



November is always about remembering....

On the **2nd November** we have our **Annual Memorial Service** where we remember all those who have died by joining together with music and prayers and the lighting of candles. It is a beautiful service, and I would encourage you to come along whether you are mourning a recent death or one from many years ago.

On the **10** th November we join with the rest of the nation in remembering all those who have died in two world wars and more recent conflicts and to whom we owe thanks for our freedom today. I think it will be especially poignant this year given that there are currently many wars ongoing around the world, thinking particularly of the war in the Middle East and in Ukraine.

We will be walking up to the War Memorial after the service on the 10 th and laying wreaths from various organisations, including the Royal British Legion, the town council and the WI. Even if you do not wish to join us for the service in church you are more than welcome to join us there.

And if at any time of the year you are bereaved or need some support then we at All Saints are here for you. You can contact either myself, Elaine or one of the Pastoral Team who will be more than willing to come and have a chat with you.

May you know Christ's peace in your sorrow.

With love,

Fi x

## 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)

#### **Annual Memorial Service**

on All Souls Day
2nd November at 4 pm
Whether you are remembering
someone who died recently, or many
years ago,
please join us in this
Service of Thanksgiving
If you would like us to read out the
names of those you are remembering
during a time of prayer, please
email allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com
or leave a message



01428 656504



## Remembrance Sunday

10th November 10.50 am followed by wreath laying at the War Memorial.

All Saints Church has a webpage dedicated to all those from Grayswood who served in the Great War and World War Two:

allsaintsgrayswood.org/history/thosewho-served



If you can contribute any further information or photos please email Sarah at allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com



#### 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





## Harvest and our gardens

The school recently held their Harvest service in church and the church celebration was the following Sunday. All gifts donated were given to the Haslemere Food Bank.

In keeping with our eco-church philosophy, the flower team harvested flowers and foliage from their gardens to decorate the church. We left one windowsill bare to remember those less fortunate—a simple dish of 40g rice demonstrated the amount of food some have to live on each a day.

The British are known for always talking about the weather. Well, this year has been no exception. A long, wet warmish winter led to a wet cool spring, then a wet cold summer, lots to discuss and grumble about!

For those that enjoy gardening, this year has been a challenge: slugs eating seedlings and very little sun to encourage flowers to bloom or produce to ripen. And yet the extra rainfall means that lawns and the countryside have been green and lush.

Gardeners are used to working with the seasons and variants of the weather. Thankfully most of us are not reliant on produce from our garden, a quick trip to the supermarket will supply all our needs. Gardening does however give many great pleasures, being outside, getting physical exercise and enjoying the results of our efforts—whether supplementing our table or decorating our homes. It is becoming more recognised that spending time outdoors improves our mental well-being too. Why not give it a go ....



To everyone who helped make my 70th year as organist at All Saints so special.

As many of you will know I started when I was teaching. I was delighted to receive a letter from one of the first girl choristers in All Saints Choir and to see Shirley Richmond at the service.

I worked with Shirley in school and at the church for

many years—I taught her children. Shirley had driven up from the West Country that morning to be present. Also a big thank you to everyone for the wonderful meal in the Hall after the service.

Last but not least thank you Fi for all the organisation



which went on behind the scene. Thank you also for the lovely flowers and the wonderful card with so many names on it! Love Jean

### Jazz Concert puts the Fun in fundraising

Our long-awaited Jazz Concert took place on 12th October, when The Golden Eagle Jazz Band played New Orleans style jazz in our Village Hall. Formed in 2012 and featuring six musicians, some of whom had travelled from as far as Northampton and Norfolk, the band treated us to some fine, relaxing music, much enjoyed by the audience.

This Concert was organised by The Friends of All Saints Grayswood, who have contributed £70,000 so far to the repair and maintenance of our Church and Churchyard.

The event made a profit of over £1,000.

It was heartening to see so many villagers help to clear up at the end of the evening, including many of the audience. Thanks to those who helped in any way either before-hand or on the evening. We are lucky to have

some lovely people in what is a special Village.

FoASG Committee









#### Follow the Stars

The Advent Window Trail is back for 2024 with the theme "**Follow the Stars**".

If you would like to decorate an Advent Window in your home and be included in the trail this year, please do get in touch with Fi

07769 856343 or revfigwynn@gmail.com

## Advent Quiet Day—The Word Made Flesh Saturday 16th November 10 – 2pm in Church

Our Quiet Day is an invitation to step away from the busyness of this time of year, as we prepare for the season of Advent and look towards Christmas itself. The day will include led reflections as well as opportunities for personal quiet time.

Tea/coffee and pastries will be available throughout the day. Please bring your own packed lunch.

To find out more chat with Elaine or Fi



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## Our November meeting BRING & SHARE SUPPER + AGM

DATE: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

TIME: 7:45/8pm

MEET: Grayswood Village Hall

We begin with our **AGM** – a quick recap of 2024 meeting highlights, 2025 plans and voting in our President and committee.

Afterwards is our famous **Bring & Share Supper** (please feel free to bring something along). Enjoy celebratory refreshments & the chance to have a good chat.

# WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER...

We'd love to see you for some Christmas Craft!

Join us to celebrate the end of a great year for our village WI!

Tuck into yummy mince pies and mulled wine while turning your hand to a variety of easy festive crafts.

## SAY HELLO!

Email: grayswoodwi@gmail.com Facebook: @grayswoodwomensinstitute Website: grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home

# Grayswood Village Club

#### **Coffee and Chat**

With homemade cakes
Wednesday 13th November 10-12 noon

#### **Quiz Night**

Thursday 28th November from 7.45pm Come as a team or join one on the night!

#### Members only Club but easy to join!

The Club can be booked for parties and family celebrations, and by local Clubs / individuals for regular daytime use
For further information, contact
annette.sandom@gmail.com



Check out the website for details of other events and how to join

## Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month for our wonderful book club! We next meet on Tues 19th November from 8–9 pm to chat about our chosen book

The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell

Contact Angela: awheeler 100@gmail.com

#### Haslemere's Cards for Good Causes

Shop open again at Haslemere Museum from

Thurs October 17th til December 24th. We will be selling **Christmas cards** (many with a religious theme, on behalf of a wide range of over 40 Charities including Cancer Research UK, Mind, Marie Curie, The Alzheimer's Society, , GUTS and SSAFA along with some new charities such as RSPCA and WaterAid), **gift wrap**, **tags** and an extensive selection of **gifts**.

www.cardsforcharity.co.uk

or

call Haslemere Museum on 01428 642112



#### Church Services in November

Nov 2nd 4 pm Annual Memorial Service

Nov 3rd 10 am\* Parish Communion

Nov 10th 8 am Holy Communion

10.50 am Remembrance Sunday

Nov 17th 10 am\* Parish Communion

Nov 24th 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 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,

## **Advent Family Service**

1st December 2024 @ 4pm come and join us at All Saints for an hour of fun craft activities, songs and refreshments. All welcome



## 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 on allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

For more information, please visit our website:

allsaintsgrayswood.org

#### **VILLAGE PRAYER**

In November, we remember those who live and work in Grayswood Road and Haslemere Road.



#### 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



#### We'd be grateful for the following items this Harvest

**Tins and jars:** meat, fruits, vegetables, potatoes, pasta sauce, baked beans., spaghettis hoops, ravioli, soup, rice pudding, custard, marmalade, jams

**Dried foods**: oats, rice, pasta, couscous, noodles

Drinks: coffee, tea, UHT milk

Other: biscuits, sweet snacks, savoury snacks,

packet puddings

**Non food items**: Toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, bar soap, sanitary products, cleaning products, toilet roll, pet food