



Dear All

Be careful what you wish for! I'm writing this at 7pm, outside on the patio, enjoying a gentle breeze and the tantalising promise of some rain! It seems quite ironic really given that at other times of the year all we want is for the rain to stop. But the garden is parched, the clay soil hard as rock and the vegetables looking a little bit sad.

Of course, having dry warm weather was just what we wanted last weekend for the Grayswood Open Gardens. The village was filled with people from near and far enjoying the gardens that were open and which had been tended with such love and care. There was a wonderful variety to the gardens, in style, size and planting. Each one reflecting something of the owners in them. And in itself of course that is a reflection on God's creation, not just of the earth and vegetation but of each one of us. Each of us is uniquely made in the image of God. None of us the same - not even identical twins - but each of us with God given talents and gifts.

The Friends of All Saints Committee each have unique gifts and talents, which when combined ensured that the afternoon was a huge success and that over £2700 was raised to support the church building and grounds. The next project being to make the path more user friendly for walking aids and wheelchairs, and which we hope will be completed this summer. Whether you are loving or enduring this heat, I pray that you will celebrate all the gifts that God has given you and continue to rejoice in the beauty of his creation.

With my love, Fi x

Church Services

8 am Services

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays

10 am Sunday Services:

In Church | On zoom

Every Sunday

allsaintsgrayswood.org

Morning Prayer

Weds-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.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Record numbers of food parcels have been given out across the UK in the past 12 months, as the UK cost of living crisis has helped drive more people to food banks for the first time. Many using the food bank are in work reflecting the difficulties many low-income households have in affording everyday essentials amid soaring energy bills and food prices. The Haslemere Food Bank shelves are looking depleted yet again. A food bank volunteer writes, "I thought I would try to put into perspective the quantities of food we need each week by sharing some of the foodstuffs that we distributed on a typical week in June. We gave out 152 tins of baked beans, 38 jars of coffee, 76 tins of tomatoes, over 60 kg of dried pasta and 33 kg of rice. Not to mention all the tea, tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned pulses, puddings, UHT milk, pasta sauce, biscuits and more that were also distributed."

"For perspective, when I left the food bank one day this week, this is the quantity of each of the following items left on our shelves: Coffee x 0, Pasta sauce x 5, tinned tomatoes x 5, tinned fruit x 3, custard x 0, UHT milk x 0, oats x 0, couscous / noodles x 4, tinned potatoes x 4, baked beans x 76"

Please donate food items if you possibly can (list on back page) by placing them in the box at the back of All Saints Grayswood. THANK YOU

You can also donate financially at: www.justgiving.com/haslemerefoodbanktrust

URGENT APPEAL FOR DONATIONS



Bug mansions and nature trails

The churchyard at All Saints made its debut at this year's **Grayswood Open Gardens**. It was great to see people enjoying the churchyard and the resident wildlife and nature.



We set up some activities for our younger visitors including a nature trail around the churchyard, sunflower planting and some "build your own" bee hotels!

The children all seemed to thoroughly enjoy making their bee hotels and our special thanks goes to Ian Neilson who handmade all the kits and provided detailed instructions for the children to follow. We hope that in due course the hotels will become fully booked in the children's own gardens.

At the back of the churchyard, with some help from some little hands on the day, we have built the Church's first ever '**bug mansion**'! Please do come and take a look when you're next visiting. We look forward to welcoming a whole host of bugs to take up residence. ...

We also held our first **wildlife survey** during the open gardens - as well as some interesting sightings by some of our younger visitors, we were fortunate enough to have Gareth Matthes visit on the day. Gareth is a professional ecologist and compiled a comprehensive list of all of his sightings.

- * Flowers: bush vetch, ox-eye daisies, common spotted orchids, knapweed, common sorrel, meadow buttercups, marsh thistle, white and red clover, sweet vernal and Yorkshire fog grass
- * Grasses: cock's foot grass, false-oat grass, field woodrush, timothy grass, red fescue, perennial rye grass, bents and meadow grasses.
- * In the surrounding woods there are oak, ash, blackthorn, hazel, elder, hawthorn willow and ferns.

We were delighted to see such an extensive list of plants, trees and grasses as well as 'evidence' of dormice living nearby! We are thrilled that a previous decision to 'selectively mow' the churchyard has proven to be so successful in encouraging bio-diversity in the grounds.

If you would like to conduct your own wildlife survey in the churchyard later in the year, please complete the survey report at the back of church so we can improve our understanding of the space.

The churchyard is always open. Come and have a wander round.



Are you good at photography?

We want to create a digital record of the church windows and architecture. Could you spare some of your time and expertise to photograph our stained glass windows?

Contact Sarah

allsaintgrayswood@gmail.com

Calling all bakers

Coffee and Chat needs you!

Could you make a cake once a month?

Not around on Wednesdays?

Perhaps you could drop a cake off to Di or Fi the night before?



Love

It's yours to give
Or keep for you alone

A powerful force;
An earthquake
A tornado.

Ice melting,
Healing balm,
A warm blanket.

A rope that can rescue
Or strangle its owner
Squander it on yourself
No! Give it away

Famine
Fear
Failure

Listen!
Cries for love.

Love!
It's yours to give ❤️



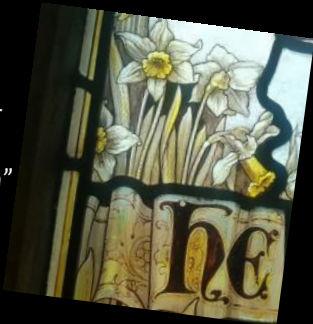
#StainedGlassSummer

We're joining the Church of England campaign to flood the world with colourful light this Summer. We're biased, but we think the stained glass windows in Grayswood are beautiful. The East, West and North Windows are contemporary with the building of the church. The remaining stained-glass windows were installed in the first 25 years of completion of the building in memory of local parishioners.



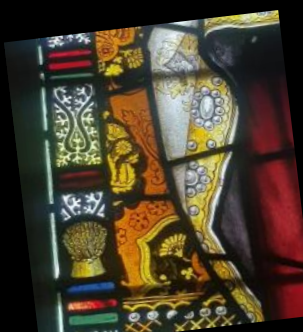
The play of light on the walls ... I'm reminded of Stiefvater's words "Some days seem to fit together like a stained glass window. A hundred little pieces of different color and mood that, when combined, create a complete picture."
#StainedGlassSummer

I love the daffodils on this window, they're so delicate—love that they are on the Easter window - "He is Risen"
#StainedGlassSummer



Bread into Roses? That's such a great story—Elizabeth of Hungary
#StainedGlassSummer

Have you seen the white figure? Windows on the north/ south sides of the nave were created by James Powell & Sons of Whitefriars at the Strand. Their trademark, a small figure of a white friar, can be seen in the lower right margin of the Galahad window.
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Have you spotted the Wheat sheaf? It was the trademark of CE Kempe who created the West Window depicting St John, St Barnabas and St Michael.
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Grayswood Village Club

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

Pool Night
Friday 21st July - 7.30 pm

Quiz Night
Thursday 27th July at 7.45 pm
Come along as a team or join one on the night

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

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.

Grayswood Book Club

This month we are reading *At the edge of the Orchard* by Tracy Chevalier

Tues 18th July at 8 pm

Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Join us in July...

Petanque / Outside Games

DATE: Wednesday 12th July 7.45/8 pm

WHERE: Grayswood Village hall

In July, we're keeping our fingers crossed for the continued good weather and will take our meeting outside onto the Village Green for some light games, chat and refreshments. Do join us!

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 July

July 2nd	10 am*	Parish Communion
July 9th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am *	Morning Worship
July 16th	10 am*	Parish Communion
July 23rd	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am*	4th Sunday Service
July 30th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	United Benefice Service at St Christopher's

Sunday Services (in bold*) are 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 mins.

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



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.



We are in desperate need of all the following items:

Dried pasta (500g packs); Rice (500g packs);

Noodles / Couscous; Oats

Tinned pasta (ravioli, macaroni cheese etc)

Baked beans;

Tinned pulses and tinned veg; Pasta sauce; Tinned tomatoes;

Tinned fruit; Custard; Rice pudding;

Packet puddings (Angel Delight, jelly, sponge puddings etc);

Sweet & savoury treats & snacks (chocolate, crisps, dried fruit etc)

Tea (small packets); Coffee; UHT Milk

Fruit juice or small bottles of fruit squash

Toiletries (soap, shower gel and shampoo);

Toilet roll

Village Hall Bookings grayswoodvh@outlook.com ~ Grayswood Club: 07808 474147 ~

Grayswood School 642086 ~ Grayswood Nursery 658931