



Dear All

A week after this edition of the runner is printed, we will be going to the polls to decide who the next Government will be, and who the first MP will be for our newly designated constituency.

I have been watching some of the debates on TV but am sure like many of you have found it deeply frustrating. I'd love to know what training the MPs have, of all parties, that means that they very rarely answer the question that they are asked!

Of course, there is a history of that in the bible. Jesus very rarely answered a question directly, often using parables or illustrations to get people thinking, rather than just giving them a simple reply.

However, I believe the biggest difference between Jesus and our politicians is simple. It's truth.

And I think that this the hardest thing for all of us when trying to decide who to vote for. How do we see through the political bluff, spin and sometimes downright lies?

As Christians, I hope that we turn to prayer, to ask for God's guidance in who we should vote for. That of course doesn't mean that all Christians will be voting for the same party. We all still have very different opinions.

For me the key thing is to ensure that you do vote (if you are able to of course). However difficult it may be to decide who you want to vote for, we are privileged to live in a democratic society and shouldn't take that for granted.

My prayers will be that whoever is in Government on the 5th July will work towards ensuring that we live in a kinder, fairer, safer and honest society.

With love, Fi x

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)

Can you help once a month at our Baby & Toddler Group?

Volunteer once a month

during term time on

Wednesdays from 8.45—

to 11.15

Help to set up the toys

and clear away

afterwards, provide a

cake or bring snacks

Please contact Fi

if you can help

revfigwynn@gmail.com



Churchyard tidy up

A big thank you to all those who helped with tidying the churchyard. Clearing weeds, trimming around headstones and removing dead flowers and wrappings.

Do come and sit in this tranquil space and rest awhile.

If you are placing flowers on a grave, please ensure that any non-biodegradable wrappings are removed so as to protect the visiting deer. Thank you



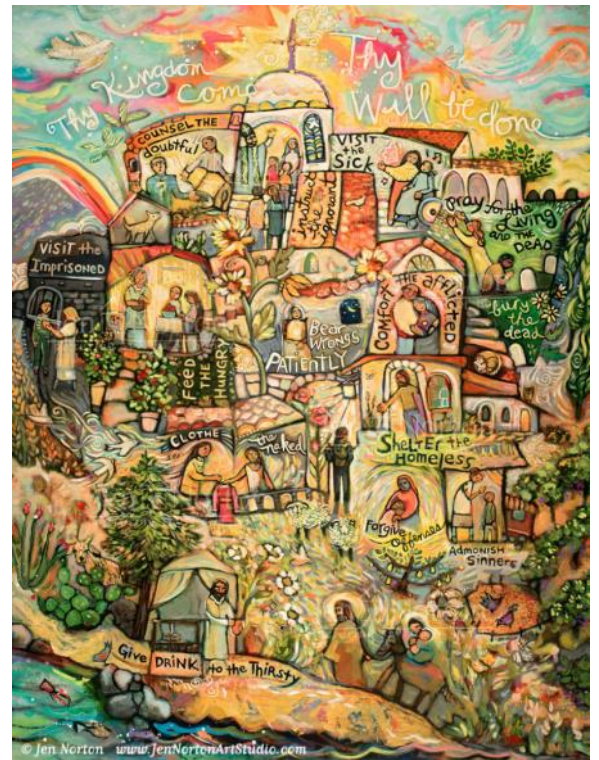
The kingdom of God is...

Like any organisation, the church uses its own specialist jargon. These words and phrases become so much part of our normal 'religious' vocabulary we rarely stop to ask ourselves – what do these words actually mean? If we are honest, sometimes the only answer we can give is - 'I haven't got a clue!'

In one of our recent Morning Worship services, we took the opportunity to reflect on the phrase 'kingdom of God'; here is the sum of our collective wisdom!

The kingdom of God is ... peaceful (the top of our list!), like a loving family, more listening less talking, kindness, justice, safety, contentment, calm, love, equality, reverence, argument free, longing for the kingdom among us and the kingdom to come, heaven here and now – being once again with loved ones, a return to the Garden of Eden, being with God, the character of God, the world through a child's eyes.

We can both experience and participate in the kingdom of God now. Why not imagine for a moment - a world where these qualities are lived out by all of us. What a wonderful world it would be!
Go well. *Elaine x*



Wintershall – Life of Christ

On Friday 21st June, I accompanied the Yr 6 pupils from Grayswood School to The Life of Christ at Wintershall, a visit funded by All Saints Church.

For those of you who don't know what this is, it is a 5 hour open air performance portraying the life of Christ from his birth through to his death and resurrection. During the 4 acts, each held in a different location, a large cast of volunteer actors

perform the story. The standard of acting, sound quality and costumes is truly incredible. The actor who plays Jesus is a teacher and will be back in the classroom the Monday after the last performance! In between the scenes we move location, which is helpful as it's quite a long time to be sat on the grass! (If you go without a school, you can take a chair!)

We were fortunate with the weather this year, although it was a bit hot, and the children really enjoyed seeing the story unfold. Their highlights being the animals, real sheep, donkey, horses and doves, and of course the gruesome portrayal of the crucifixion.

And if you have never been, I highly recommend you book a visit next year – or go to the Nativity in December.



Grayswood Book Club

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

We next meet on Tues 16th July from 8–9 pm to chat about our chosen book *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

And then on Tues 20th August from 8–9 pm to chat about our chosen book *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig



Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com

Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat

with homemade cakes

Wednesday 10th July at 10 - 12 noon

Quiz Night

Thursday 25th June at 7.30 for 7.45 pm

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Thursday 29th August at 7.30 for 7.45 pm

Come as a team or join one on the night

Wine Pairing Evening

Tuesday 30th July at 7 pm

Paella Afternoon

Saturday 10th August from 3pm

*** 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

Party time—Sat 20th July

Pantomime themed evening to include a 2 course meal, period disco, raffle and bar for £20 pp (see previous Runner for details).

Tickets from Daphne on: daphne@thebleachs.com



GRAYSWOOD
WOMEN'S
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1920 - 2024

JULY

Rachel Mulligan Stained Glass

Local artist Rachel Mulligan on her stained glass creations.

DATE: Weds 10th July

TIME: 7:45/8 pm

MEET: The Village Hall

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS GRAYSWOOD

TICKETS £15
From pj.lamb@grayswoodvillagehall.co.uk

GRAYSWOOD
JAZZ
CONCERT



12/10/2024
GRAYSWOOD VILLAGE HALL
8 PM

FEATURING
New Orleans style jazz from
GOLDEN EAGLE JAZZ BAND
BAR - DRINKS & SNACKS

Church Services in July & August

July 7th	10 am*	Parish Communion
July 14th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am *	Morning Worship
July 21st	10 am*	Parish Communion
July 28th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am*	4th Sunday Service
Aug 4th	10 am*	Parish Communion
Aug 11th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am *	Morning Worship
Aug 18th	10 am*	Parish Communion
Aug 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



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

This Summer, we pray for worshippers who live in Prestwick Lane, Paddock Way, Muddy Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane, & Highercombe Road.



Haslemere Food Bank

Haslemere Food Bank continues to operate thanks to generous donations. If you need support, please contact us for a referral voucher for the Food Bank

Rev Fi Gwynn on 07769 856343
Please leave food donations in the box in All Saints Church or deliver directly to the Haslemere Methodist church (opposite the Esso garage) on a Weds or Fri between 10-12.

Thank you as always for your donations. Many families struggle to feed their children over the long summer holidays so please donate as you are able:

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| * Baked beans | * Tinned vegetables / tinned potatoes | * Toilet roll |
| * Tinned pasta (spaghetti, ravioli etc) | * Tinned fish / tinned meat | * Bar soap |
| * Packet puddings (jelly, Angel Delight, sponge puddings etc) | * Pasta sauce / tinned tomatoes | * Washing powder / liquids |
| * Jam / Marmalade | * Soup | * Shower gel |
| * Custard / Rice pudding | * Couscous / noodles | * Toothpaste |
| * Cereal / Oats | * Hot chocolate / Coffee / Tea bags / UHT Milk | * Sweet Treats (chocolate / dried fruits etc) |
| * Rice | | * Savoury snacks (crisps / nuts) |



Village Hall Bookings grayswoodvh@outlook.com ~ Grayswood Club: 07808 474147 ~

Grayswood School 642086 ~ Grayswood Nursery 658931