

Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

Notice sheet for 10th January 2021 - 16th January

Message from the vicar

Well, what a memorable Christmas and New Year, not quite for the best reasons.

By God's grace and with an amazing team and the blessings of technology we got through with as little disruption as possible. I was glad to be able to prerecord the services, because I wouldn't have been able to have got through otherwise. COVID 19 got me eventually. No idea how, but it reminded me I'm human with limitations. Maybe lessons will be learned for when I'm back to 100%.

Showing humanity and vulnerability is a good thing - Jesus did it, and it's what we celebrate this Sunday with the Baptism of Jesus. He got into line with others and got into the same water as they did (not much social distancing and hygiene here!) and when John said it should be Jesus taking the lead and baptising him, Jesus insisted that it was the right way round... Jesus didn't need to be the leader all the time. Let's all learn from that vulnerability and humility as we love our community as Jesus does.

God bless - Revd Austin

Prayer focus this week:

Please continue to pray for all who are poorly. Give thanks to those who are recovering. Pray for parents as they become home teachers again, and pray for those who are making the decisions. Pray for wisdom and strength.

Fundraising

Zoomathan has been postponed. Watch this space for a new date soon.

Easy Fundraising.

Don't forget that when shopping on-line use EASYFUNDRAISING and raise money for the Church at no extra cost to you.

This week's other News

Lockdown 2021

During this lockdown we are allowed to keep the church open for restricted worship, however we do encourage you to join us for **WORSHIP FROM HOME IF YOU CAN**. The Sunday morning worship at 11:00 will be live streamed via Facebook and available later on YouTube.

Messy Church

Plans are being made to do another Messy Church Takeaway and Zoom session on Monday 15th February. Look out for more information soon on how to sign up to this.

Finances

Not surprisingly we didn't manage to pay our full contribution to the Church of England for our Parish share in 2020. We hope to have the freedom to raise more funds in 2021. In the meantime don't forget to keep collecting your pennies and putting money aside for your envelopes. There is now a JustGiving button on the new website if you have any spare money you would like to donate.

Revd. Austin is considering starting a <u>Men's</u> <u>Group</u>, let him know if you are interested.

There will be a **Confirmation service** in 2021. Are you interested in finding out more? Contact Revd Austin for details.



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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 10th January 2021

11am The Baptism of Christ – The First Sunday of Epiphany

- ALL-AGE SERVICE IN CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK (Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy)

Readings this week: Mark 1.4-11

12 noon COR REFRESHMENTS BY ZOOM

6pm HardCOR by ZOOM - To be confirmed

MONDAY

9am to 12 noon CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

9.30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

TUESDAY

9.30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

WEDNESDAY

12 noon LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM

7pm PRAYER & MEDITATION 9.30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

THURSDAY

9.30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

FRIDAY

9.30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

Next Sunday 17th January

11am EPIPHANY 2 - COMMUNION SERVICE IN CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK (Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy)

12 noon COR REFRESHMENTS BY ZOOM

For all **Zoom** events, please send an email to **revaustin@sky.com** to receive an invite.

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