

September 2023



Dear All

September is a month of new beginnings for many. Whether it's starting a new school year, a new job, or even a new hobby, we often feel the excitement and challenge of trying something different.

But new beginnings can also be stressful and overwhelming, especially if it means leaving behind our old routines and stepping out of our comfort zone.

You will hopefully have seen that our new path leading up to the church has been completed. Not only does it look really smart, but it is also much more user friendly for those who use walking aids or wheelchairs. That is the first part of some changes that are happening at All Saints.

At the end of September, we are hoping that the new audio-visual system will be installed. This will involve the installation of a drop-down screen (which you won't even notice when it's not in use) and an updated sound system which will enable us to play different types of music. This will be of a particular benefit for weddings and funerals when families often have very specific requests.

Although, it will of course be beneficial in all our services to have microphones that don't drop in and out or squawk!

This means that we will be looking at how we can use this new technology in our services. Don't worry, it won't all change at once, and for many of our services you many not notice any difference.

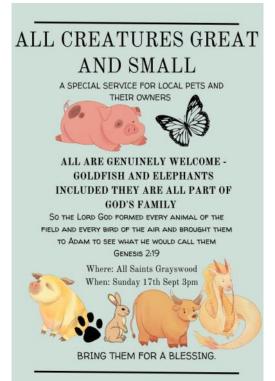
But it does allow us to think more creatively.

One of the first things we are doing is to hold a Pet Service for All Creatures Great and Small on Sunday 17th September at 3 pm. Whether you have a dog, cat, bird, hamster, guinea pig, pony, or any other animal companion, you are welcome to bring them along to the pet service. Please just make sure they are well behaved and comfortable around other people and pets.

And if you have any other ideas for the type of service you would like to see then please just drop me a line.

With 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.

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.

House Group

We start back again on Tuesday 26th September

We meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm please contact Pippa pippahollins 1@gmail.com for more details



email: ailsaguidi1@gmail.com or Maggie Barlow 01428 642443.

Grayswood Tennis & Lawn Games Tea Party

When: Sunday Sept 10th from 2pm Where: Grayswood House, Lower Road

What: All welcome to come for afternoon tea and a chance to play tennis, croquet, lawn bowls etc.

RSVP: Rob and Jo Shaw E-mail jo@grayswoodhouse.com Tel. 01428 656163/ 07710 428193 Hope you can make it.

Gardening Talks

Witley Gardening Association will be at Grayswood Village Hall for the following two talks: Evening Talk: Tim Woodland on Planting Bulbs in Autumn Weds 4th Oct, 7.30 pm And Afternoon Talk John Negus on Alpine Colour Thurs 12th Oct, 2.30pm

Members free

Visitors welcome at £2

More from: info@witleygardening.org

THANK YOU

SKILLWAY

Thank you once again to SKILLWAY VOCATIONAL WORKSHOP who has kindly made another shoal of beautiful wooden fish to be given to

candidates at their baptism. All Saints has been supporting Skillway for a number of years. "Skillway works with schools in the Waverley Borough area and beyond and aims to support students at the upper end of secondary school, who are inclined towards practical interests, such as, woodwork & joinery, metalwork & engineering, arts & crafts and specialist subjects such as stone carving and stained glass work. Often our students are not geared for the bias towards academic study and find school quite overwhelming.

In our converted chapel workshops in Godalming we offer to replace one school day a week with an entirely practical environment. Working in small groups, in our safe and supportive setting they produce some marvellous projects by using their hands and new found skills, under the supportive and watchful eye of our band of faithful volunteers. This maybe the first time they will have enjoyed success at something within a learning scenario. Students can be with us up to 3 years on a day release scheme from school. This often leads them onto a successful application and entrance into technical college, or directly into a vocational job. Ultimately our goal is to lift their confidence and self esteem to empower them to be positive about their future, safe in the knowledge that they are good at something and have a skill and a self worth to be proud of.

We collectively believe at Skillway, the trustees, staff and volunteers that intervention into our supportive, encouraging and understanding organisation can only be of benefit to children who struggle with school. To enable us to do this, we rely predominantly on the continued support from the local community, be it financially or practically as a volunteer. For further information on supporting Skillway in any way, please email me at workshop@skillway.net" Greg Bleach, General Manager



Keep Ukraine in your thoughts & prayers

We pray for Eugene every week, a soldier fighting in Ukraine. After three months of hard fighting on the front he returned exhausted to his fiancée, Dana. Dana briefly stayed in Grayswood last year until she decided to return to him in Kiev. They were finally able to marry at the registry office in Zaporizhzhia on Wednesday 9th August, although the ceremony took a long time as it was punctuated by several

air-raid warnings. His compassionate leave was short so he had to return to fight almost immediately. Eugene and Dana are just one couple we hear of who have had their young lives traumatically disrupted by the war. There are many, many more living in terror in Ukraine or trying to recover in countries around the world. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



Pastoral Team Ministry

What is Pastoral Ministry? It includes outreach, encouragement, support, listening and other care for members and friends of the congregation and the community.

Does All Saint's have a Pastoral Team? Most definitely Yes!

Who is in the team? The team , which meets 2 or 3 times a year, has trained Pastoral Assistants and others willing to take on the responsibility of having an oversight of particular areas in the village. This oversight is a vital part of our role to care for those in the village who may or may not be a part of our regular congregation. There are over 320 houses in Grayswood divided into 11 areas. We hope to develop this with more volunteers.

What happened during Covid? The community pulled together, we were all there for each other and we now have a very active and informative village WhatsApp— a big thank you to the person who set this up.

So what do we do? There are so many who need and want us in the village! We are there to give a more personal approach to those who need emotional and spiritual support if that is their wish. We aim to visit the newcomers to the church and local community, the sick, the dying and the bereaved and pray with them if they would like us to do so. We also have a list of volunteers who can help out with various one-off support tasks.

Who do I contact? If you need support contact me, Daphne (Co-ordinator) on 07950 785051

Can I help? If you are interested in finding out more or in joining the team then please speak to Daphne, Fi or the church office (numbers on back page).



Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat with homemade cakes Wednesday 13th Sept at 10 - 12 noon

Quiz Night Thursday 28th Sept at 7.45 pm

Come 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 "The Reading List "by Sara Nisha Adams Tues 19th September at 8 pm Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Saturday 30th September 10.30 to 12 noon Grayswood Club Supporting those living with cancer



Join us for our September meeting on

DATE: Wednesday 12th September 7.45/8 pm

WHERE: Grayswood Village hall

Guests are always welcome to our meetings we ask for a £5 contribution towards the speaker and hall fees.

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 W grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home/about-us



Church Services in September

Sept 3rd	10 am*	Parish Communion
Sept 10th		Holy Communion Morning Worship
Sept 17th		Parish Communion Pet Service

Sept 24th8 amHoly Communion10 am*4th Sunday Service

Sunday Services (in bold*) are a recurring meeting

Topic: All Saints Sunday Service | Time: 10 am Meeting ID: 325 676 8563 | Passcode: 2023 Dial in: +44 203 481 5237 . 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: Calls will be charged at your usual standard rate - for approx. 40 mins.



Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 1st October, 10 am Non perishable food items will be donated to Haslemere Food Bank; you can also donate financially

https://www.justgiving.com/ haslemerefoodbanktrust

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.



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 September, we pray for those in The Mount, Upper Mount, and Williamson Close



We are in desperate need of all the following items:

Soup UHT milk Oats Coffee, Tea bags (small packs please) Custard, Tinned fruit Tinned pulses Packet puddings (jelly, sponge puddings, Angel Delight etc) Treats (chocolate, dried fruit, crisps, snack bars etc) Jam / marmalade Fruit juice / small bottles of fruit squash Shower gel, shampoo and bar soaps Thank you for your help as always!

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