



Well I wonder what proportion of the village ticked off seeing the Northern Lights from their bucket list last month?

Despite sitting in the garden while they were going on, the first I knew about it was when George sent a message from Kuwait asking if we'd seen them.

The next day of course there were amazing photos all over the news and social media, which was hard for those who tend to go to bed early. Luckily Matt Sutton was up and managed to capture this beautiful photo of the northern lights highlighting the church.

Not only was it a spectacular display but the lights themselves seemed to awaken a sense of 'otherworldliness' in many people I spoke to.

God's creation is truly amazing, you only have to watch a sunrise or a sunset, or a David Attenborough documentary! But do we sometimes forget to stop and enjoy it?

We rush through life so quickly trying to fit in everything on our to do list that we fail to stop and enjoy what is right in front of us.

The wonderful light show was a case in point, despite being outside I had failed to look up.

So next time you see the sun rise or set, just pause for a moment, and enjoy the beauty of that snapshot of time, in person, and not through a lens.

Whatever you are doing can almost definitely wait for a moment and your soul will most definitely thank you.

Love
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Photo credit: Matt Sutton

Church Services

8 am Services

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays

10 am Sunday Services:

in Church and 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



Be the most encouraging person you know!

Barnabas is a fascinating character from the early years of the Christian Church. Although we don't hear of Barnabas doing great miracles or giving powerful sermons, he nevertheless remains one of the most important figures of this period, because of his generous spirit, his daring welcome of the convert Saul and his loyal nurture of his cousin Mark.

Named Joseph at birth, he was given the name Barnabas by the other disciples since it means 'encourager' and he was true to his character.

Barnabas sees potential in people. When others were sceptical about the newly converted Paul, Barnabas championed him and saw the Grace of God at work

What would it take for you to see the potential in others?

What would it look like for you to intentionally speak encouragingly of them?

We all need encouragement but what we see in Barnabas is an encouragement that grows, strengthens and deepens our faith, hope and love in Jesus.

It is an encouragement that sees the best in people and looks for ways to bring them into what God is doing.

It is an encouragement that sees through differences and disagreements to help others to continue making their contribution.

Barnabas is true to his name and is a fantastic example of the power of encouragement. I commend him to you as a huge challenge to be people who encourage others.

(Based on an article from BRF Ministries)

The stained glass window at the west end of All Saints features St Barnabas whose feast day we mark on June 11th.

You can read more about Barnabas in the New Testament book of Acts. (Acts 4:32-37; 11:9-30; 12:25; & 13-15).



Spring Clean Church & Churchyard



Can you spare an hour or two to come and help us spring clean the church?

Saturday 15th June from 9-11.30

and tidy up the churchyard on

Saturday 22nd June from 10-11.30

Volunteer Stewards Needed



CROSSWAYS Counselling Service is short of volunteers to act as stewards on

MONDAY Evenings 5.30-8.30 pm

WEDNESDAY Evenings 4.30-7.30 pm

WEDNESDAY Mornings 9am—noon

This would be a once-a-month commitment based at 3 Counties Church, Hammer. If you can help, contact Jenny Noble our volunteers co-ordinator jennynobleuk@aol.com

Crossways provides a professional counselling service around Haslemere for those who otherwise would not be able to afford private counselling sessions. We have a team of 10 counsellors who have either a degree or MA in counselling and abide by the Code of Ethics of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy. They are all Christians and work under regular supervision.

All Saints supports Crossways as one of its Quarterly Charities

All Saints – 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 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



Fancy an evening out on Sat 20th July?

Prior to 2000, The Grayswood Christmas Party Fund ran for many years to raise funds for the children of Grayswood to either come to a party in the village hall or attend a pantomime.

A group of us are organising a pantomime themed evening in the spirit of the last fundraising parties held in the late 90's to include a 2 course meal, period disco, raffle and bar for £20 a head, pantomime fancy dress optional.

Limited tickets available so first come, first served.

Please contact Daphne on: daphne@thebleachs.com



GRAYSWOOD
WOMEN'S
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1920 - 2024

We'd love to see you in June

JUNE

Scone Bake-Off

Join us for a fun and yummy evening of (optional) scone baking and taste-testing.

Led by our Food Tech expert, Sarah J, and scored by our members, let's see who's crowned a scone sensation!

DATE: Weds 12th June

TIME: 7:45/8 pm

MEET: The Village Hall

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY

Rachel Mulligan Stained Glass

Local artist Rachel Mulligan on her stained glass creations.

AUGUST

Off-site visit

An optional meeting during the holidays, visiting Ed's Veg

SEPTEMBER

V&A Curator Emeritus

With guest speaker Sarah Medlam, V&A Curator Emeritus - Furniture, Textiles & Fashion.

Our new membership year has started... join us!

Membership is £48 for the year (to the end of March 2025)

This includes all meetings and sub-groups.

SAY HELLO

Find out more about us & our plans for 2024

EMAIL: grayswoodwi@gmail.com

FACEBOOK: [@grayswoodwomensinstitute](https://www.facebook.com/grayswoodwomensinstitute)



GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME | NEW MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat

with homemade cakes

Wednesday 12th June at 10 - 12 noon

Motown Night / BBQ

Sat 15th June - bar open

Quiz Night

Thursday 27th June at 7.30 for 7.45 pm

Come as a team or join one on the night

*** Summer Opening Hours ***

Friday evenings (7 - 11 pm) and

Sunday afternoons (from 12 noon)

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 Book Club

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

We next meet on Tues 21st May from 8-9 pm to chat about our chosen book Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Save the Date

Jazz Concert with the Eagle Jazz Band

Saturday 12th October at the Village Hall

Organised by the

Friends of All Saints Grayswood

SKILLWAY 

THANK YOU

At the time of writing our supporters had raised nearly £1500. Still time to make that last minute donation for Skillway

www.gofundme.com/f/greg-jess-take-on-ride-london-100-for-skillway

Church Services in June

June 2nd	10 am*	Parish Communion
June 9th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am *	Morning Worship
June 16th	10 am*	Parish Communion
June 23rd	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am*	4th Sunday Service
June 30th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am*	United Benefice Service @All Saints



***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: 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.

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 June, we pray for worshippers who live beyond the parish boundary.



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.



Thank you as always for your donations . This time we are in need of the following items please:

- * Tinned tuna
- * Tinned fruit
- * Tinned soup
- * Tinned vegetables and pulses
- * Tinned tomatoes
- * Oats
- * Couscous and noodles
- * Tea bags and coffee
- * Toothpaste
- * Sweet and savoury treats - dried fruit, nuts / crisps

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