

# Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 17th March 2024 - 23rd March 2024

## Message from the Vicar

I often say to families about Baptism or Christening of babies, that Baptism is like being given a cheque for £1,000,000 pounds!!! I ask them what they would do with the cheque? Of course the answer is they would cash it and spend it on lots of lovely things or save and share it.

I thank them for their answer and ask them whether they would just frame the cheque and display it on their wall without paying it in? This always gets looks of horror. No one would be that wasteful.

I tell them, that Baptism is like that cheque. It is worth so much. It is life changing. It can bring belonging and direction in life. It can give you family all over the world, not because of money, but because of being welcomed into the Family of Jesus.

If someone took away my faith, I don't know what would be left of me.

But so often families treat Baptism like the framed cheque.

They don't make use of the full value.

Regular cheques expire after a while and can't be paid in, but I truly believe that God is waiting to fulfil God's part of the promise when we are ready to pay that cheque in, grow in a faith in Jesus and become involved, even committed to church.

I know that all those being Baptised on the 17<sup>th</sup> March are ready to pay in that cheque and be active members in Jesus' family.

## Prayer focus this week

Pray for people who are in danger if they declare their faith publicly.

Locally pray for Foodbank – for those who help and those being helped.

## This week's other News

### Good Friday - 29th March



"FATHER, FORGIVE"  
Walk of Witness 2024

Gather 10.45am for 11am start  
from the Riverside Entrance end  
(near 'A Point for Reflection' Sculpture)  
The service will be at The Rainbow Stage.

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**11am Baptisms in the Service**

**Bring & Share Lunch** after the Service  
in church & hall.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm**

**Film Night** Free entry.

Refreshments & Raffle.



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm**

**Games Evening** in church hall.

**Tickets £3** includes tea/coffee & cake.

Card readers available.

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## SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

### SUNDAY 17th March 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

10am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL  
11am ALL AGE SERVICE with BAPTISMS (NO HOLY COMMUNION) and ON FACEBOOK  
After the Service BRING & SHARE FELLOWSHIP LUNCH IN CHURCH & HALL  
6pm HARD COR YOUTH GROUP IN CHURCH HALL  
Reading this week: Gospel Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34



### MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

### TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM



### MONDAY


8pm PARADE SERVICE PLANNING IN CHURCH HALL

### TUESDAY

9:15am-11:45am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH  
10am-12 noon CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN CHURCH HALL  
1:45pm HOLTSMEERE JUNIOR SCHOOL VISIT TO THE COR  
7:30pm THE BIBLE COURSE – SESSION 7 IN CHURCH HALL



### WEDNESDAY

8am-4pm INSERVICE MEETING NEXUS HEALTH (NHS) IN CHURCH  
12pm LADIES BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM  
7pm-7:30pm SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION IN CHURCH   
7:45pm-9:15pm PCC MEETING IN CHURCH HALL



### THURSDAY

1pm-2:45pm STICKY FINGERS TODDLER CHURCH IN CHURCH HALL



### FRIDAY

During the day GARDENING CONTRACTOR IN CHURCH GROUNDS  
1pm THE BIBLE COURSE – SESSION 8 IN CHURCH HALL  
NO FAMILY SERVICE TODAY  
3:30pm BARBARA'S FUNERAL AT HEMEL CREMATORIUM  
Afterwards at THE GREEN MAN. Donations to The British Heart Foundation.



### SATURDAY

10am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL  
6pm FILM NIGHT IN CHURCH HALL



### Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Palm Sunday

11am FREE CHURCH SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK  
12pm REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL  
2pm-3pm COMMUNION PREPARATION CLUB IN CHURCH HALL  
6pm HARD COR YOUTH GROUP IN CHURCH HALL

\* For all Zoom events, please send an email to [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to receive an invite.

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