



Dear All

However you count down to Christmas, whether it's a chocolate calendar or one of the luxury ones with gin, wine, beer or make up, or a plain old window calendar or advent candle, the build up has well and truly started.

From the launch of the John Lewis, M&S and Iceland Christmas adverts (other supermarkets are available) the bombardment to celebrate begins.

But with the news as dreadful as it is, for some it is very hard to find the Christmas cheer and excitement that the adverts portray.

And not everyone has family or friends to share the celebrations with. For some, it is simply a day to get through.

So whilst I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, I would urge you to keep an eye out for those less fortunate than yourselves and do what you can to share Christ's light and love this Christmas. After all, that's what Christ's birth was all about.

Wishing you peace, love and joy this Christmas and all the very best for 2024.
with my love,

Fi x

Visit our website allsaintsgrayswood.org for our Grayswood poetry advent calendar and Free online calendar from Guildford Diocese

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

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

Wednesdays 9-9.30
in the North Transept.

Church Open

Every day: 9.30 to 4 (ish)

Christmas Fayre

Join us on

Saturday 2nd December

from 11 til 1 pm

Bacon butties from 11.30

at Grayswood Village Hall

Raffle, Cakes & Produce, Bulbs & Plants, Bottle tombola

Gifts, Books & DVDs, Brocante, Toys, Preserves

Entrance £1

to include tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Free entry for children



Christmas Lights

Why not start the Christmas celebrations by joining the Christmas Lights Switch On at The Club?

Sunday, 3rd December

from 4.00 pm

(Switch on at 4.30 pm).

See you there!

Members and their guests are invited to mulled wine, mince pies and carols in The Club. Children & dogs (on leads) welcome.

A big THANK YOU to The Club helpers for all their efforts to make the corner of Lower Road so welcoming as you swing in.



Baby & Toddler Group

Wednesdays

9-11 am

During term time in the Village Hall

£3 per family I

includes drink and snacks for children and tea/coffee and cake for accompanying adults. Lovely sociable group





CHRISTMAS FAIR

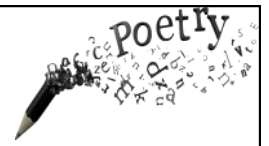
Afternoon of festive fun at
Grayswood School Christmas Fair
on Saturday 9th December
from 2pm til 4pm



Look forward
to seeing you



Christmas poem competition



Grayswood pulls out the stops to share the joy of anticipating Christmas this Advent

Thank you to all those people who kindly submitted their poems. If you haven't already spotted them, look out for each new poem as they are released on All Saints website [allsaintsgrayswood.org], and the village WhatsApp group. The winning two entries will appear on Christmas Eve.

A £20 Amazon Voucher will be emailed to the winner.

For further information contact Angela (awheeler100@gmail.com)

Could you be a school governor?



We're looking for another person to join our team of Governors at Grayswood Church of England Primary School.

School governors play a vital role in education and get to make a difference by shaping the future of children and young people.

Governing within a school also provides an opportunity for personal development, building your skills and experience in areas such as project management, budgeting, and working as part of a leadership team.

Why volunteer?

- *Help ensure voices are heard
- *A rewarding experience
- *Leadership development
- *Improve the lives of local children
- *Make a difference in Grayswood
- *Build professional skills & networks

We meet currently meet 6 times a year. And the term of office is 4 years.

Want to know more?

Please email in confidence to
Mrs Fiona Tough (Chair of Governors)

ftough@grayswood.surrey.sch.uk

Rev Fi Gwynn (ex-officio Foundation Governor) revfigwynn@gmail.com

www.grayswoodschool.co.uk

Church finances- please can you help?



Regular Income:

Giving and Gift Aid claims

£3,000/month

Fixed Outgoings:

Parish share and administration

£3,000/month

Variable income

Collections, fees, interest, donations & fundraising

~ £1,750/month

Variable running costs:

Stationery, telephone etc

The Runner

Gas/Electricity

Building and churchyard maintenance

Sunday Hall hire and Oonagh Jeffrey room

(coffee, toddlers, one off events)

total ~£2,360/month

Shortfall / month approx £610

Please help us fund this shortfall by signing up to regular giving, increasing your giving or making a one-off donation

The cost of the Audio-Visual System and improvements to the paths have been funded by a donation from the Friends of All Saints and the legacy received in 2022.

If you would like more detailed information, please use this link <https://allsaintsgrayswood.org/contact-us/pcc> or speak to Sarah in the Parish Office for a copy.

You are welcome ...

Would you like to come to church
but are nervous of walking in on your own?

We have a team of willing volunteers who could arrange to meet you either in the car park or outside the church to accompany you into the service. Please contact John McLean—07879 250 165—in the first instance and he will put you in contact with a suitable buddy.



Christmas Showcase

Saturday 9th December @ 7.30 pm at
St Johns Church, Farncombe GU7 3EJ.

Music Director Kathy McLeish
with Vaughan Larmond and Band

Adult Ticket £10, Children free

Tickets at gcgcinformation@gmail.com | On the door (cash or card) or
from The Record Corner, Pound lane, Godalming, GU7 1BX (cash only)

Refreshments, raffle and a very warm welcome!

Cards for Good Causes

Haslemere's Shop is open until Dec 23rd
selling cards, paper, tags and gifts at
Haslemere Museum (01428 642112)



Grayswood Book Club

Time and Time Again by Ben Elton.
on Tues 19th December at 8 pm
and

Star of the Sea by Joseph O'Connor
on Tues 16th January at 8 pm

Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Runner by Post

If you live out of the Parish or find it difficult to get
to church regularly, but want to be keep in touch,
I can post the Runner to you regularly.

Please send your name and address and 10 x 2nd
class stamps for a year, ten issues starting with
February 2024.

Pauline Lamb, Little Paddock, 4 Paddock
Way, Grayswood. GU27 2EE



Grayswood Club Christmas Tree

A big thank you to Gary and his team at Haslemere
Garden Centre who, once again, have provided The
Club with a beautiful Christmas tree.

Don't forget, the garden centre is your nearest source
for Christmas trees, cards, presents and flowers ...

and that's a good excuse to drop in for
a treat at the Sweetpeas Cafe too!



Grayswood Village Club

**Christmas Lights Switch on,
carols, mulled wine & mince pies**
Sunday 3rd December from 4pm

Christmas Wreath Making
Monday 4th December from 7.30pm -

Coffee & Chat
Wednesday 13th December 10-12

Christmas quiz night and raffle
Thursday 21st December from 7.45pm

Festive Opening Hours

Christmas Day - bar is open from 12 - 2

New Years Eve - 60's & 70's party for New Year

Regular Opening Hours

Friday evenings (7 - 10.30 pm) and
Sunday afternoons (from 12)

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.

For bookings contact: awheeler100@gmail.com



GRAYSWOOD
WOMEN'S
INSTITUTE

1920 - 2023

Join us in December for

Christmas crafting

DATE: Wednesday 13th November, 7:45/8pm

WHERE: Grayswood Village Hall

Tuck in to mince pies and mulled wine while
trying your hand at a little festive macrame.
December is the ideal meeting to come along as a
guest or bring a friend.

All materials are provided and our brilliant Crafty
Coffee group will be there to help.

SAVE THE DATE: January 10th 2024

Discover 2024's WI Resolutions campaigns
shortlist—presented by our Committee, ready for
members to cast their votes

Guests Welcome | New Memberships available

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



Church Services: December / January

Dec 3rd	10 am	Advent Sunday Service
Dec 10th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Advent Sunday Service
Dec 17th	10 am	Advent Sunday Service
	6 pm	Carol Service
Dec 24th	4 pm	Crib with Christingle Service
	11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
Dec 25th	10 am	Christmas Day Service
Dec 31st	10 am	UB St Barts Communion
Jan 7th	10 am	Parish Communion
Jan 14th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship
Jan 21st	10 am	Parish Communion
Jan 28th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	4th Sunday Service

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

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 in the postbox at church, 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 Fri)
Tel 01428 654728 / 07769 856343
Email: revfigwynn@gmail.com

Revd Elaine Collins works part-time (day off Tues)
Tel 07543 083178
Email: revelainecollins@icloud.com

Pastoral Team

Daphne Bleach - ring or message - 07950 785051

If you need support, someone to listen or a helping hand—whether you're new to the village or a life-long resident—call our Pastoral Team

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



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.



Christmas Appeal

We are appealing for items that can support families and children over the festive period:

- * Festive treats, including mince pies, small Christmas cakes and puddings (400g)
- * Small boxes of biscuits and chocolates
- * Pringles, bags of nuts, and 6-packs of crisps
- * Cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, bread sauce etc
- * Soft drinks
- * Christmas Crackers

Please check that any best-before dates are AFTER Christmas



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