

June 2023





Dear All

"In early June, the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different." - John Steinbeck

I'm hoping and praying as I write this, that June finally brings us some consistently warm weather. Especially given the fact that all those who are opening their gardens for us on the 11th June will be desperately willing their flowers to bloom. If you haven't experienced the joy of Grayswood Open Gardens before then you are in for a real treat. Not only do we live in a beautiful village, but we also have some amazingly talented gardeners living here. The gardens are all very different, reflecting the character of their owners, with inspiration in each of them. Of course, some may cause a bit of garden envy!

The churchyard is open for the first time this year with children's activities. We're aiming to make it even more eco-friendly. We have already achieved our Bronze Eco award and are working towards the Silver.

And at the end of the day what better way to finish than to join us for Evensong, before retiring to your own garden for a nice cold drink and to watch the sunset.

I look forward to seeing you around the village.

Love Fi x

PS A big thank you to all who are helping on the day and the Friends of All Saints who are co-ordinating the event.



Grayswood Open Gardens

Sunday 11th June 10.30 – 5.30 7 new gardens this year Adult tickets £5

Free parking & programme with garden map

Tickets available from the village green OR from a new garden, Wyck House, Holdfast Lane

- * 12 gardens large and small, including our allotments.
- * Stunning sculpture garden
- * Plant sale, teas and homemade cake, ice cream at the Village Hall
- * Classic Cars in the forecourt of Grayswood Cars
- * Children's eco-activities in the churchyard
- Evensong at 6.30

Organised by the Friends of All Saints Grayswood, raising funds for church and grounds maintenance and improvement

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.

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



Commonwealth War Graves at Grayswood

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The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) was established by Royal Charter in 1917 as the sole organisation charged with commemorating the

Commonwealth forces who died during the two World Wars.

As such the CWGC are responsible for the graves and memorials of over 1.7 million casualties in more than 150 countries and territories.

CWGC Signage Project

In the UK we commemorate over 300,000 service men and women in over 12,300 cemeteries, churchyards and burial grounds. In 2014 we embarked on a project, coinciding with the centenary of the First World War, to fit CWGC signs at as many of these locations as possible. The aim of the initiative is to increase awareness of war graves across the UK and to remind the public that they need not travel abroad to find Commonwealth commemorations.

We hope that this will not only raise awareness of war graves in the UK, but will also increase visitor numbers to cemeteries, churchyards and church buildings.

Following a recent visit by a CWGC volunteer, Grayswood PCC has agreed that a sign can be installed by CWGC who will maintain the it in perpetuity as part of its regular inspection of all war graves in the UK.

Grayswood has two of the 176,000 scattered graves



Example of a CWGC sign

Thomas Moorey

Thomas Moorey, one of seven children born in Haslemere to Alfred and Eliza Moorey, was baptised at St Barts in 1887. He worked as a gardener and nurseryman before he enlisted with Royal West Kent Regiment (27454) later transferring to 22nd Battalion London Regiment (685196) as a private.

Thomas married Ethel on 4th November 1914, at St Barts and they lived at

Pine View, Grayswood and then The Myrtles, Grayswood Road.

Thomas died from pneumonia (contracted while on active service) when he was home on "demob furlo" (pre-discharge leave) and is buried at All Saints.



George William Whittall

George was born in London to William and Caroline Whittall in 1897 but by 1901 the family had moved to Chiddingfold. He is shown in the 1911 census aged 14 and boarding at Harrow School in London. He served as Lieutenant in the 3rd Dragoon Guards.

He died on 30 December 1919 and is buried in All Saints, Grayswood.

George was awarded the Military Cross. This extract is taken from the Supplement to the London Gazette 16th September 1918

Lt. George William Whittall, D.G.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. This officer acted as liaison officer between regimental headquarters and the front line for two days and nights, continually carrying messages across the open under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. When the line became disorganised owing to repeated enemy attacks he was always on the spot, where the situation was obscure or touch had been lost, reorganising and

keeping regimental headquarters accurately informed as to the situation.

A note on the medal cards shows A Atkinson-Willes of the Stroud, applied for George's medals (1914/15 Star, BW & V medals) in August 1920 on behalf of his father.



If you can provide any extra information on Thomas Moorey or George Whittall please contact Sarah in the Parish Office allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com



A Golden Era

"The Haslemere Educational Museum is staging "A Golden Era" Exhibition with paintings by artists who lived in this area between 1859-1914. The artists formed the Haslemere Society of Artists (HSA) which later became the Haslemere Art Society (HAS).



One of the works on display is an etching by Axel Haig, the Swedish architect of All Saints Grayswood and active member of the HSA.

The HAS is still active today, more than 100 years later. For more information please visit the website haslemereartsociety.co.uk.

The exhibition runs from 9th May til 24th June.

Book available to purchase at the museum



Grayswood Book Club

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

Tues 20th June at 8 pm Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com

01483 766498

Saint Columba's House, Maybury Hill, Woking, Surrey GU22 8AB



Care Companion at End of Life

Monday 12th June - 2.00pm to 4.00pm Donations Welcome - Tea & Coffee included

Like to know more about caring for your loved one when they become dependent on you through illness, or frailty, at end of life, should they choose to die at home? This informal informative talk offers an understanding to the changing stages when someone is deteriorating and how best to care for and vigil the dying. with Daphne Bleach

Daphne Bleach, a Christian and resident of Graywood, whose nursing career spans over 40 years within hospice and home care, is now part of 'Soul Midwives' a service offering help and support to people and families as their loved one approaches end of life.

> Email: admin@stcolumbashouse.org.uk Web: www.stcolumbashouse.org.uk

Grayswood Village Club

FA CUP FINAL on the big screen Saturday 3rd June 2.30 pm Subject to interest

Coffee and Chat with homemade cakes Wednesday 14th June at 10 am - 12 noon

> **Darts Night** Friday 16th June - 7.30 pm

Quiz Night Thursday 29th June at 7.45

Come along as a team or join one on the night

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.



Join us in June...

A guided nature walk & talk DATE: Wednesday 14th June, 7:30pm WHERE: Frillinghurst Wood Car Park, just off Prestwick Lane

Grayswood resident, countryside enthusiast and established walking guide, Jonnie Taylor, is treating us to a guided walk and talk around our local woods. He'll be offering us insights and may even be enlightening some of us on a few mysteries of the beautiful countryside on our doorstep..

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



Church Services in June

Jun 4th 10 am* Parish Communion

- June 11th8 amHoly Communion in Church10 am*Morning Worship withGuest Speaker talking on Anti-Slavery6 pmEvensong for Open Gardens
- Jun 18th 10 am* Parish Communion
- Jun 25th8 amHoly Communion in Church10 am*4th Sunday Service

Sunday Services (in bold*) are now set as a recurring meeting

Topic: All Saints Sunday Service Time: 10 am Sunday Morning Meeting ID: 325 676 8563 Passcode: 2023

Dial by your location: +44 203 481 5237 or 5240 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, press *6.

Please note that calls will be charged at your usual standard rate - which would be for approx 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 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 June, we pray for those worshippers who live beyond the parish boundary

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 tuna
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned pulses / Tinned potatoes
- * Tea bags / Coffee
- * Tinned tomatoes / Baked beans
- Rice (preferably 500g packets)
- Tinned ravioli/macaroni cheese / Pasta
 Sauce
- Couscous / noodles
- * Biscuits / Treats (chocolate bars, crisps)

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

