



# Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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## The Rev's Ramblings

Have you played the game where items are on a tray and then covered over while the person in charge takes something away and you have to guess what has gone? I think it's easier to notice if the missing item is something you can relate to.

If it's unimportant to you or your agenda, then it's harder to see it's gone.

While preparing for my sermon on Luke 2.22-40 about the presentation of 40-day old Jesus in the Temple, I spotted something at the end that confused me. It says the family finished their requirements at the Temple and went home to Nazareth where the child grew up in strength and learning. What's missing?

The next thing Luke speaks of is the 12-year-old Jesus in the Temple. Where is the visit from the wise men? Where is Herod and the slaughter of the innocents? What about the escape of Jesus and family to be refugees in Egypt until the death of Herod?

Why are these things easily missed until their absence hits you between the eyes like an insult?

I think it's important for us to know that Jesus' upbringing was not sweetness and roses but had the same kind of challenges that the most vulnerable go through. This is a reassurance that Jesus knows the challenges of human life, and it reminds us that if God gets involved in mess, so should we. Let's not sweep away the messy marginalised in order to keep a tidy story.

## Prayer focus this week

Pray for people who are scared of medical care or official provision for their welfare.

May they find the trust to receive help.

Locally pray for Pray Hemel – Christians from many churches, meeting together on the first Saturday of each month, to worship and pray for many aspects of life in our town.

## This week's other News



## Baptism or Confirmation

If you are interested in Baptism or Confirmation please contact Rev Austin or Jenny.

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 7:00pm**  
**Evening Entertainment with the Clowns**  
In the Community Centre. Donation to attend.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30pm**  
**Messy Church** in church/hall  
See poster above.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm**  
**Ash Wednesday Team Service**  
At St Alban's Church, Warners End.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm**  
**Film Night** in church.



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## SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

### SUNDAY 1st February – Candlemas / The Presentation

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH  
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK

Readings this week: Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE  
3:30pm-4:30pm CAUSEWAY CHURCH IN CHURCH  
6:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH



### MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM\*

### TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM\*



### MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February

3:30pm-4:30pm AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL

### TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> February

9:15am-11:35pm DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH  
10:00am-12noon CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP IN CHURCH HALL  
2:30pm-5:30pm NEXUS HEALTH IN CHURCH HALL  
7:00pm EVENING ENTERTAINMENT WITH THE CLOWNS  
In the Community Centre. Donation to attend.



### WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> February

12noon-1:00pm LADIES' BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM\*  
7:30pm-9:00pm ROMANIAN PRAYER GROUP IN CHURCH



### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> February

9:30am-11:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH  
1:00pm-2:45pm STICKY FINGERS TODDLER CHURCH IN CHURCH HALL



### FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February

6:30pm-7:30pm ROMANIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S PRACTICE IN CHURCH

### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> February

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

### Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday before Lent

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH  
11:00am ALL AGE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK  
Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:15pm approx.  
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE  
6:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH

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

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