



Welcome to 2025

Did you do dry January this year?

Did you make lots of New Year's Resolutions?

How did that go for you?

This year I decided to adopt 'Gentle January'.

The idea is that you can do it any way that you want to, it's not prescriptive, and that was the joy—there are no rules—so you can't break them!

I didn't focus on the need to make great changes to my life, or to try and add dozens of things to my 'to do' list in order to shed the extra pounds, declutter the house, be more organized or get fitter (although all those things still need to happen!) What I did instead was accept that I would do what I could, with the energy that I had. Which after the busy Christmas season wasn't a lot. I also booked myself on a retreat for 4 nights in Devon to give myself some time to spend with God and to listen to what his plans are for All Saints in 2025. I've got some ideas, but His will definitely be better. With a bit of luck they may even overlap.

So far, it has been quite revolutionary. As with most things, the minute you decide you're not going to do something then that's all you can think about. By taking away the resolutions and the 'must dos' I have found that I have ironically done more of them. There's probably some scientific reason behind it, or I'm just contrary - one of the two.

The long, dark, cold nights of winter are always difficult but trying to embrace the slower pace of January has definitely helped.

And as we look towards the spring and the evidence of new life in the gardens, I hope that you will find renewed joy and energy too.

With love, Fi



Church Services

8 am Services

2nd, 4th, Sundays

10 am Sunday Services:

In Church | On zoom

Every Sunday

allsaintsgrayswood.org

Morning Prayer

Weds: 9 to 9.30

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.



Save the Date

Sunday 1st June—Grayswood Open Gardens

11.30 am—4.30 pm

More details to follow but get the date in your diary now.

House Group

Meets Tuesdays @ 7.30

Contact Pippa

pippahollins1@gmail.com

for more details

Happy Valentine's Day

You may choose to celebrate on February 14th but there were many Saints named Valentine...so you could also celebrate St. Valentine of Viterbo on November 3rd and you've just missed St. Valentine of Raetia on January 7th.

Some might choose to honor the only female St. Valentine, martyred on July 25th. St Valentine is variously the saint of lovers, people with epilepsy and bee keepers.

The total spend on Valentine gifts in the UK is estimated at £1.5 billion, with 65% of people choosing to celebrate the day and 570 tonnes of roses being bought.

So will you be marking Valentine's Day this year? If you feel the day has no solid reason to be celebrated or has just become too commercialised, please don't completely ignore it; you could treat it as a day to simply show your appreciation of those that love you.

Words are a great gift, so use them to thank those who have shown you love over this past year and brighten their day .



Spring

It happened overnight.
One day we were sat inside
shivering against winter's grey grip
when suddenly, wonderfully,
bright fingers of life
surged up from the ground
to pull a new light down,

then all the stillness
and muted colour
was stirred up
into a humming
sun-touched riot -
yellow and purple splashes
and green upon green.

By Gideon Heugh
from *Devastating Beauty*
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A Prayer for New Year

By Richard Everett

May your Holy Spirit
walk the corridors of earthly power
And search the hearts of those who rule
May He bring wisdom to where there is
foolishness
Compassion to where there is cruelty
Humility to where there is pride
Love to where there is hatred
And peace to where there is hostility
And may the steadfast love, mercy and
faithfulness
Of our Heavenly Father
Over rule in all things
In the name of Christ
Amen

Grayswood Art Group

We are a group of amateur artists who enjoy meeting for two hours a week to relax and explore art ideas.

Self-taught, we use YouTube videos for inspiration, discovering new media and a variety of techniques.

We ask for a four-weekly subscription of £20 and meet every Tuesday from 10.00 until 12.00 at Grayswood Club.

If you would like to join us, contact Angela on awheeler100@gmail.com



Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month for our wonderful book club!

We next meet on Tues 18th February from 8–9 pm to chat about our chosen book which this month is

The trouble with goats and sheep
by Joanna Cannon.



Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com

Grayswood Village Club

Karaoke Night

Saturday 8th February from 7pm

Coffee and Chat

with homemade cakes

Weds 12th February 10-12 noon

Quiz Night

Thursday 27th February - from 7:45

Come as a team or join one on the night

For latest details on Club events, & for information on membership and bookings, please visit our website



GRAYSWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

1920 - 2025

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME | NEW MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Join us in February...

DATE: Weds 12th February
TIME: 7:45/8pm
MEET: Village Hall

Upcoming meetings

MARCH 12TH

An auctioneer joins us to chat the treasures hidden in our homes.

APRIL 9TH

Informal, easy and enjoyable Easter crafts.

MAY 14TH

MS Society guest speaker on the very latest research and findings.

SAY HELLO & FIND OUT MORE

EMAIL: grayswoodwi@gmail.com
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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024. Grayswood



I did not have the information from the RBL re: amount collected for the above in time for the Christmas Edition of the Runner.

I am pleased to inform you that thanks to your generosity the sum collected for this worthy cause was ...£670.35

On behalf of Grayswood Village collectors , Chris Hinton , Isabel Cole , Jo Tomes and myself ...a great big thank you.

Eric McInally

Church Services in February

Feb 2nd	10 am	Parish Communion* Candlemas Bring a candle for blessing
Feb 9th	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship*
Feb 16th	10 am	Parish Communion*
Feb 23rd	8 am 10 am	Holy Communion Morning Worship*

***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: 2025



Our clock is sadly running away with time. Despite efforts to correct the church clock it keeps running fast, so if you have arrived early for an appointment recently our church clock may be to blame.

We are hoping to have it mended very soon.



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 (days off Thurs & 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:

Village Prayer for February

We remember 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

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 | **Grayswood Club:** annette.sandom@gmail.com

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