delicate flowers always seemed to have to battle their way through the hard soil in search of the light, but once they had broken through they produced an amazingly beautiful display.

Likewise, getting through January can be tough at the best of times, but this year it seems to be going on forever! However, like the snowdrops there are brighter times ahead. So many activities and groups are back to pre-pandemic times and there is always a warm welcome for you at All Saints on a Sunday morning. There is lots of building work going on at the Wheatsheaf too, which looks promising. (I don't have any insider knowledge so don't ask me!) and Shrove Tuesday at the end of the month will lead us into Lent. Look out for details of the Lent Lunches in next month's runner. Not only will there will be a warm welcome, there will also be warm soup!

I hope that our paths cross very soon. (and keep an eye out for the snowdrops!)

Love Fi x



### Church Services

**8 am Holy Communion:**

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays

**10 am Services:**

In Church and on zoom  
every Sunday

[allsaintsgrayswood.org](http://allsaintsgrayswood.org)

**Morning Prayer**

Wednesdays 9 - 9.30

**Church Open**

Every day: 9.30 to 4 (ish)



**Baby & Toddler Group**

Wednesdays 9-11

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

### Coffee and Chat

Our January Coffee and Chat was Janet Fry's final day helping us as she starts an exciting move to a new job which won't allow her time to sneak off!! We will miss her so much. Janet had the idea to set up Coffee and Chat about 6 years ago as something for the village and it has become a regular event for many .

Vera and I will obviously be continuing but we really need an extra person to help - not least when one of us might be ill or away on holiday. So, we are throwing ideas out there.....

First, would any one person like to join us and help provide a couple of cakes each month? Or, would a number of people be interested but not on a monthly basis? If that's the case, we could arrange a rota that suits everyone. You don't have to be part of the church community. Although it was set up by 3 of us from All Saints, it wasn't a recruitment drive, it's just a chance for villagers to get together! Recently a number of lovely people have provided additional cakes, so this has led us to wonder if there might be extra help out there?

Do give me a call or drop round or email me if you'd like to hear more info.

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## Friends of All Saints Church



It's Emma Stopford here, Chair of the Friends, and I'd like to update you on our fundraising activities. As you may recall this charitable organisation was set up to help with the maintenance of the fabric and grounds of our beautiful historic church in Grayswood Village.

**Quiz Evening:** A big thank you to everyone involved in running and attending our very lively and successful Quiz evening in November 2022. This was in aid of both the Friends of All Saints and the national charity, Tearfund. We had great Quiz questions from Tearfund, which were hosted by our very own Rev Fi Gwynn, delicious Fish and Chips and a popular bar (we've noted more white wine needed next time!). Thanks to the generosity of everyone who attended we are delighted to confirm that we raised a total of £1500 providing £750 for each of the charities. We've received such positive feedback that we plan to make this an annual event - do look out for the details of the 2023 Quiz later this year.

**Doves Clean up:** In 2022 the Friends contributed to the cost of deep cleaning the church, once the doves had been moved out of their temporary home in the church roof. We'll keep you posted on the plans for the Friends to support further projects to improve the facilities in the church in 2023 and beyond.

**Future events:** Please do come to our fundraising events and we are always looking for people to help run them. We have a community of people involved in the events, so it's not a big commitment: we have fun and it's in aid of a great cause - supporting our beautiful village church building! If you can lend a hand in any capacity, let me know and you will be warmly welcomed.

The next event we are planning is the popular biannual GRAYSWOOD OPEN GARDENS in June 2023. See event information below.



If you'd like to donate or join as a member or a sponsor of the Friends of All Saints, Grayswood, please contact the membership secretary, Pauline Lamb on [pjlamb4@gmail.com](mailto:pjlamb4@gmail.com).

### All Saints Church Grayswood

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£1,098.22 raised

29 supporters

Do YOU shop online?



Wow! That's an easy way to support our village church. Just download the **EASYFUNDRAISING APP**, choose **All Saints Church Grayswood** as your charity and then always start your shopping through the App, adding no more than one click to your shopping experience!

If just 29 people in the village have raised over a thousand pounds, think how much we could support our church if we all get onboard! Guess what ... you don't even have to go to church to be a supporter!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsgrayswood](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allsaintsgrayswood)

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1. Sign up at [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)
2. Shop online with over 7000 brands— just make sure to start your shopping basket journey first at easyfundraising
3. Every time you shop online those brands pay us. Then we send money to the cause of your choice. You spend, brands donate.
4. Track all the donations and watch the magic happen



## Grayswood Open Gardens 2023



Amidst the horrid weather, nasty bugs and general gloom, summer seems ages away, but our hardy village gardeners are already working towards opening their gorgeous Grayswood gardens on 11th June—such a treat.

We're looking for new gardens to open this year. Some of our regulars have said opening for the first time is quite a daunting prospect, but then find it's rewarding to welcome visitors. They often get useful tips on sorting out places they've never been happy with and of course, lots of compliments! If you're managing to do any gardening at all at the moment, please plant a few more seeds, take a few more cuttings and split a few more perennials so they'll be ready for the bumper plant stall!

Finally, if you would like to help on the day, we're always delighted to have extra volunteers for teas, tickets and the plant stall

Contact Janet Dallas:

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## Christmas Thank You

We were so pleased to welcome back a full church for our Christingle service—we had a happy band of helpers making the Christingles while the Church was being decorated for Christmas. It was so lovely to all come together and feel festive. Thank you

We welcomed families old and new to worship, pray and learn - and having the children come up to the choir to hold their lighted Christingles was a heart warming sight.

Thank you too to the Flower Stand at Battersea for donating, and the flower team for arranging, the beautiful church flowers.

We have sent our donation to the Children's Society

*Jane White*



## Grayswood Club

Coffee and Chat with homemade cakes

Wednesday 8th February at 10 am

**Pool Competition!**

Pre-register at the bar for an evening's competition!

Friday 17th February at 8pm

**Quiz Night**

Thursday 23rd February at 7.45

**Bar opening times**

Mon & Weds (from 7.30pm) , Fri ( from 7pm) and Sunday afternoons (from 12 noon)

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

Call 07808 474147 Visit [www.grayswoodclub.co.uk](http://www.grayswoodclub.co.uk)

## Carer's Support

THE HUNTER CENTRE  
Supporting those living with  
DEMENTIA



Do you feel isolated?

Would you like someone to talk to, who knows how you're feeling?

Pop in on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 - 3.30

The Hunter Centre, Marjorie Gray Hall, Grayswood Road, GU27 2BW (Phone 01428 654710 for details)



## Desert Island Music Group

Do you have some favourite tunes to share?

Haslemere u3a are planning to start a new group, meeting monthly in person to enjoy a wide variety of music. Each member would join on the basis that they will run a session, presenting their chosen favourite music, which could be mixed or limited to a single type. Help with equipment and technology will be available, if requested.

The idea? We're proposing two hours sessions from 10 am on the 4th Monday of the month, with a coffee break in the middle, starting with a taster session at Grayswood Club on Monday 27th February. £2 admission charge payable in cash

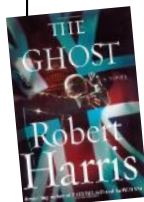
Interested? Contact Allen Chubb as soon as possible via email [allenchubb1961@gmail.com](mailto:allenchubb1961@gmail.com).

It's a new year.

Why not give it a try?



## Grayswood Book Club



This month we are reading

Ghost by Robert Harris

Tues 21st February at 8 pm

Contact Angela: [awheeler100@gmail.com](mailto:awheeler100@gmail.com)

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**Join us in February for Fine Cell Work**

DATE: Wednesday 8th February, at 7:45pm

WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

**We welcome London-based Charity, Fine Cell Work, whose work transforms prisoners' and ex-prisoners' lives, one stitch at a time.**

Hear inspiring stories of the unique impact they make through creative rehabilitation and high-quality needlework skills training, helping break the cycle of reoffending and repeated imprisonment.

**Guests welcome | New memberships available**

For more information or to join, contact us on [grayswoodwi@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodwi@gmail.com)

Head to our website for more about our WI  
[grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home/about-us](http://grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home/about-us)

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## Runner by Post

If you live out of the Parish or find it difficult to get to church regularly, but want to 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. Please email Pauline [pjlamb4@gmail.com](mailto:pjlamb4@gmail.com) for address details



## Church Services in February

- Feb 5th **10 am** **Parish Communion**  
Meeting ID: 871 8040 7481 | Passcode: 875349
- Feb 12th **8 am** **Holy Communion in Church**  
**10 am** **Morning Worship**  
Meeting ID: 889 5053 2058 | Passcode: 845034
- Feb 19th **10 am** **All Saints Parish Communion**  
Meeting ID: 843 1667 2898 | Passcode: 509533
- Feb 22nd **Ash Wednesday Service at St Christopher's**
- Feb 26th **8 am** **Holy Communion in Church**  
**10 am** **Fourth Sunday Service**  
Meeting ID: 873 4296 9958 | Passcode: 130729

### Gift Amnesty

We need your unwanted gifts!

Please support the **Haslemere Food Bank** gift amnesty! If you have received presents this Christmas that you perhaps already have or don't know what to do with (whether that is toys, games, toiletries or gifts for teens and adults), please consider donating them to the Haslemere food bank. The small action of donating a gift that you're not sure what to do with will make a BIG difference to local families in need.

Donation points in Haslemere:

Food bank 151 Lion's Lane,  
The Haslemere Bookshop, and  
Past and Present



## 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](mailto:revfigwynn@gmail.com)

**Revd Elaine Collins** is available Mon and Weds mornings and all day Friday.

Tel 01428 714385  
Email: [revelainecollins@icloud.com](mailto:revelainecollins@icloud.com)

**Baptism? Wedding? Funeral?**

Please contact the church office on 07769 856343 (01428 656504 on Mon and Thurs am) or email [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com).

**Do you have a general enquiry?**

Email our church administrator Sarah Bennett on [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit our website:  
**[allsaintsgrayswood.org](http://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*

Please leave donations in the box in All Saints Church or deliver directly to the Haslemere Methodist church (opposite the Esso garage) on a Wednesday or Friday between 10-12.

### Donations Needed Please

- \* Tinned meat
- \* Coffee
- \* Tinned fruit
- \* Tinned veg (specifically carrots, sweetcorn, peas, runner beans, tinned potatoes)
- \* Couscous / noodles
- \* Tinned pasta (specifically ravioli, macaroni cheese, spaghetti bolognese)



*Thank you to all those that have donated food and gifts over the past year. We are always amazed and grateful for the generosity of the local community.*

Village Hall Bookings [grayswoodvh@outlook.com](mailto:grayswoodvh@outlook.com) ~ Grayswood Club: 07808 474147 ~  
Grayswood School 642086 ~ Grayswood Nursery 658931