



Dear All

Well, if January seemed to go on forever, February has skipped past in a heartbeat!

By the time you read this we will already be in Lent. Lent is a time of spiritual preparation before Easter. This begins on Ash Wednesday, or the day after Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day).

During the six weeks many Christians observe a period of fasting or self-denial as a form of spiritual discipline. Some make a commitment to fast, or to give up something—a habit, like smoking, drinking alcohol, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee, or in my case coming off all social media. Some also take on a Lenten discipline, like reading the Bible or spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

As part of our Lenten offering at All Saints, we have a series of Lent Lunches. These are simple soup and bread lunches held in different houses each week. If you would like to attend then please contact the individual listed for the week, all are very welcome and it's a lovely social event.

There is also a Lent study group on a Wednesday evening in the OJ Room in the village hall from 7.00 – 8.30 starting on Wednesday 1st March. This year we will be exploring the Psalms. All are welcome regardless of whether you have a wealth of knowledge about the bible or have never even opened a copy. We would love you to join us. And if you would like any further information then please just ask.

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

Morning Prayer

Weds—9– 9.30

Church Open

Every day: 9.30 to 4 (ish)

Mid-week top up?

Join us for a short service from the Northumbria Community with a time of reflection and prayers for our community and the wider world on Wednesdays from 9-9.30 in the North Transept.

Lent lunches

A simple lunch, starting at 12.30pm.

Please contact the host to let them know you are coming.

Tuesday, 28th February - Mary Gorniak - 01428 652306

Friday, 10th March - Jackie Holmes - 07730 304102

Wednesday, 15th March - John and Pippa McLean - 07761 326444

Thursday, 23rd March - Angela Wheeler - 07808 474147

Monday, 27th March - Tracy Garland - 07736 711643

Donations to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

ALL WELCOME

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



Grayswood Coronation Challenge

If we can do it for Advent three years running, we can certainly do it for the King!

You are invited to decorate a window (or your whole house (!) to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

No need to notify anyone, just aim to have your display ready for **Monday 1st May**.

Vote for your favourite display!



They may even get a prize!



“The leaves of the tree were for the healing of nations”

As the war in Ukraine enters a second year so we pray ...

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Archbishops Justin Welby & Stephen Cottrell
“Bethesda” window, All Saints Grayswood

Angela Wheeler, who herself has hosted a number of Ukrainians, is urging people to donate to the Circle Health Group’s campaign to help care for sick and injured Ukrainians. “Having close contact to their families back in Ukraine has raised my awareness of their acute need this winter,” she said. To make a donation to Circle Health, who are working with the Red Cross, visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/circle-healthgroup

Lent Course

Tom Wright in **Finding God in the Psalms** writes:

‘The psalms, which make up the great hymnbook at the heart of the Bible, have been the lifeblood of Christians and of course the Jewish people from the earliest of times.’



The Psalms give voice to our most powerful human emotions – joy, lament, anger, and reconciliation; placing life’s joys and sorrows fully and without compromise before God – a God of steadfast love.

Our Lent course will be an opportunity for us to explore and go deeper into this very human and powerful collection of poetry and song.

Wednesday evenings in March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

The O J Room, Grayswood Village Hall

7 - 8.30 pm

Please book online at allsaintsgrayswood.org

For more information, contact Rev Elaine Collins on 01428 714385 or revelainecollins@icloud.com

Bishop of Guildford Lent Appeal



On 6 February 2023, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake rocked south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, toppling hundreds of buildings and killing thousands.

This year for Lent, the Bishop of Guildford has decided that 50% of the BGCF Lent Appeal funds raised will go directly to Tearfund and Christian Aid towards their local efforts in Turkey. Donations will go towards urgent aid and assistance to vulnerable communities affected by the earthquake. Your support can provide life-saving essentials, such as food rations, clean water and emergency shelter. The other 50% will support and enable parishes and other church-linked organization's which reach out to support the vulnerable and marginalized. 2023 is likely to continue to be a difficult year for many, here and abroad.

You can donate at one of our Lent Lunches or online at www.cofeguildford.org.uk and search Lent Appeal

Knife Angel comes to Guildford

The National Monument Against Violence and Aggression, otherwise known as The Knife Angel is coming to Surrey for March 2023. Standing 27ft high and weighing 3.5 tons, it is a spectacular sculpture of an angel. Created over two years, the sculpture uses 100,000 knives collected during amnesties from 43 police forces across the UK.

The sculpture was specifically created to highlight the negative effects of violent behaviour whilst solidifying our critical need for social change. Not only does the Angel act as a catalyst for turning the tide on violent and aggressive behaviour, but it is also acts as a beautiful memorial designed to celebrate those lives who have been lost through these violent and thoughtless actions.

The Knife Angel will be at Guildford Cathedral
For more info: www.guildford-cathedral.org



Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat with homemade cakes

Wednesday 8th March at 10 am

Quiz Night

Thursday 30th March at 7.45

Bar opening times

Mon & Weds (7.30- 10 pm) , Fri (7 -10.30pm) and
Sunday afternoons (12 -3pm)

Members only Club, but it's easy to join :
Call 07808 474147

Visit www.grayswoodclub.co.uk

The Club can also be booked for parties and family celebrations and by local clubs/individuals for regular daytime use.

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)

Grayswood Book Club

This month we are reading Sean Lusk's
The Second Sight of Zachary Cloudsley

Tues 21st March at 8 pm

Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Grayswood Open Gardens

11th June 2023



Do you have a passion for vintage cars?

Would you like to help us put a display together for the Open Gardens this year?

The person who usually helps with this is unavailable this year and we are looking for some help.

A list of contacts is available as a starting point and Grayswood Cars have very kindly offered their forecourt again. If you are interested then please contact Pauline Lamb on pjlamb4@gmail.com for further details.



There's lots to look forward to this time! We have 11 gardens opening (6 of which are new this year) and our historic allotments—all village gems. See you there!

GRAYSWOOD
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
1920 - 2023

**Join us in March for an evening on
Understanding the Menopause**

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

WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

Guests welcome | New memberships available

For more information or to join, contact us on
grayswoodwi@gmail.com



Head to our website for more about our WI
grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home/about-us

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Church Services in March

Mar 5th 10 am Parish Communion
Zoom Meeting ID: 890 0482 5693
Passcode: 838618

Mar 12th 8 am Holy Communion in Church
10 am Morning Worship
Zoom Meeting ID: 852 7213 4560
Passcode: 983601

Mar 19th 10 am Mothering Sunday
Zoom Meeting ID: 828 5722 8106
Passcode: 537086



Mar 26th 8 am Holy Communion in Church
10 am Fourth Sunday Service
Zoom Meeting ID: 839 6301 8162
Passcode: 525275



World Day of Prayer 2023
10.30 | Friday, 3rd March

Methodist Church, Lion Green,
Haslemere, GU27 1LD – all welcome

This year's theme is "I have heard
about your faith" and the service has
been prepared by the women of
Taiwan.

If you would like to represent
Grayswood on the local Committee
please contact Rev Fi Gwynn



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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 (01428 656504 on Mon and Thurs am) 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 March, we pray for those who live and work in Lower Road, Park Close and Ash Tree 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

- * UHT Milk
- * Coffee
- * Toilet roll
- * Crisps and nuts
- * Small bottles of cordial
- * Custard
- * Oats
- * Tinned ravioli, macaroni cheese etc
- * Tinned potatoes
- * Shampoo



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