



### **Happy Easter – Alleluia Christ is risen!**

And I think we could all do with focussing on the positive aspects of Hope and New Life amid our rather heavy and gloomy news at the moment. And Easter is all about both – the hope that we can find in the resurrected life of Jesus.

For many children who go to non-faith schools, Easter can appear like another Hallmark holiday filled with bunnies and chocolate. But the Children of Grayswood School know all about Easter. The Year 4 children led a school service on Ash Wednesday all about Lent and the Year 2 Children will take the school service for Easter. They will sing songs, read bible stories and act out the story of Easter. Having the children in church for these services is such a joy and a blessing and seeing and hearing them sing with such enthusiasm would brighten anyone's day. And regardless of your belief it's good that they understand what Easter is celebrating.

As ever, our services will follow the Easter story... receiving our palm crosses on **Palm Sunday** and then later in the week we mark **Maundy Thursday** with supper together in the OJ Room, where we share an informal communion. (It is one of my favourite services of the year, and if you are interested then please sign up on the website). We will start our **Good Friday** service as always on the Village Green (unless it is absolutely pouring with rain!) as an **Act of Witness** and then in the afternoon we mark the final hour of Jesus's life with an hour of quiet bible reading and reflection. On **Easter Sunday** we have a joyful celebration to mark Jesus' resurrection - a service for all the family – and there will be chocolate!

And if I don't see you over the Easter holidays, my prayer is that you will find Hope wherever you are.

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](http://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)

## **Lent**

### **Pray without ceasing ...?!!**

Lent - an invitation to explore the depth and breadth that prayer can be.

### **Weekly Lenten Hours continue**

Dates 2nd, 9th April  
7-8pm in Grayswood Village Club

Everyone is welcome to join us and if you are unable to attend all of our Lenten Hours - do come along as you can.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

### **Palm Sunday (13th April)**

10 am service with distribution of palms

### **Maundy Thursday (17th April)**

7.30 pm Supper: OJ Room - please book online

### **Good Friday (18th April)**

10 am Service starts on the green and is followed by Hot Cross Buns

2-3 pm The last hour - a contemplative service

### **Easter Sunday (20th April)**

10 am Parish Communion Service

*Come & Celebrate  
with us*



## **Happy Easter**

May the joyful season of Easter fill your heart with renewed hope, love and peace



## Village Pilgrimage

A band of 22 adults and 2 children set off on a mini-pilgrimage from Frillinghurst Woods to the WheatSheaf in Grayswood. Led by Jon Taylor and Fi Gwynn, the wanderers set off for a peaceful and reflective walk.

Jon taught us about the flora and fauna all around us—the pocket of peace is home to a range of wildlife, and the shoots of spring were just starting to appear. We matched swatches of colour to nature to draw attention to the details we so often miss in our busy lives.

Fi introduced us to a different way of praying. During the Lenten Hours we have explored different ways of connecting with God, challenging the idea that you have to be sat with “hands together, eyes closed” to pray.

Focussing our minds on what is around us, being grateful for what we see and appreciating the natural world is a form of prayer that we can all enter into.

We ended our time with a chance to eat, drink and chat at The WheatSheaf.



## Open Gardens Save the date

Sunday 1st June | 11.30 am—4.30 pm

Eleven Gardens to Visit  
Teas in the Village Hall | Plant Stall  
Classic Car Show

## Your Local Library

Libraries just do books, right? Wrong!

Here at Haslemere Library we do Stay and Play, Rhymetime and Storytime for our 0-4yr olds. For older children we do Chatterbooks Book Group, Lego Club, holiday craft sessions, Coding Club and Dungeons and Dragons sessions.

We've hosted special events with Firefighters, Haslemere Thespians, and nature conservationists to name a few. And we haven't forgotten adults either, with book groups, Sketch Group, Meet and Make, computers, free WIFI, printing facilities, Library of Things and author talks.

A lot of what we do is free, so come along to Haslemere Library and see what you've been missing!

## Haslemere Library April Events



Haslemere Library is the place to go for fun!



APRIL 11

MAKE AN ORIGAMI BOOKMARK  
10-11.30AM  
£1.50 PER CHILD

Adults Clubs  
Meet and Make (last Saturday of month, Sketch Club 2nd Friday of month)  
Book Groups (Wednesday and Thursday)



RhymeTime  
Every Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 - 10.30  
FREE

Stay and Play Baby/Toddler Group  
Every Friday 10.00 - 11.00  
FREE

Story Time and Craft  
Every Saturday 10.30 - 11.00  
FREE



APRIL 13

CHILDREN'S BEE WORKSHOP + CRAFT WITH FBKA  
10-11.30AM  
£2.50 PER CHILD



APRIL 2

MAKE A MINI PICTURE BOOK  
10-11.30AM  
£1.50 PER CHILD

## Sunflower Challenge

The days are getting longer and spring is definitely in the air, time to think about planting your sunflower seeds for the summer!

Seeds for growing the giant variety of sunflowers will be available from the back of church from **Sunday 7th April**. Growing instructions will be included. If you wish to enter the challenge please register your name and details. Collect a form from church.



(If you wish to purchase your own seeds 'Russian Giant' or 'Titan' are tall varieties with large single flower heads.)

Looking forward to seeing the village full of sunflowers this summer!

Flowers entered into the challenge will be judged **at the end of September**

**Winners** will be announced at the **Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October**.

## Grayswood Village Club

### Pool Night

Saturday 5th April from 7 pm

### Coffee and Chat

With homemade cakes  
Wednesday 9th April 10-12 noon

### Quiz Night

Thursday 24th April from 7.45pm  
Come as a team or join one on the night!

**\*\*Now open every Saturday night from 7pm until 10.30pm!\*\*\***

### 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

Contact: [annette.sandom@gmail.com](mailto:annette.sandom@gmail.com)



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

## GRAYSWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME | NEW MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

### Join us in February... Practical first aid & defibs

**DATE:** Weds 12<sup>th</sup> March  
**TIME:** 7:45/8pm  
**MEET:** Village Hall

Local First Responder and Chair of Haslemere First Responders, Kevin Morris joins us as our Guest Speaker this month.

He will be talking to us about practical first aid, including using the village defib. This is in response to our members recently voting for the WI 2025 campaign resolution of "Bystanders can be lifesavers".

### Upcoming meetings

#### 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](mailto:grayswoodwi@gmail.com)  
**FACEBOOK:** [@grayswoodwomensinstitute](https://www.facebook.com/grayswoodwomensinstitute)  
**WEBSITE:** [grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home](https://grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home)

## Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month for our wonderful book club! We next meet on Tues 15th April from 8–9 pm to chat about our chosen book

The Welsh Girl  
by Peter Ho Davies

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



PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY THROUGH OUR VILLAGE!  
KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE!  
TIM THE TORTOISE SAYS "SLOW AND STEADY"



## Church Services in April

<b>Apr 6th</b>	<b>10 am*</b>	<b>Parish Communion</b>
<b>Apr 13th</b>	8 am	Holy Communion
	<b>10 am*</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Morning Worship</b>
<b>Apr 17th</b>	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Supper (please book)
<b>Apr 18th</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Good Friday Morning Worship</b> (starting on the Green)
	2 – 3 pm	Last Hour (a contemplative service)
<b>Apr 20th</b>	<b>10 am*</b>	<b>Easter Parish Communion</b>
<b>Apr 27th</b>	8 am	Holy Communion
	<b>10 am*</b>	<b>4th Sunday Service</b> <b>followed by APCM</b>



**\*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)

**NEW Meeting ID: 816 3187 4033 | Passcode: 2025**

## 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](mailto:revfigwynn@gmail.com)  
**Revd Elaine Collins** works part-time (day off Tues)  
Tel 07543 083178  
Email: [revelainecollins@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com).

### Do you have a general enquiry?

Email our church administrator Sarah on [allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit our website:  
**[allsaintsgrayswood.org](https://allsaintsgrayswood.org)**

## Mothering Sunday 30th March

Join us in the Village Hall @ 10 am  
for a relaxed service,  
coffee & pastries crafts & posies

### VILLAGE PRAYER

In April, we remember those who live  
in Grayswood Road, Church Close,  
Sandy Lane and Grayswood Common.



### 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

**Tins and jars:** meat, fruits, vegetables, potatoes, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti 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

**Village Hall Bookings:** [grayswoodvh@outlook.com](mailto:grayswoodvh@outlook.com) | **Grayswood Club:** [annette.sandom@gmail.com](mailto:annette.sandom@gmail.com)

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