



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 21st July 2024 - 27th July 2024

Message from the Vicar

It's not Christmas yet! Why would we be talking about Shepherds?!

I suppose the saying should be "A Shepherd is for life, not just for Christmas!"

Shepherds were not the quaintly tea-towelled citizens, gently tending their sheep on an idyllic hillside that we see on Christmas cards. They were tough! Not a single threat to their sheep would be left standing or in one piece!

And priests are called to be God's Shepherds... but I'm not standing at the door like a Night Club Bouncer, checking your ID before you come in. We sing the hymn "All are welcome in this place", and all are...

But the flock needs to be protected too. How should a balance be struck between church being a safe place and a totally open place?

God set the precedent by tearing the Temple Curtain, top to bottom, when Jesus died on the Cross.

The Curtain was used to keep the Holy of Holies safe and exclusive to the Priests, but Jesus' death opened up permission to enter God's presence to EVERYONE... despite the risk.

Our church should never be a clique with an inside and an outside. So what would Jesus do if a person with dangerous 'life baggage' came to be part of the church family?

God, please send our church the resources and skills we need to be a church who can sing "All are welcome in this place" AND stay safe for all.

Who knows... the unsettling person coming in may be Jesus in disguise!

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all churches in vacancy or transition of leadership.

Locally pray for Holy Trinity Church
Leverstock Green (Anglican)

This week's other News

Grovehill Church Presents...



6pm Saturday 14th September

Tickets £11

**Includes a buffet meal
*bring your own drinks***

**Tickets available now
from Grovehill Church or email
riedwards178@gmail.com**

Dates for your Diary

**Friday 2nd August 2pm-6pm
Waterways Canal Boat Experience**

from the Red Lion Pub, Apsley.

Cost £12 - Fish & Chips extra.

Phone John: 07709 701602 for tickets.

Monday 12th August at 1:30pm

Messy Church More information to follow.

**Saturday 14th September at 6:00pm at
Grovehill Community Centre**

CoR Church Quiz with Buffet

Cost £11 Tickets available now. See poster

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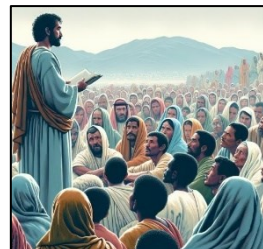
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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 21st July 2024 - Trinity 8

10am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN THE CHURCH HALL
11am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK
12pm REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
Readings this week: Jeremiah 23.1-6 Gospel Reading: Mark 6 30-34, 53-56



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM



MONDAY

7:30pm-8:30pm PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

WEDNESDAY

7:30pm SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION IN CHURCH



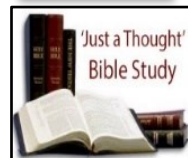
THURSDAY

1:00pm-2:45pm STICKY FINGERS TODDLER CHURCH IN CHURCH HALL



FRIDAY

1:30pm-3pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL



SATURDAY

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED PASTORAL REORDERING

Wording of the Proposal has been placed facing to the outside of the Church Hall window.

Access the Draft Scheme on the Commissioners' Website at: www.ccpastoral.org

See document attached for additional clarification by Rev'd Austin.

Next Sunday 28th July - Trinity 9

11:00am FREE CHURCH SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

After the Service a replacement planter trough remembering Ian will be installed.
Donations of plants welcome.

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

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PASTORAL REORDERING PROPOSAL: *

This draft Scheme provides for the number of team vicars in the team ministry established for the benefice of Hemel Hempstead in the diocese of St Albans to be reduced from four to two** and will result in the dispossession of one of the current team vicars.

(Austin's clarifications:

* In regard to teaming up The COR with St Albans Church with one named vicar.

** The total of four positions have been functioning as three for nearly 10 years, and so the change to two is not as drastic as it seems in the proposal statement)

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at:

The Church of the Resurrection and the other team churches.

You may also access the draft Scheme on the Commissioners' website at: www.ccpastoral.org

Anyone may make representations to the Church Commissioners **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) in writing or by email to reach them no later than **Monday 12th August 2024**.

Please send your representation marked for the attention of Matthew Crowe, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ (e-mail: matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org).

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