

APRIL 2002 — WORSHIP AT ALL SAINTS

Sunday 7 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Easter 2	10.00 am	Parish Communion (No Sunday School)
Sunday 14 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Easter 3	10.00 am	Morning Worship <i>Service followed by a time of prayer for our church, our village and our world.</i> (Crèche, Climbers, Explorers, Pathfinders)
	6.00 pm	Informal Worship Service
Sunday 21 st	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Easter 4	10.00 am	Parish Communion (Crèche, Climbers, Explorers)
Sunday 28 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
Easter 5	10.00 am	Family Worship

Every Monday at 9.00 am, there is a short service of Morning Prayer, and every Thursday at 10.15 am, there is a service of Holy Communion with prayers for healing. Everyone is welcome to attend these services.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH OFFICE — Our Church Administrator, Janet Fry, is in the Church Office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. The Parish Priest, Rev Kate Atkinson, is on duty Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. Please keep these days and times in mind when ringing or calling at Church House. The office telephone/fax number is **01428 656504** and our email address is **allsaintschurch@grayswood.co.uk**

MORNING PRAYER — Morning Prayer now takes place in one of the local churches every weekday morning at 9.00 am. The venues are:

Monday	All Saints, Grayswood
Tuesday	St Stephen's, Shottermill
Wednesday	St Paul's, Camelsdale
Thursday	St Bartholomew's, Haslemere
Friday	Our Lady of Lourdes, Haslemere

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS for **May** should be with Pauline Lamb by **15th April**. These can be left in her pigeonhole in Church, or posted/delivered to: Longacre, Holdfast Lane, Haslemere GU27 2EY.

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Parish Newsletter

April 2002

Dear Friends,

Now that we have put our clocks forward and the days are getting longer, we are perhaps more acutely aware of the importance of light in our lives. All of a sudden it is possible to do so many more things at the end of each day. We can stay outdoors for longer; we have less inclination to curl up in front of the fire — or the television; even our children's bedtimes are getting later!

It is remarkable what a difference light can make to us. We notice when we are deprived of it — when there is a power cut, for example, or when a lightbulb burns out. Even our moods can be influenced by the degree of light or dark. Look at the way film directors use gloomy lighting to suggest danger, sorrow, confusion and bleakness. They know that, the harder it is to see what surrounds us, the more likely we are to feel anxious. There is nearly always a great sigh of relief when the lights come back on, or when the sun comes up.

The Bible is full of references to one particular light and the dramatic difference it can make to people's lives. John's gospel describes it like this: 'This was the real light — the light that comes into the world and shines on everyone'. (John 1:9) This light has a name and a voice. His name is Jesus and his voice is as loud and clear today as it was when he first came into the world.

At Easter, we celebrate that remarkable event which proved that Jesus' light could never be extinguished — not even by death. When Jesus rose to life again, leaving behind an empty cross and an empty tomb, he banished for ever the darkness of fear and death and sin. Nothing can compare with the magnitude of the sacrifice Jesus made for us when he died for our sins. And nothing can compare with the magnitude of the gift he gave us when he showed us that death doesn't have to mean the end. When we accept both his sacrifice and his gift of life, an amazing thing happens: we begin to encounter Jesus' light in the most unexpected places. And that light reveals the possibility of so many more things we can do for him.

Has an amazing thing happened to you this Easter? I would love to hear about it!

Yours faithfully,

Kate Atkinson, Parish Priest

APRIL

Wednesday	3 rd	2.00 pm	Beehive Group , 147 Kings Road
Wednesday	3 rd	2.00 pm	Haslemere Mother's Union , The Link <i>Spring Flowers</i>
Wednesday	3 rd	8.00 pm	Weekly Bible Study , 29 Lower Road
Thursday	4 th	7.30 pm	Garden Club
Saturday	6 th	7.45 am	Men's Breakfast Meeting Anthony - <i>Trip to Rome</i>
Saturday	6 th	7.30 pm	Men's Breakfast Social <i>Ten-Pin Bowling at The Spectrum</i>
Wednesday	10 th	8.00 pm	Grayswood Women's Institute <i>An Ornament</i>
Wednesday	10 th	8.00 pm	Weekly Bible Study , 29 Lower Road
Thursday	11 th	9.05-11.30 am	Parent and Toddler Club Weekly in the Village Hall
Wednesday	17 th	8.00 pm	Weekly Bible Study , 29 Lower Road <i>Don't Covet (Old Testament)</i>
Thursday	18 th	9.05-11.30 am	Parent and Toddler Club Weekly in the Village Hall
Friday	19 th	10.30-12.00 am	The Rock Coffee Morning Rockfield, Ash Tree Close
Monday	22 nd	10.30-12.00 am	Good News Van Corner Cottage, 77 Lower Road
Wednesday	24 th	8.00 pm	Weekly Bible Study , 29 Lower Road <i>Don't Covet (New Testament)</i>
Thursday	25 th	9.05-11.30 am	Parent and Toddler Club Weekly in the Village Hall
Wednesday	26 th	8.00 pm	Weekly Bible Study , 29 Lower Road

FOR VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS — telephone Michelle Brown on 01428 643859.

PASTORAL CARE — If you have any concerns or requests, please contact Kate Atkinson 656504, Doreen Hutton 644178, Peter Rix 644295 or Jean White 643338.

PRAYER COVERAGE FOR THE VILLAGE — In April we remember those who live in Grayswood Road, Church Close, Sandy Lane and Grayswood Common.

GRAYSWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL — is run daily in term time, from 9.05 am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall. Contact: Enrolment Officer Michelle Brown (652571) for information.

BEATING THE BOUNDS — Would you like to stride around the parish boundaries on a guided 14-mile hike led by Anthony Ramsden? If so, why not join the group meeting on the Village Green at 9.45 am on Saturday 27th April. The walkers are not likely to return until about 4.30 pm, so please bring a picnic and refreshments with you. If you can't walk for the whole day, why not join the group at Brook Village Green at about 12.30 pm?

CHIDDINGFOLD BAPTIST CHURCH — have invited singer Paul Jones and his wife, actress Fiona Hendley, to an Evangelistic event at Chiddingfold Village Hall on Saturday 27th April at 7.30 pm. The couple will sing and chat about their experiences of life, how marriage can survive under pressure, and about Christian faith in the world of show business. Tickets costing £5.00 are available from Rosemary Harris on 01428 683509.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING — This half-day event is taking place on Saturday 25th May from 9.45 am until 1.15 pm, at Three Counties Church Building, Lynchmere Road, Hammer. It is for church leaders and children's and youth work leaders, aged 16 plus, to look at the nature of abuse, and its signs and symptoms. If you would like a booking form please phone the church office on 01428 656504, or for further information contact Debs

Smith on 01428 653011, or Steve Seedall on 01428 642996.

EQUIPPING THE CHURCH TO SERVE AND HEAL — A Christian Counselling Training Course, run by Julia Muir, who works for Direction for Life, an organisation dedicated to the training of Christian Counsellors and Pastoral Carers, is starting at Chiddingfold Baptist Church over the weekend of 10th, 11th and 12th May. It comprises six modules, running over two years and incorporating twelve weekends for training (each costing £55.00). The course, validated by the Open College Network, is recognised by the Association of Christian Counsellors as level 2 Counsellor Training Certificate. For further information, contact Rev. Tim Langdon on 01428 683821.

FAMILY LINK — is a local service providing practical support for families who have a child or young person with a disability. The aim of the scheme is to 'link' families with local carers who can help share the care for agreed periods of time (ranging from a few hours to an overnight stay or weekend). This flexible service is looking for volunteers with energy, a sense of humour, and an interest in helping support children with disabilities. If you are interested and would like further information about the scheme, please contact Martine Haryett or Angela Tuck on 01483 517950.

PAULINE LAMB — with Juliet and Tamsin, would like to thank everyone in Grayswood parish who wrote so kindly and thoughtfully on hearing of Michael's death recently. "Your consoling words, anecdotes, and prayers are valuable to us, and we are strengthened by your love. I have learnt that Grayswood is a very special village, made up of people who really care for each other; so my thoughts and prayers go to all of you who are also at various stages along the journey of grief. May God bless you with hope and strength. Our thanks to you all".

SURREY PRESERVATION TRUST — has kindly agreed to make a grant of £500 towards the cost of stone repairs and repointing of the church. The majority of the Trust's funds are raised via their Annual Sponsored Bike Ride, held on the second Saturday in September. Would you like to take part? More details nearer the time!