



Dear All

Daffodils have started to appear in the shops which is a sure sign that spring is on the way and my goodness don't we need a bit of positivity to look forward to.

January is always a tough month, I certainly didn't want to add to the gloom by doing dry January but well done to you if you did.

Due to the peculiarities of the church calendar, and the date of Easter being set by the cycle of the moon (yes really), Ash Wednesday is on the 14th February this year.

Easter is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the spring equinox. But this full moon is an ecclesiastical full moon (ecclesiastical means 'of the Church'), and so wasn't calculated in quite the same way modern astronomers would.

On top of that, for the purpose of calculating Easter, the spring equinox is always on 21 March. In 2024, the first Sunday after the first full moon following the 21 March is Sunday 31 March. These rules also mean that the earliest possible date that Easter Sunday can fall is the 22nd March. The last time that happened was in 1818! So whilst it may feel like Christmas has only just happened we are already planning Easter! We are looking to add a few new things into our Easter offerings this year so do keep reading for details of when these will be happening.

And in the meantime, do please get in touch if you'd like a chat, in person or on the phone. I'd love to hear from you.

With my love, Fi x



### Ash Wednesday Service

Our Benefice Communion Service with Ashing will be held on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 at 7 pm at St Bart's Church in Haslemere, Church Hill, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 1BW



### Lent Reflections

*Jesus and Calling: On the road to Easter*

Join us in the OJ Room at the Village Hall.

We'll be meeting on 21st and 28th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th March from 6.45 for 7 until 8.30 pm

### 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)



### Baby & Toddler Group

#### Wednesdays

9-11 am

During 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







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## THINKING ABOUT TRYING SOMETHING NEW IN 2024?

### ... Join us in February for A Sound Bath

**DATE:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**TIME:** 7:45/8pm

**PLACE:** Grayswood Village Hall

We welcome **Nasreen Pritchard**,  
local **Sound Therapy Practitioner**  
& **Meditation Coach**.

Nasreen will guide members &  
guests in a deeply relaxing Sound  
Bath session.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### MARCH

**The Menopause Specialists**  
with **Kate Organ**, Founder &  
Consultant Pharmacist.

### APRIL

#### Get growing

Top veg-growing tips on  
getting gardens ready for  
growing.

### MAY

**Grayswood to Brook Walk**  
Relaxing countryside amble  
& refreshments at **The Dog  
& Pheasant**.



**GUESTS WELCOME | NEW MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE**

## SAY HELLO

For more info, or to find out a little more about us...

**EMAIL:** [grayswoodwi@gmail.com](mailto:grayswoodwi@gmail.com)

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## JOY

She was only able to speak in a whisper and was mostly paralysed from the neck downwards. Joy was 33 and had been knocked down by a drunken driver ten years earlier. He had mounted the pavement at speed in his car, colliding with her and breaking her neck.

Now sailing in the Atlantic in the early hours in a gentle breeze, under very bright stars with no cloud, all was peaceful and quiet. With 49 other people on board, mostly asleep, Joy was on the bridge of Lord Nelson, a square rigger with nineteen sails, belonging to The Jubilee Sailing Trust and purpose built for disabled people. Her wheelchair was strapped to the deck in front of the wheel, as she watched the compass and kept Nellie on course well, controlling the rudder with her finger on the tiny joystick beside her. Without the engine, there was no sound as this 180 feet long ship sailed gently between two of the Canary Islands.

It was the year 2000 and the first of my 16 voyages with this charity in different parts of the World on Nellie and her sister ship Tenacious, then still being built mainly by volunteers, some in wheelchairs. Both were to sail around the world with disabled people from many countries, visiting every continent, including Antarctica. Everyone on board helped to sail and run the ships, even the severely disabled. We enjoyed each other's company, learned a lot and rejoiced in each of our companions' achievements. Joy proved to be intelligent and good company, with a mischievous sense of humour.

Sadly, it was announced in December 2023 that this charity had at last been forced to close due to mounting financial difficulties. Since it was formed in 1978, at a time when there were few opportunities for them, the disabled have made great strides. They now have the paralympic games, wheelchair rugby and tennis, single-handed sailing, snowboarding and many other activities to choose from.

Maybe our charity was a victim of its own success.

However, I have to say that on that magic starlit night God seemed to me to be very close.

Those of us on Joy's watch who were on deck felt unusually privileged and will never forget being there. I would not have missed it for anything.

*Allen Chubb*



## Grayswood Village Club

### Coffee and Chat

with homemade cakes

Wednesday 14th Feb at 10 - 12 noon

### Quiz Night

Thursday 29th February at 7.30 for 7.45 pm

Come as a team or join one on the night

### Film Night

Saturday 3rd February—Oppenheimer

See Club website for details

## Opening Hours

Friday evenings (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.

For bookings contact: [awheeler100@gmail.com](mailto:awheeler100@gmail.com)



## Save the Date

Palm Sunday

Family Service at 4pm

24th March 2024

with dramatized reading of The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe

## Carer's Support

Do you feel isolated? Would you like someone to talk to, who knows how you're feeling? Then pop in on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30 - 3.30

The Hunter Centre, Marjorie Gray Hall,  
Grayswood Road, GU27 2BW  
Call for info: 01428 654710



## Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month (3rd Tues of each month) for our wonderful book club!

We next meet on Tues 21st February from 8—9 pm to chat about our chosen book *The Island of Missing Trees* by Elif Shafak

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





## Church Services in February

Feb 4th	10 am*	Parish Communion
Feb 11th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am *	Morning Worship
Feb 14th	7 pm	Ash Wednesday at St Barts
Feb 18th	10 am*	Parish Communion
Feb 25th	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](https://join.zoom.us)



Meeting ID: 325 676 8563 | Passcode: 2024

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’ll 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. Calls will be charged at your usual standard rate - for approx. 40 mins.

*Grayswood residents: If you do join the Zoom services and would like a hymn book to join in at home then just drop us an email and we will get one delivered to you.*



### Celebrate Easter with us!

Services on 31st March 2024 at 8 am and 10 am

## 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](https://allsaintsgrayswood.org)

### VILLAGE PRAYER

In February, we pray for those who live and work in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson 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 Needed Please

*All in date, unopened tinned and packaged food items, sanitary products and domestic cleaning products are welcomed*

*Please donate small packets which are easier to fit into the food packs*

***Thank you for all your support— we live in an incredible community. Thanks to the generosity of local people and businesses, the Haslemere Food Bank distributed Christmas food and gift packs to over 160 local families.***

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

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