



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 2nd August-8th August 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

We've all met them. Those irritating people who seem able to eat mountains of chips, cake, chocolate and ice cream without putting on a single pound. Meanwhile, the rest of us feel as though we gain weight just by looking at a photo of a Victoria sponge! Life hardly seems fair.

Isaiah paints a very different picture of abundance. God invites everyone to a feast: "Come... eat what is good." There's no price tag, no catch, no tiny print. God delights in giving the very best, not because we've earned it but because God is generous.

Jesus echoes that generosity when he feeds the five thousand. Five loaves and two fish become a banquet, and everyone has more than enough. Nobody pays. Nobody goes hungry.

But here's the thing. Calories that are never used eventually weigh us down. Blessings can be rather similar. God's gifts were never meant to be hoarded like spiritual comfort food. They're meant to fuel lives of love, kindness, generosity and service.

Later, when the crowds came looking for another free lunch, Jesus gently challenged them. They were chasing the bread but missing the point. He is the Bread of Life.

Every Sunday we come to receive from God. But receiving is not the end of the story. God's blessings are meant to flow through us as well as to us. Encouragement, generosity, forgiveness, time, compassion—whatever we have received, we can share.

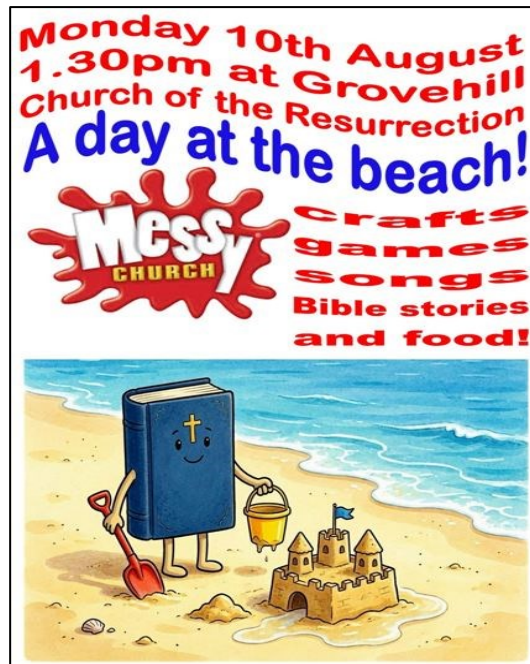
Maybe blessings are like calories. Unused they don't do us the good God intends.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for God's intervention for our environmental needs which cause drought, flooding, famine or fires.

Locally pray for St George's Church—Chaulden Area (United Reform Church).

This week's other News



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd August at 4pm

At St Alban's Church

Songs of Praise Service to say farewell to Rev'd Pete Stevenson.

Drinks and posh biscuits following.

Saturday 8th August 9:00am -12noon

GARDENING AT CHURCH

PLEASE COME AND HELP IF YOU CAN.

Monday 10th August at 1:30pm

Messy Church in church & hall

See poster.

Saturday 22nd August at 6pm

Film Night in church.



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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 2nd August – Trinity 9

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK
Readings this week: Isaiah 55.1-5 Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.13-21
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
4:00pm SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST ALBAN'S CHURCH
To say farewell to Rev'd Pete Stevenson



MONDAY to FRIDAY **NOT IN AUGUST**

~~9:30pm – NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*~~

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

~~9:00am – MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*~~

THURSDAY 6th August

9:30am-11:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 8th August

9:00am-12noon GARDENING AT THE CHURCH – PLEASE COME AND HELP IF YOU CAN
10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL

Next Sunday 9th August – Trinity 10

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am ALL AGE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK
Followed by Quiet Communion at **12:30pm approx.**
Minister: Rev'd Canon John Williams

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

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