



Advent, Christmas, and the Spirit of Grayswood Village Community

Just as we approach the shortest day of the year and as the weather gets colder (and wetter) Advent arrives, bringing with it a spirit of anticipation and hope.

I can't say that it marks the beginning of Christmas, that appears to have started in September, but it does begin a time of reflection and gratitude.

The Love sign will be in place as a marker to all who pass by that All Saints is a place of welcome to all. The Christmas trees will be up in the Club and the Village Hall, and houses will begin to display twinkling lights. The first of our advent poems will be listed and the Church Fayre will be ready to provide some gift buying opportunities and a chance to socialise with others from the village and beyond.

More than that though, Advent serves as a gentle reminder that, for all our differences, we are bound together by traditions that transcend generations.

From the Carol Service to Christingle, from the first Communion of Christmas to our Christmas Day service, the church fills with familiar faces, voices singing in joyful anticipation of the birth of Christ. It is a time that bridges solitude and togetherness, as the story of hope, humility, and love is retold.

In that shared space, the true meaning of Christmas is found—not in presents or grand gestures, but in the simple acts of kindness and the warmth of community spirit that Grayswood is so good at.

May the birth of Christ inspire us to look out for one another, strengthen our bonds, and carry the light of Advent far beyond the festive season.

With love, Fi x

Church Services

8 am Services

2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays

10 am Sunday Services:

In Church | On zoom

Every Sunday

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Morning Prayer

Weds—9– 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



Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6th December from 11 til 1 pm

Bacon butties from 11.30 at Grayswood Village Hall

Raffle, Cakes & Produce, Bulbs & Plants, Bottle tombola Gifts, Books & DVDs, Brocante, Toys, Preserves

Entrance £1 to include tea/coffee and a biscuit. Free entry for children



Christmas Services

Advent Family Service

Sunday 30th Nov @ 4pm

Carol Service

Sunday 14th Dec @ 6 pm

Crib service with Christingle

Wednesday 24th Dec @ 4 pm

Midnight Communion

Wednesday 24th Dec @ 11.30 pm

Christmas Day Service

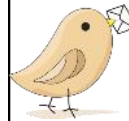
Thursday 25th Dec @ 10 am

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Runner by Post

If you live out of the Parish or find it difficult to get to church regularly, but want to be keep in touch, I can post the Runner to you regularly.

Please send your name and address and 10 x 2nd class stamps for a year, ten issues starting with February 2026.



Pauline Lamb, Little Paddock,
4 Paddock Way, Grayswood. GU27 2EE

GCGC

Godalming Community Gospel Choir

Registered charity number : 1210363



Christmas Showcase

Saturday 13th December 7.30pm

St John's Church, Farncombe GU7 3EJ

Adult Ticket £14 includes Interval Drink - Children Free
Grand Raffle

Tickets at GCGCinformation@gmail.com
or Record Corner - CASH ONLY
or on the Door

"Advent Poems"

Thank you to all those people who kindly submitted their poems. If you haven't already spotted them, look out for each new poem as they are released on All Saints website [allsaintsgrayswood.org], and the village WhatsApp group. The winning two entries will appear on Christmas Eve.

A £20 Amazon Voucher will be emailed to the winner in each category – 16& under and 16+.

For further information contact Angela

Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month for our wonderful book club! We next meet on Tues 16th December from 8–9 pm to chat about our chosen book

Diary of an Invasion by Andrew Kurkov
and on January 21st we meet to discuss

Still Life by Sara Winman

Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat

with homemade cakes

Weds 10th December 10-12 noon

Christmas Quiz Night

Thurs 18th December from 7.45pm

Christmas Opening Hours

Wed 24th Christmas Eve - 7-11pm

Thurs 25th Christmas Day - Club Closed

Fri 26th Boxing Day - 7-11pm

New Year's Eve Party

Weds 31st Bar Open from 7pm

Coffee and Chat

Weds 14th January

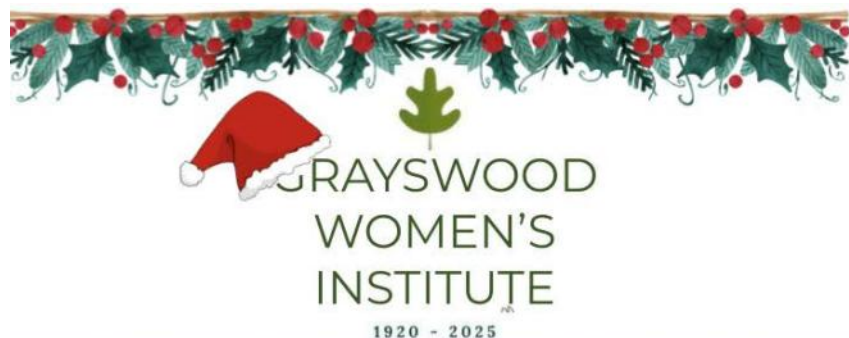
Quiz Night

Thurs 29th January - 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
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1920 - 2025

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME | NEW MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

**BRING & SHARE SUPPER,
CHRISTMAS CRAFT & A
CHAT WITH HASLEMERE
COMMUNITY FRIDGE**

DATE: Weds 10th December
TIME: 7:45/8pm
MEET: Village Hall

**A BUMPER evening to end a
great year for our lovely WI!**

Join us for our famous **Bring & Share Supper**, raise a glass and enjoy fun **Festive Crafting** with Craft Queen Tonia, plus hear from Tause Page on our fantastic **Haslemere Community Fridge**.

IN JANUARY...

We welcome **Dogs for Autism** - the first charity exclusively providing assistance dogs to people of all ages with autism, at no charge.

We'll hopefully meet one of their gorgeous assistance dogs and hear about the brilliant benefits they've already brought to so many individuals and families.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Grayswood Village Club

WINTER OPENING HOURS

FRIDAY

5PM - 11PM

SUNDAY

FROM 3PM

LAST THURS OF MONTH

7.15PM - 1030PM

SATURDAY EVENTS

AS ADVERTISED

Haslemere's Cards for Good Causes


Shop open at Haslemere Museum
til December 24th.

Christmas cards, tags and gift wrap

www.cardsforcharity.co.uk
or

call Haslemere Museum on
01428 642112





Church Services in December / January

Dec 1st	10 am	Advent Sunday Service*
	4 pm	Advent Family Service with crafts, songs and children's tea
Dec 8th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Advent Sunday Service*
Dec 15th	10 am	Advent Sunday Service*
	6 pm	Carol Service
Dec 22nd	10 am	Advent Sunday Service*
Dec 24th	4 pm	Crib with Christingle Service
	11.30 pm	First Communion of Christmas
Dec 25th	10 am	Christmas Day Service*
Dec 29th	10 am	UB St Barts Communion
Jan 5th	10 am	Parish Communion*
Jan 12th	8 am	Holy Communion
	10 am	Morning Worship*
Jan 19th	10 am	Parish Communion*
Jan 26th	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

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 for December and January

We remember those who live and work in Prestwick Lane, Clammer Hill Road, Paddock Way, Muddy Lane; Holdfast Lane, Three Gates Lane & Highercombe 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.



Christmas Appeal

We are appealing for items that can support families and children over the festive period:

- * Mince pies, small Christmas cakes and puddings (400g)
- * Small boxes of biscuits and chocolates
- * Pringles, bags of nuts, and 6-packs of crisps
- * Cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, bread sauce etc
- * Soft drinks / Christmas Crackers

Please check that any best-before dates are AFTER Christmas

Thank you



Village Hall Bookings: grayswoodvh@outlook.com | Grayswood Club: annette.sandom@gmail.com
Grayswood School 642086 | Grayswood Nursery 658931