



Dear Friends

Have you ever wondered what people in countries with a stable climate talk about? Reading back over previous editions of the Runner I noticed that the weather conditions feature quite regularly. But then again, we are British and talking about the weather is very much a part of our DNA.

I recently caught part of a programme about DNA. It was following 2 of the Chasers from the ITV programme who were tracing their ancestry. I didn't watch it all but the part I did catch was rather upsetting as it was talking about the way that slaves were viewed and treated. Whilst we are all fully aware of the atrocities that went on, listening to how their family was directly affected was extremely moving.

Tracing our ancestry and finding out about our DNA has become very popular recently. I haven't needed to do much digging as my father-in-law spent many years tracing the Gwynn family line and a cousin on my Mum's side has done her line.

However, I think we can sometimes get too caught up in the genetic makeup of our bodies and forget that we have a choice about how we live our lives. Whatever DNA we were born with we have a choice to make for ourselves. We don't always get it right of course - and that is where God's grace steps in. GRACE - God's Rescue At Christ's Expense.

It was wonderful to be back in church singing without masks this Easter and reminding ourselves that Christ's resurrection meant freedom for each of us. As we continue through this period of Eastertide (it lasts until Pentecost - the Queen's Jubilee) may you continue to find new life in Christ.

With love, Fi x

Grayswood Community Volunteers

In our March edition of the Runner we included a form to complete if you wanted to be added to our database of helpers in the parish. We had a great response and so far 26 people have returned the form and generously offered their help. Just so you are aware, if you are contacted to help, you will receive a personal email, but do not panic and feel you are the only person who could help, ChurchSuite does that automatically, and the same email will have been sent to several people who have offered the same things. So far we have used the system to put in place some emergency dog walking.

We are hoping that over time we will be able to use it more regularly, so if you know someone that does need some assistance then please do let us know. It's not too late to sign up either! Just follow the link from the home page allsaintsgrayswood.org

Thank you. Fi x



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



Baby & Toddler Group is back

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



Noticing God's Blessing in Our Lives

Bless you! Why do we say it when someone sneezes? It's supposed to lie in the

superstitious belief that a sneeze separates body and soul, or that it even causes the heart to stop. So the quick utterance of a blessing was said to stop the devil from snatching your soul, or your life!

For me a particularly poignant blessing is the priestly, or Aaronic blessing, which comes from a text in the Old Testament. I prayed it at the final departure of each of my parents. However, it is a lovely blessing for any occasion. If you don't know John Rutter's version I would urge you to listen to it <https://youtu.be/QcYzO8Y4PH0> (or Google it!)

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26 Angela

Foam-free Flowers

Two members of our Church flower group recently attended an arranging workshop at St Barts presented by Claire Brown from Flower Passion at East Clandon. She was passionate about sustainability and demonstrated how to arrange using chicken wire. Oasis is not ecologically acceptable - it pollutes our waterways and oceans and is not biodegradable. Claire owns a flower farm and also promotes using more locally grown/British flowers. As part of our eco-church goals, it is our intention to stop using oasis when current supplies are used. At Easter, our font arrangement all of the window displays were created using chicken wire and upcycled containers.

If you would be interested in learning more about this or would like to attend a workshop please contact Tracy on pccsecgrayswood@gmail.com

We are looking for unwanted, old, wide topped, ceramic stoneware storage jars (or similar) which will blend with the fabric of the church. If you can assist with our search, please contact Claire Wright 01428 641607.

Summer Barn Dance with Hogs Back Band

Friday 17th June 2022

Tickets: Adults £15, u14 £8

Cash Bar, Dylans Ice Cream

Contact : pjlamb4@gmail.com | 01428 643798
Organised by The Friends of All Saints

Thank you



Sunday, 5th June - save the date

THE BIG LUNCH

Come and celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with the whole village - let's fill the green! Bring a picnic. Grayswood Club bar open to all villagers. Dog show. Teas, coffee and cakes. Games.



COME AND ENJOY OUR



Spring Fayre



SATURDAY, MAY 7TH
 11AM - 1.30 PM (BACON BUTTIES FROM 11.30)
 GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL

Entrance £1 adults (includes hot drink and biscuit); children under 10 free.

Stalls will include Raffle, Cakes, Beauty and the Beads, Bottle Tombola, Brocante, Plants, Children's Games, Books... and more!

For more information please contact D: 01428 654303 or drdcook01@gmail.com

Grayswood Club


Coffee and Chat
 Drop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes
 18th May 10 am to 12 noon

Games Night
 7.30-10.00, every Wednesday

Quiz night
 Thursday 26th May from 7:45pm
 Members only but it's easy to join :
 Call 07808 474147 and for other events please visit www.grayswoodclub.co.uk

Grayswood Book Club

The Girl with the Louding Voice
 by Abi Daré on Tues, 17th May at 8 pm
 Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Please support Allen Chubb's 40-mile sponsored cycle ride on 31st May, from Godalming to the Coast at Shoreham, in aid of the DEC Ukraine humanitarian crisis appeal. Any amount welcome. Please see www.justgiving.com/Allen-Chubb

CHARITY OPEN GARDEN

WITH PLANT & CRAFT SALE

Saturday 11th June
 11am – 5pm

Refreshments, Soup and Cakes

WYCK HOUSE
 HOLDFAST LANE
 GRAYSWOOD
 GU27 2EU



PARKINSON'S^{UK}
 CHANGE ATTITUDES.
 FIND A CURE.
 JOIN US.



Phyllis Tuckwell
 Hospice Care
 ...because every day is precious



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WI membership annual renewals this month!
 E44 / £21.60 (full / dual)

THE SECRET WWII NETWORK
 DATE: Wednesday 11th May
 TIME: 7:45pm
 WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

We are excited to welcome Grayswood resident Joy Hanauer as our guest speaker, with her stories of the Secret World War II Network!

****BRING A FRIEND FOR FREE!****

This month, all members are invited to bring a friend for free. Perhaps you've been thinking about joining or might like to meet us before deciding to join. Simply reach out to a friend who is a member or contact us directly via email or social media.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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 WEBSITE: grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home
 FACEBOOK: [@grayswoodwomensinstitute](https://www.facebook.com/grayswoodwomensinstitute)



Church Services for May

Church open for all 8 am and 10 am Services

- May 1st 10 am Parish Communion
Meeting ID: 897 8557 4317
Passcode: 023198
- May 8th 8am Holy Communion in Church
10 am Morning Worship
Meeting ID: 839 8973 6773
Passcode: 130706
- May 15th 10 am Parish Communion
Meeting ID: 834 8151 6592
Passcode: 758901
- May 22nd 8am Holy Communion in Church
10 am Fourth Sunday Service
Meeting ID: 825 3658 8161
Passcode: 956271
- May 26th Ascension Day Service
7 pm St Christopher's

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



Haslemere Food Bank - Donations Needed Please

A huge thank you to everyone for your ongoing support for the Haslemere Food Bank. Unfortunately we are struggling to stay in stock of much needed food essentials at the moment and are either out of stock or running low on the following items (Please donate small packets which are easier to fit into the food packs) :

- Tinned spaghetti and ravioli
- Tinned meat (hot dogs, curries, mince, ham etc)
- Small bottles of fruit cordial or fruit juice
- Crisps / nuts / savoury treats
- Oats
- Couscous/noodles
- Tinned fruit
- Jam / marmalade
- Puddings (jelly, Angel Delight, sponge puddings, cake mixes etc)
- Custard
- Rice pudding



Please place items in the Food Bank box at the back of church - Thank you . If you, or anyone you know is in need please do not hesitate to obtain a voucher for the Food Bank from Rev Fi Gwynn on 07769 856343.

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