



September marks the beginning of Creationtide in the church calendar—a season dedicated to appreciating the wonders of the natural world and reflecting on the many gifts the earth provides. Living in such a picturesque corner of the country, we are fortunate to have green spaces right on our doorstep, ready to be enjoyed and cherished.

Yet, Creationtide also invites us to consider the challenges our planet faces. The climate emergency remains a pressing concern, and it is more important than ever for us to think about our impact on the environment. Whether individually or as a community, each step matters.

As a church, we are striving towards our Silver Eco Award, always seeking new ways to reduce our carbon footprint and care for our world. Obviously, some of our options are limited given the age and build of the church, but we are doing what we can.

One encouraging development has been the arrival of Michelle and her *Refill and Unwrapped* van in the village hall car park every Monday afternoon. For those who haven't yet explored this opportunity, it's a simple and practical way to cut down on single-use plastics. Bring along your empty containers and fill them up with essentials—washing powder, rice, nuts, snacks, and more. (I know there are other refill options too, but this one is particularly convenient, and I can personally confirm that Michelle is delightful.)

No matter where you are on your journey towards reducing waste—just starting out or already committed—let's use this Creationtide as a chance to work together to ensure that this beautiful village we call home is protected for future generations.

With love, Fix

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)

National Week of Prayer

CHURCHES TOGETHER
MONDAY 1 SEPT - SUNDAY 7 SEPT

Churches Hosting 24/7 Prayer this Week

MON 1st Sept	St Stephen's Church, Shottermill	
TUES 2nd Sept	All Saints Church, Grayswood	9am-9pm
	St Luke's Church, Grayshott	9.30am-8pm
WED 3rd Sept	Beacon Hill URC, Hindhead	9am-3pm
THUR 4th Sept	St Alban's Church, Hindhead	
FRI 5th Sept	The Methodist Church, Haslemere	
SAT 6th Sept	3C Vineyard Church, Hammer	
SUN 7th Sept	St Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere	1pm-7pm
	St Christopher's Church, Haslemere	10am-7pm

“As the body of Christ, we are gathering across the UK and beyond; to humble ourselves, repent and pray for lives to be transformed by Jesus, as a spiritual awakening continues in the nations.”

Tuesday 2nd September - Sign-up Sheet for Grayswood at the back of church



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



Jean White RIP

As many of you will know by now, Jean White our much loved organist died at home on 7th July aged 91 and her funeral was held here on 21st August.

Jean faithfully played the organ at All Saints for over 70 years. Having been brought to her church by her father Colin White, who was for many years the choir master, Jean's first service playing the organ was Harvest 1954 when she was just 20.

As well as Sunday services, many in the village will have heard Jean play the organ as they got married, welcomed new babies to baptism or grieved their losses. Jean not only played the organ most weeks, she also supported weekly Choir practice and used proceeds from her Good Book mornings to fund additional music books and awards.

Jean taught many, many children at Grayswood and St Bartholomew's schools, was seen out and about delivering the Runner and Harvest gifts. She organised Mothering Sunday posies and kept the flowers in church and in the porch looking good;



Jean taught Sunday School; was on the PCC, the Pastoral Team, a member of WI and the Beehive, and many other things which made her such an integral part of making All Saints the very special church that it is.

"Well done good and faithful servant [...] enter into the joy of your master."



**Saturday 20th
September
Lion Green
10 til 4 pm**

Managing our Trees

As part of our desire to manage God's acre we've recently undertaken a survey of the churchyard trees.

We've received a donation of 36 whips for a single hedgerow, 14 whips for a small copse and fruit saplings from a partnership with Surrey County Council which we hope to plant in November (the next tree planting season). These will replace the hedging removed when the retaining wall was repaired.

They will also mitigate the loss of the ash trees which need to be felled over a three year period as they have 'die back'; the removal of the cypress (with die back in the crown); and the removal of two conifers which are damaging the graves and headstones. Watch this space ...



John Jeffrey RIP

John passed away recently, aged 91, in Moorlands Lodge Nursing Home, after a short illness.

John moved to Grayswood in 1987, with his first wife Oonagh, having previously worked as a lawyer in London, Nottingham and Hong Kong. They were both keen supporters of church and village life. When Oonagh died, he generously donated to the construction of the Village Hall, where the Oonagh Jeffrey meeting room is a memorial to her.

After Oonagh's death John moved away from Grayswood to marry Shirley, and lived in Loxhill. But he did not forget Grayswood, keeping an eye on the maintenance of Oonagh's grave, and serving for many years as a Trustee of the Friends of All Saints, where I was, as Chairman, fortunate to be working with him. He was always a very wise, and generous member of the team. As he got older and jazz concerts and open gardens were not for him, he would, with his twinkling smile, say: "If I give you a donation – do I need to come?"

John had a very active retirement and dedicated 19 years of service to The Meath Epilepsy Charity in Godalming, notably as Chair of Trustees. The Meath said of John, 'Under his guidance, our charity experienced a period of remarkable growth. His vision and determination brought about real and lasting improvements to the accommodation, care and opportunities available to the people we support.'

For very many years John was a Trustee of HHH Concerts; again, for some of those years I was Chairman and valued his wisdom and insight. He and Shirley were extremely loyal attendees of our concerts and in latter years they would be brought by a friend or member of the family.

Throughout his life, John was a keen and competitive sportsman, and played tennis and squash to a high level. He 'retired' from these sports several times but always made a comeback! He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. *By Pauline Lamb*

'John's family are organising a Thanksgiving service for his life on Monday 15th September at St Peter's Church, Hascombe at 2pm, followed by tea at Hascombe Village Hall. Anyone who knew John and would like to attend is warmly invited to do so. For numbers, it would be helpful if you could email John's daughter Kate at kate@tigerteam.co.uk.'



11th August 2025

To our valued customers,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the immediate closure of The Wheatsheaf Inn due to personal circumstances. This was a difficult decision and we are so sorry for the short notice.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible staff, who have worked tirelessly to make this a special place. They are truly the heart of this pub and we couldn't have done it without them.

We have cherished every moment spent serving you and being a part of this wonderful community. Thank you for your support, your laughter and for making The Wheatsheaf more than just a pub, it was a home.

We are hopeful that The Wheatsheaf will reopen as soon as possible under new ownership. We will share any updates as soon as we have them.

Thank you again for everything. We will miss you.

Warmly, The Wheatsheaf Family



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JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR 105TH ANNIVERSARY!

DATE: Weds 10th September

TIME: 7:45/8pm

MEET: Village Hall

We're thrilled to celebrate the **105th anniversary of our WI!** Join us for a super-social meeting with celebratory drinks and birthday cake.

We can't wait to welcome ladies who were previously members as well as current members and guests. **It's the perfect meeting to discover what we're all about!**

Upcoming meetings

OCTOBER 8TH

Mike Conroy from Surrey Auctions joins us as guest speaker.

Discover an insight into auctioneering, plus take bring an item along with you from home and have it valued.

SAY HELLO & FIND OUT MORE

EMAIL: grayswoodwi@gmail.com

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

WEBSITE: grayswoodwi.wixsite.com/home

Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat

With homemade cakes

Wednesday 10th September 10-12 noon

Quiz Night

Thursday 25th September from 7.45pm

Come as a team or join one on the night!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th Sept 10 -12 noon

Bingo night

Saturday 27th Sept 8pm

Autumn opening hours:

Friday 5pm - 11pm

Saturday 5pm - 10.30pm

Sunday from 3pm



Members only Club but easy to join!

The Club can be booked for parties & family celebrations, & by local Clubs / individuals for regular daytime use

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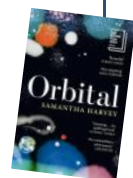
For more details & how to join visit:

<https://www.grayswoodclub.co.uk/>

Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month for our wonderful book club! We meet to chat about our chosen book on Tues 16th Sept 8pm: *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey

Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Cards for Good Causes

Haslemere's Cards for Good Causes shop will once again be popping up at Haslemere Museum



Tuesday 21st October until

Wednesday 24th December

www.cardsforcharity.co.uk

Exciting News

Our 100 Club fundraiser will be launched on 1st September with the first draw on 5th October.

More details:

on the enclosed flyer,

at September's Coffee and Chat or

from Jackie (07730304102) / Di (07769971720)



Church Services in September

Sept 7th	10 am*	Parish Communion
Sept 14th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am*	Morning Worship
Sept 21st	10 am*	Parish Communion
Sept 28th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Café Church in the Village Hall



Join us on Zoom — Sunday Services (in bold) are set as a recurring meeting on zoom—just go to: join.zoom.us

Meeting ID: 816 3187 4033 | Passcode: 2025

Join us for pastries & coffee

Café Church in the Hall

28th September 2025 @ 10 am

If you find walking into church daunting then join us for this informal gathering in the village hall—bring the family—plenty of lego and snacks for children

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

Working days Sun - Weds (other days by prior appt)

Tel 07769 856343 (calls only)

Email: revfigwynn@gmail.com

Revd Elaine Collins works part-time

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?

Contact the church office: 01428 656504 (Mon & 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 September, we pray for those who live or work in The Mount, Upper Mount and Williamson Close



Haslemere Food Bank

If you, or anyone you know is in need please do not hesitate to obtain a voucher for the Food Bank from

Rev Fi Gwynn: 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

Thank you as always for your donations



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 & savoury snacks, packet puddings

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

<https://haslemerefoodbank.com/donate-money/>

Village Hall Bookings: grayswoodvh@outlook.com | **Grayswood Club:** annette.sandom@gmail.com

Grayswood School 642086 | **Grayswood Nursery** 658931