



Dear All

In mid-September I was fortunate enough to go to Denmark for 4 days to take part in a joint pilgrimage with fellow Priests from Guildford Diocese along with Lutheran Priests from Viborg Diocese.

A pilgrimage is a journey that has a religious or spiritual significance. We walked from Jelling to Viborg Cathedral, a journey of around 60 km. We flew to Billund where we met our Danish companions, and then were taken on a tour before going to our hostel.

Tuesday morning we enjoyed about 2 hours walking in the dry before the rain started. At each stop Christian, our aptly named pilgrim leader, would give us some direction as to what to think about or talk about on the next section. Sometimes we were talking, other times we were in silence.

Wednesday saw brighter weather and although the shoes were still a little damp it was a much more pleasant walk. By this point we had all had time to get to know each other much better and conversations were getting deeper and more personal. The final push to Viborg Cathedral on Thursday morning was an easy 10 km walk compared to the previous days. The final part saw us walking through the centre of Viborg where we had a moving communion service in the crypt of the cathedral.

Would I do it again, absolutely, no hesitation at all. I gained so much from the whole experience.

The theme of the pilgrimage was "Vocation, congregation and clergy identity in 2023"; and whilst walking I realised that the physical journey I was on was a metaphor for my vocational journey.

Some of the time there were wide paths, clearly marked and easy to walk on. Other times there were crossroads where we stopped to work out which way we were going. At points the path became rocky and uncomfortable to walk on for quite a prolonged period, whilst occasionally in a smooth patch a small stoney patch could easily trip you up. Sometimes there was plenty of space to be together and to be supported. Other times it was narrow, and we needed to walk in single file, quiet, on our own with just our thoughts.

Having that time and space for silence was the greatest gift and allowed me time to pray for the congregation at All Saints, for the various needs of the church and the village, and for the wider world.

I didn't have any great revelation, but I did get a renewed sense that I am where I am supposed to be and that we at All Saints are entering an exciting new phase. The Pet Service on the Sunday I returned being the icing on the cake.

I know it isn't possible for everyone to go on a pilgrimage, but if you have the opportunity, then I would wholeheartedly recommend it, regardless of whether you have a faith or not. Love Fi x

**Church Services**

**8 am Services**

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays

**10 am Sunday Services:**

In Church | On zoom

Every Sunday

[allsaintsgrayswood.org](http://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.



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the  
date

## QUIZ NIGHT

Chilli & Rice Supper  
November 24  
| 7 pm | Village Hall  
More details to follow  
Raising funds for  
the  
Friends of All Saints  
Grayswood

## All Saints Grayswood—Pastoral Team

Whether you're new to the village, or a life-long resident? If you need support please contact our Pastoral Team. We provide encouragement, support, listening and other care for members and friends of the congregation and the community. 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?** Ring or message Daphne (Co-ordinator) on 07950 785051



## Sustainable Church Flowers

The church is decorated with flowers weekly at All Saints by a team of creative volunteers. The team decorate the whole church for the festivals of Easter, harvest and Christmas. Eighteen months ago it was decided to stop using floristry foam and try to think about the provenance of the flowers we use. We were proud that the flowers and foliage for the Harvest displays last year were all sourced from gardens and allotments, not a single flower was bought.

Floristry foam (known as oasis and used to hold flowers in place) is no longer used because harmful chemicals are used in its manufacture and when the foam is soaked in water micro plastics leach out and harm the eco-system of our waters and oceans. Chicken wire is one method that is used instead, which can be reused.

We have been challenged to think about what food we buy in the supermarket, 'buying local', seasonal foods and avoiding plastic packaging on fruit and vegetables. There has been an awareness of the impact on communities that depend on agriculture for their livelihood; those that pick and prepare food in other countries often live in poverty. The same applies to flowers. 90% of cut flowers currently sold in the UK are imported, often having travelled thousands of miles in refrigerated containers. The single largest producer of cut flowers in the world is Colombia, which exported an estimated 660 million stems in 2020. Kenya supplies one-third of all roses sold in the EU and it is thought that the drought-stricken Lake Naivasha, the centre of the industry in Kenya, has seen half of its water drawn off for use in flower greenhouses.

'Flowers from the farm' are a national organisation supporting UK flower growers and champion nearly 1000 independent, artisan growers of local, seasonal cut flowers across the UK.

These flowers are freshly picked, grown without pesticides, seasonal and scented, grown and not flown. Many of these growers have 'pick your own' days or buckets of flowers can be bought on site. Two local growers are Cate at Field Flowers, West End Farm and Claire at Plant Passion, East Clandon. Claire and other UK growers supplied all the flowers for the Coronation. The Coronation marked a landmark moment for the global flower farming market. It demonstrated that local seasonal flowers deserve to be seen at state occasions, just as they do in bridal bouquets, funeral tributes or vases in the home. 'Sustainable church flowers' are national organisation promoting and sharing these ideas.

Next time you consider adding flowers to your supermarket shop I would challenge you to think about the source of the flowers and if you are able to support a local business instead.

**#flowersfromthefarm #sustainablechurchflowers #fieldflowershaslemere #plantpassion**

*Tracy Garland & Claire Wright, Flower Co-ordinators*



### Field Flowers

Come and Visit Us:  
West End Farm, West End Lane,  
Haslemere GU27 2EN

[www.fieldflowers.co.uk](http://www.fieldflowers.co.uk)  
[cate@fieldflowers.co.uk](mailto:cate@fieldflowers.co.uk)  
07717 737437

### Plant Passion

ENGLISH CUT FLOWERS

Come and visit us:  
The Barn, Hill Top Farm, Staple  
Lane, East Clandon GU4 7FP

[www.plantpassion.co.uk](http://www.plantpassion.co.uk)  
[Claire@plantpassion.co.uk](mailto:Claire@plantpassion.co.uk)  
07813 56865





Pet Service

## Grayswood Village Club

Games night—Pool night

Friday 6th Oct from 7.30 pm

Coffee and Chat with homemade cakes

Wednesday 11th Oct at 10 - 12 noon

Quiz Night

Thursday 26th Oct 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](http://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

"Landlines" by Raynor Winn

Tues 24th October at 8 pm

Contact Angela: [awheeler100@gmail.com](mailto:awheeler100@gmail.com)



## Gardening Talks

Witley Gardening Association is at Grayswood Village Hall

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](mailto:info@witleygardening.org)




Join us for our October as we hear from Andrew Canale, equerry to Queen Elizabeth II, on working with the Royals

DATE: Weds 11th October 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](mailto:grayswoodwi@gmail.com)

Head to our website for more about our WI   
[grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home/about-us](http://grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home/about-us) INSPIRING WOMEN

## Cards for Good Causes

Haslemere's Cards for Good Causes shop will be open from Thursday October 19th until December 23rd at Haslemere Museum. They will be selling Christmas cards, many with a religious theme, on behalf of a very wide range of over 40 Charities including RNLI, Cancer

Research UK, Mind, The Alzheimer's Society, Marie Curie, GUTS and SSAFA. They will also have a range of gift wrap and tags and a selection gifts.

[www.cardsforcharity.co.uk](http://www.cardsforcharity.co.uk)

Call Haslemere Museum: 01428 642112



## Church Services in October

**Oct 1st** 10 am\* **Harvest Communion**

**Oct 8th** 8 am Holy Communion  
10 am\* **Morning Worship**

**Oct 15th** 10 am\* **Parish Communion**

**Oct 22nd** 8 am Holy Communion  
10 am\* **4th Sunday Service**

**Oct 29th** 8 am Holy Communion  
10 am\* **Patronal Festival  
a United Benefice Service**

\*Join us on Zoom – Sunday Services (in bold\*) are set as a recurring meeting on zoom—just go to:

[join.zoom.us](https://join.zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 325 676 8563 | Passcode: 2023

Topic: All Saints Sunday Service | Time: 10 am



Or for “dial in” call +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>

## 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](mailto:revfigwynn@gmail.com)

**Revd Elaine Collins** is available Mon and Weds mornings and all day Friday.

Tel 01428 714385

Email: [revelainecollins@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com).

### Do you have a general enquiry?

Email our church administrator Sarah Bennett on [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit our website:

[allsaintsgrayswood.org](http://allsaintsgrayswood.org)

### VILLAGE PRAYER

In October, we pray for those 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 are always welcome. In particular, we would appreciate

- \* tinned soup
- \* tinned fruit
- \* tinned veg and pulses
- \* couscous / noodles,
- \* oats
- \* tinned potatoes
- \* sweet treats (chocolate bars and snack bars).

*Thank you for your support as always!*

Village Hall Bookings [grayswoodvh@outlook.com](mailto:grayswoodvh@outlook.com) ~ Grayswood Club: 07808 474147 ~  
Grayswood School 642086 ~ Grayswood Nursery 658931