



The Grayswood Runner

As we step into May, it may surprise some of you to learn that the season of Easter is still very much with us. Easter does not end on Easter Sunday; it continues for fifty days, culminating in the celebration of Pentecost. On that day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and often speak of it as the birthday of the Church. Many will remember Pentecost by its older names, Whit Sunday or Whitsun.

Along the way, we also mark Ascension Day, ten days before Pentecost, when Jesus ascended into heaven and was no longer physically present with his disciples. Those ten days between Ascension and Pentecost have become a special time of prayer for Christians across the world through the prayer movement **Thy Kingdom Come**.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global, ecumenical initiative that invites Christians everywhere to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Since it began in May 2016, what started as a simple idea has grown into a remarkable movement of prayer, now shared by millions of believers in countries across the world and spanning many different denominations and traditions.

Despite our differences, we are united in a shared hope—that friends, families, neighbours and colleagues might encounter Jesus for themselves.

Everyone is encouraged to take part in these ten days of prayer in whatever way feels right for them, whether individually, as households, or as a church community. Central to Thy Kingdom Come is a simple but powerful invitation: to pray for five people who have not yet responded with their “yes” to God’s call, asking that God’s Spirit may be at work in their lives.

Whether you have joined in Thy Kingdom Come before or this will be your first time, you are warmly invited to take part. This year’s theme is “God is with us”, reminding us that we pray not from a distance, but in the presence of a faithful and loving God who walks with us.

There will be a range of resources available in church to help you join in, so please pop in and pick some info up, pray along, and share in this season of hope.

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)



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 & cake for accompanying adults.

Lovely sociable group



Unwanted Hornets

After a slow start to spring, I must say I was a bit worried about the lack of insects flying – certainly no honeybees and only one or two bumble bees. After the recent warm spell, there are still no honeybees in my garden but a reassuring number of endearing fluffy ‘bumbles’! But it is a sign of the pressure our insects are under – yes, even those annoying midges and the party-disrupting wasps. Remember when a car journey used to result in a fly-splattered windscreen?

Times change and insects are dealing with climate change, flowers blooming at odd times, pesticides and loss of habitat. Add to that any alien introductions and the picture gets worrying.

I’ve been sending village WhatsApp messages for the last few years about Asian Hornets (now referred to as Yellow Legged Hornets after complaints from an influential group of London beekeepers!). These apex predators are now established in England, with evidence that in some areas and in spite of concentrated monitoring and searching, some nests have been overlooked and new queens are setting up for this year. We also have traffic to and from continental Europe, where they are firmly established and successful at hitching lifts.

So, while the branches and undergrowth are still bare/patchy do look around on your walks. Before fighting brambles and hedges into submission, stand back and look to check any insect activity.

YLH take no prisoners if their nests are disturbed. Check your sheds and outbuildings for any embryo nests and take a photo. Give me a call or email me if you aren’t sure. The Asian Hornet Watch app – still called that! – is good to have on your phone, giving images of the YLH and other insects that might be similar and allows you to send photos direct to them for verification together with your GPS location.

You might soon see bait stations hanging up around the village, the same as last year. They contain non-toxic liquid to attract insects and particularly YLH and will have information attached with my contact details. I had lots of messages last year, with no positive sightings but that is great! Two nests were found near Dorking last summer which is worryingly close, so we need to be aware.

Here’s hoping for a not-too-hot and a hornet-free summer! Di Cook (drdcook01@gmail.com)



£15 pp

AUCTION of PROMISES

Hosted by:
Governors of Grayswood School

Saturday, 16th May 2026
7pm arrival for 7:30pm start

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS OR VISIT THE WEBSITE

Includes Ploughman’s supper and a licensed bar
For more information email revfigwynn@gmail.com

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/grayswood/grayswood-primary-school>

All Saints Church
Grayswood

PLANTS, COFFEE AND CAKE

Cakes and Produce
Plants galore
Refreshments

Saturday 6th June 2026

10 - 12.30
At the Village Club

Any plants that you are splitting?
Do you find you’ve sown too many veg plants?

Please contact Jackie
(07730304102/jmhallsaints@gmail.com)
or Di (07769971720/drdcook01@gmail.com)
for any contributions nearer the day

Contactless payment only

Are you a winner?! 5th April

First prize – £43.40 – number 26
Second prize – £12.40 – number 20
Third prize – £6.20 – number 6



Want to join our 100 Club? More details on the website, at Coffee and Chat or message Jackie (07730 304102) / Di (07769 971720)

Thank you from Coffee and Chat

Since 2022, your donations have supported: The Hunter Centre, Haslemere Food Bank, British Red Cross Appeals (Ukraine, Gaza, Syria), Turkish Earthquake Appeal, and Breast Cancer Now.

You've raised nearly £3100
What better reason to eat cake



Village Club on 2nd Weds from 10 - 12 noon

Grayswood Village Club

Coffee and Chat

With homemade cakes
Wednesday 13th May 10-12 noon

Quiz Night

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

Summer Opening Hours:

NEW Wednesdays 3.30 pm to 7pm
Friday 5pm - 11pm | Sunday from 3pm
Last Thurs of month: 7.15pm - 10.30pm

Members only Club but easy to join!

For events & how to join visit
grayswoodclub.co.uk



The Club can be booked for parties & family celebrations, & by local Clubs / individuals for regular daytime use
grayswoodclub@gmail.com

Join us on Saturday 16th May for Eurovision Night at the Grayswood Club. 8pm
EUROVISION SONG CONTEST VIENNA 2026
Douze points, Grayswood!
Love it or hate it - you might as well do it at Grayswood Club hosted by Marcus
Loud, proud, and gloriously over the top Don't just watch it—live it

Grayswood Book Club

Join us each month for our wonderful book club! We meet to chat about our chosen book on Tues 19th May at 8pm:
Blue Sisters by Coco Mellors
Contact Angela: awheeler100@gmail.com



GRAYSWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
1920 - 2026

GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME | NEW MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

THE WEY & ARUN CANAL

DATE: Weds 13th May
TIME: 7:45/8pm
MEET: Village Hall



Discover "London's lost route to the sea". Hear about the feat of engineering behind its 1816 opening to connect the Thames to the English Channel for safe passage during the Napoleonic Wars, plus how restoration continues to allow scenic boat trips and walks.

COMING UP...

JUNE 10TH

PETANQUE & PIMMS
We're keeping everything crossed for sun and venturing onto the village green for our first outdoor meeting of the year. Fun, friendly chat and refreshments are guaranteed, come rain or shine!

JULY 8TH

HASLEMERE WALK & TALK
A guided trip and gentle walk around the key blue plaque sites around our market town.

SAY HELLO & FIND OUT MORE

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

Haslemere Bereavement Café

All welcome

Wednesday 27th May 2026 10 to 12 noon

Grayswood Village Club, Lower Road, Grayswood GU27 2DR

Call 07769 856343

Set up by local qualified bereavement volunteers, the Café is a new venture to offer support and company for those finding bereavement and grief especially difficult following their loss.

This is for anyone who has been bereaved and it doesn't matter whether they died recently or many years ago, there is no time limit to grief. Whilst there will be qualified volunteers on hand it is also intended to be a safe space where you may find that your own experience will help someone else

May 2026

All Saints Church serving the community in Grayswood

Church Services

Ways to contact us

May 3rd	10 am*	Parish Communion
May 10th	8 am 10 am*	Holy Communion Morning Worship
May 17th	10 am*	Parish Communion
May 24th	8 am 10 am*	Holy Communion Pentecost
May 31st	8 am 10 am*	Holy Communion United Benefice Service at All Saints

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 appointment)
Tel 07769 856343 (calls only) Email: revfigwynn@gmail.com

Revd Elaine Collins works part-time
Tel 07543 083178 Email: revelainecollins@icloud.com

Pastoral Team

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 Lead Daphne Bleach 07950 785051

Baptism? Wedding? Funeral?

Contact the church office: 01428 656504 (Mon & Thurs am)
or email allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

Do you need more information?

Email general enquiries to our church administrator Sarah on allsaintsgrayswood@gmail.com

Visit our website allsaintsgrayswood.org

*Join us on Zoom

Sunday Services (in bold*) are set as a recurring meeting on zoom. Just go to join.zoom.us



Meeting ID: 872 4511 0792 | Passcode: 1902

Join us as we celebrate
Pentecost and the coming
of the Holy Spirit
Sunday 24th May @ 10 am

Village Prayers

We pray for worshippers who live in:
Grayswood Road/Haslemere Road beyond
the church including
Lower & Upper Birtley,
Witley Farm, Shoelands,
South Park, Stroud,
Hurt Hill and High Button



Village Contacts

Village Hall Bookings: grayswoodvh@outlook.com

Grayswood Club: grayswoodclub@gmail.com

Grayswood School: info@grayswood.surrey.sch.uk

Grayswood Nursery: info@grayswoodnurseryschool.co.uk



Haslemere Food Bank

Thank you as always for your donations



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.

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