



THE GURNARD NEWS

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Your free monthly magazine collated for you by Gurnard church, bringing you news and events from the churches and organisations in and around the Parish of Gurnard.

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A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'

Hello friends,

Goodness me it's been a while since I was able to speak to you directly via the Newsletter. I really do hope that this Newsletter finds you in good spirits as we begin to look around from the closed door of lockdown. These past months have certainly been a very difficult time for us and we are far from back to normal just yet.

Over these past months I have once again been moved at how our communities have pulled together to help one another out. The milk of human kindness stretches a long way when we are faced with such deeply troubling times. As I see and hear of situations where neighbours and friends have gone to such great lengths to ensure, those who are more vulnerable, are cared for, my heart is filled with a degree of happiness.

I say a degree of happiness because I wish the difficult time had not been there in the first place, but life has a habit of throwing us in these situations from time to time doesn't it?

The way we rally around and help one another shows me how God created us as inherently good at our birth. Sadly, for some people, life experiences can lead them down a path that can end up bringing more difficulties and challenges than the average person. But that does not alter my view that at the heart of all individuals, caring for others in time of need is something we all try to do.

When I attend church it is this thought that lies at the front of my mind. It is at those times that I give thanks to God for all that is good in the world starting with the kindness of individuals who are often strangers to one another, but who wish to make life that little bit easier for others. When I see these attributes in people, it leads me to have a deeper sense of God in my day to day life. Seeing the best in people, seeing how we come together in times of difficulty and try to help one another brings me that sense of wholeness and peace that I feel we all need in life.

In recent weeks I have been talking a lot about our sense of the spiritual at church, how we find that sense of what can make us feel at peace and bring us closer to that feeling of wholeness in our lives. People, nature, music amongst many other positive things lead me to that sense of the spiritual and when I feel at my most peaceful. I've often said that God is in everything that is holy, good and peaceful. The only thing that that can limit our awareness of God is our imagination, and then when we gather together, normally on a Sunday, we can share those moments with one another and strengthen our sense of the spiritual and the bond that exists between us all.

I feel this is when our sense of God can be at its strongest. But the very nature of all that is spiritual is when it is personal to us because each one of us will have a unique sense of what makes us find that peace and wholeness in our life.

So as I write this brief piece for us today, let me ask you, what is it that brings you to that place of wholeness and peace, that special place that you can go to when you feel under stress and are in need of a little spiritual refreshment, because I do sincerely believe that we all need to have this in our lives.

For some of us finding quiet in the midst of a busy chaotic life can bring us a degree of calm, whereas some of us have too much quiet in our lives and long for more human contact. Finding peace and that sense of wholeness is more about finding ourselves and seeking that path that brings us closer to finding our identity in life, and when we do we can often gain that sense of the spiritual in our lives.

I look back over these past months and I reflect upon all that has tested our resolve, that has tested our strength of character, that has created a stronger sense of community and has brought us closer together. I offer thanks to God for all those opportunities that have given us a stronger sense of the good that is within us all and has often created a stronger sense of identity within each of us. As we journey on through life, my prayer for us all is that through that mutual support we will become stronger still and we will rediscover all that connects us with our sense of the spiritual, our sense of God, and we will find that degree of peace and wholeness that we need in our life.

With all my love, Revd Steve x



For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
Rev'd Amanda Collinson 294913

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'

September 2020



6th 13th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)
9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

13th 14th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)
9.30am Service of the word
(a non-communion service)

20th 15th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)
9.30am Holy Communion

27th 16th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)
9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Please note: The church currently has a limited capacity, as we abide by social distancing regulations, so please inform Rev Amanda Collinson (by phone 294913 or email amandacollinson01@gmail.com) if you wish to attend a service, so she can reserve you a place.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD COMMUNITY GROUPS

Please note that due to the current health situation the following 3 community groups run by All Saints' will be suspended until further notice.

- CIRCLE DANCING
- ELEPHANT CLUB
- COFFEE & CHAT

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* **Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society** *
* **MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** *



As you are more than aware, Covid-19 is still active and as such we will be taking many practical precautions to reduce the risk of infection and cross-contamination. These will include limiting the hours that the church is open, having the church supervised at all times, significant areas of the church roped off, regular cleaning with anti-bacterial equipment and of course maintaining the social distancing measures throughout.

We will open

Wednesday between the hours of 11am and 1pm.

Depending on the numbers of people who attend this may alter in the future.

With love, thoughts and prayers as we slowly come out of this difficult time.

Amanda

Priest in Charge, Gurnard Church

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Isle of Wight Councillors Report from Paul Fuller, Councillor for Cowes West and Gurnard.

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Surgeries.

(In order to comply with Coronavirus Restrictions these will take place, where possible outdoors).

4:30-5pm, Tuesday 1st September, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 1st September, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

10:30-11:30am, Thursday 3rd September, Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

5:15-5:45pm, Wednesday 9th September, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

11:45-12:15pm, Wednesday 16th September, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.

3-3:30pm, Wednesday 23rd September, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes.

11:30-12pm, Thursday, 24th September, Food Shack & Bar, Gurnard Pines, Cockleton Lane, Gurnard.

4:30-5pm, Wednesday 30th September, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

5:15-5:45pm, Wednesday 30th September, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

Surgeries Update.

Thank you to the very lovely Rod Ainge and Karen from **Eegons Cafe**, who accommodated my last Thursday of the month surgeries.

Rod's ear, his ideas, support and free cuppas were very much welcomed throughout this time, and I was very sad to hear premises where Eegons had been trading from had been sold!

Surgerywise, I'm searching for a new venue in Cowes, to follow a new surgery being relocated to the Café at Gurnard Pines. Having spoken to the Café, if all goes well, in the future I'm hoping to hold drop-in's with the CAB and other support groups...

The surgery takes place 11:30am- noon on either the third or fourth Thursday of each month.

St Mary's junction.

In recent weeks there have been regular delays occur at this junction. This follows work commencing on the more difficult aspects of the scheme. I anticipate delays will become commonplace between now and December. Please visit:

<http://islandroads.com/newport-st-marys-strategic-junction-improvements/for> updates. In response, as well as calls to Island Roads, I've asked for incidents of anti-social driving is monitored.

Supporting local businesses: Use them or lose them?

A large number of local businesses continue to be impacted by the downturn in custom. This is particularly relevant to pubs, café's and small shops- all which desperately seek our support. If you can shop local, please shop local as our community needs all the support we as residents we can give! This is not only important for shops themselves, but to those who depend upon jobs and the local interaction that help make our local community thrive. In the meantime, I'm speaking to the IW Council about doing all they can to ensure our towns flourish. Although I received a complaint concerning the 20p cost, this charge is necessary to help maintain the toilets and is a small contribution from beach/ Green users rather than just Gurnard precept payers. During the transferral of toilets by the IW Council, residents suggested they would prefer to pay a charge than lose toilets all together. Subsequently where toilets have been replaced, there is likely to be a charge. This has happened in Shanklin and for toilets planned in Newport.

Active Travel funding to improve access for Cyclists.

IW Councillors were contacted concerning 'Active Travel' funding from Government. This follows Covid-19 issues raised to improve pedestrian and particularly cycling access. In light of this, we were advised of a proposal to reconfigure traffic flows to allow a new cycle route into Cowes. Following feedback from councillors, I've suggested for more to be done to re-route cycles from the pedestrianised town, whilst increasing public access to the shoreside. This is also being looked into.

Place Road new Pedestrian Refuge.

Following perseverance a new refuge emerged in Place Road to make it safe for pedestrians crossing the road to The Range and Aldi. It was a long time coming, but thank you for your patience

Gurnard Green Toilets.

Toilets at Gurnard Green recently refurbished by Gurnard Parish Council reopened in July. Following snagging, the large majority of residents has welcomed the new facilities. My grateful thanks to Gurnard Parish Council for their commitment on this.

Anti-Social Behaviour.

I continue to receive feedback concerning noise nuisance and anti-social behaviour following gatherings on Gurnard Beach. From June's police report all four reported crimes related to incidents in Gurnard occurred in relation to or during the aftermath of beach gatherings. This followed my request for the police to increase their presence. Although four reported crimes are not a lot, it does demonstrate a need!

Please report all incidents to: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

or by email to: west.wight.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Coronavirus Update.

As things start to revert to normal, myself and Cllr Peacey Wilcox are working with Community Action and the IW Council.

I am working on a local plan to set out locally who does what, and where volunteers can plug any gaps should a second wave emerge. In the meantime updates can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Trees, Hedges and Bushes.

Bird nesting season ended in August. This will allow roadside, footway and public rights of way hedges to have more of a significant trim. Please let me know of sites where access is impaired.

Over the summer, I supported residents with neighbours overgrown bushes, hedges and trees. To note:

- There is no general requirement that all hedges should be kept below a certain height.
- There is no limit to the height of a hedge or a tree in a garden.
- There is no law prohibiting the planting of leylandii trees.
- There is no such thing as an automatic 'right to light' or a view.

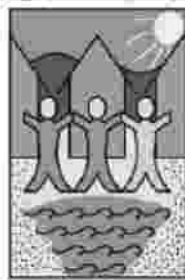
For details: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Environment-Planning-and-Waste/Planning/Tree-Preservation-Orders/Trees-and-the-Law>

Also this month:

- ◆ Environmental Health were notified concerning safety after the build-up of timber off Place Road. Subsequently after my calls, the Fire Brigade was called out following an impromptu bonfire.
- ◆ A further application has been received to construct an additional two dwellings at The Dottens.
- ◆ Concerns were raised regarding taxi operators not using face coverings. This was reported to Licensing Officers, who advised that although drivers can refuse to accept customers not prepared to wear masks, there is no legal requirement on drivers to shield or do the same.

- Island Roads are intending to name the new development in Egypt Hill, Monterey Close.
- Alongside our MP and some IW Councillors, I am supporting the WAVE Trust in supporting those with 'Adverse Childhood Experiences'. Please visit <https://www.wavetrust.org/7030> for details.

Gurnard



Parish Council

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Gurnard Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to join Gurnard Parish Council

What do Councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for co-option. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live within 3 miles of Gurnard

How can I get involved?

Contact the Clerk to Gurnard Parish Council at

gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com to find out more



The Village Hall has the following Regular Groups.
to join a group pop in or contact bookings
carolynsibley@icloud.com

MONDAY

9.30 - 11am Judith Didham Yoga (restart FEB 2020)
1.30 – 3.30 p.m. Art Group (Tony Westmore)
5 - 6 pm Tai Kwando (Pete Scotcher)
7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Cowes Art Group (Ian Dawkins)

TUESDAY

10-12 noon Spinney Quilters (Val Clearey)
(3 times a year from 12 to 3pm Village Lunch. W.I.)
4 - 7.30 -Yoga Elizabeth Bolwell
7.30 – 9.00 p.m. International Dance (Mavis Bownas)

WEDNESDAY

10-12 noon Art Group (Tony Westmore)
1st And 3rd 2 - 4 p.m. Cyber Café
1st 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Gurnard Cottage Garden Society (Emma Glasbey)
2nd and last 5pm to 8 pm Gurnard Parish Council (Katie Riley)
3rd Gurnard Bay W.I. 6.30 – 9.30 p.m. (Judith Westbrook)

THURSDAY

9.30 - 11 am Judith Didham Yoga
12 - 1.30 Keep Active Exercise Group (Andy Savage)
4th Thursday 2-4pm Creative Writing (Chris Lund)
5 - 6 pm Tae Kwando (Pete Scotcher)

FRIDAY

9.30 - 11 am Parents and Toddlers (Polly Segar)
12 - 1. 30 Yoga (E Bolwell)
2- 4 p.m. Solent Singers (ladies)) Suzanne Longstone)
(every 1st) 7 p.m. Gurnard Film Society (Janet White)

SUNDAY

(every 5th) 4 -5pm Gurnard Gathers. (Rev. S Sutcliffe)

The Village Hall may be hired subject to Terms and Conditions
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USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern	525282	Health Centre (appointments)	294902
Ambulance (Transport)	825111	Health Centre (general)	295251
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1202959	Hospital (St Mary's)	524081
Electricity (Emergencies)	0800 072 7282	Library (24hr renewal line)	822123
Gas (Emergencies)	0800 111999	Police	999
Water (Emergencies)	0845 2720845	Out of Hours GP & Dentist	0840508345
Flood-line (Mon -Fri 8am - 8pm W/ends 10am - 4pm)	0845 9881188		
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All Saints' Church, Curate	Rev'd Diana Netherway		298505
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	Mrs Sandie Munt		295258
All Saints' Church, Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Butler		200980
All Saints' Church, Treasurer	Mrs Wendy Peskett		292145
All Saints' Church, Organist	Mrs Yvonne Mills		292256
Junior Church (Sunday School)	Rev'd Amanda Collinson		294913
Cowes Methodist Church, Minister	Rev'd David Plumb		884694
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Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Cynthia Ash		293619
Cyber Cafe	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Hall Assoc. Chairman	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society	Mrs Emma Glasbey		293130
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Gurnard Film Society



FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS

Friday 4th September 7.30 pm

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS AS NONE SERVED.
Face coverings are required.

2019 UK Social Comedy

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Director Chris Foggin.

BOOKING IS REQUIRED FOR THE 30 SEATS AVAILABLE.

Phone, text or email – see below.

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Cert.12 Admission £5.00 (sorry, cash only).

Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane (off Worsley Road), Gurnard PO31 8JR Tel: 240615

Text 07801 532482 E Mail: gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com or



First, a big thank you for all your messages of support following the news of our necessary closure.

The good news is that we will be restarting Gurnard Film Society on **Friday 4th September** with **FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS**. (was to be screened in July 2020).

Obviously it will not be quite the same, due to the Covid19 requirements.

* There is seating for a maximum of 30 people, so **booking will now be needed**. Please text or message 07801532482, telephone or leave a message on 01983 240615 or email gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com.

Let me know how many seats you need and whether together or socially distant. So you can have 1, 2, 3 or more seats together. There will be a 2 meter distance to the next seat or group and a 1.5 m distance between rows. Please book asap and before 3.00 p.m. on Friday 4th September.

* **Face coverings** are now a requirement in community halls.

* Payment is by **cash only** (until we can afford to buy a card reader) so please have your £5 for each person ready to put in the box at the entrance, possibly outside, or just inside the outer door.

* **Hand sanitising** will then be required in the porch before going into the hall.

* You will be **shown to your seat** and you are asked to remain seated at the end of the film until shown when to leave.

* Please **arrive between 7.00 and 7.30 p.m.** to give us extra time for cleaning and to give you time for payment, hand sanitising and getting to your seat before the film starts. Although the seating is socially distant you will still be able to converse with 'near neighbours' 2 meters around you while you wait.

* You are welcome to **bring your own refreshments** as we will not be supplying any just yet.

Despite the inconvenience, or due to the reassurance of the above new requirements, we do hope that you will feel able to venture out to enjoy the evening's film together and we are looking forward to seeing you there again after all these months.

If you would like to come, please contact me as soon as possible for a booking.

We would also be very interested to know if any of the above requirements would be a reason for you not to come back to Gurnard Film Society.

BOOKINGS: Tel 240615 or Text: 07801 532482 or Email gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com

Thank you

Janet

(on behalf of GFS)



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Our menu is about seasonality and great taste, with meals produced on the premises using as much local and seasonal produce as possible. Our talented Head Chef James Wooler builds his menus to include carefully sourced ingredients from Isle of Wight suppliers, his Chefs specials will change daily dependant on availability.

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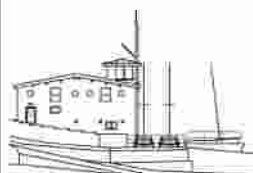
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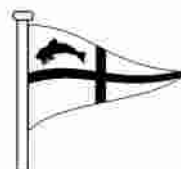
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