

Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 8th November-14th November 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

In the late '90s I was a Youth Worker at St Andrew's Church in Bedford.
Every Remembrance Sunday, the Scouting and Guiding groups would gather for a Church Parade. There were 150 of them!

Once I gave each of them an uninflated balloon. During my sermon, I spoke about memory.
We say that elephants never forget, and scientifically speaking water has a memory.
It can change its form through heating, cooling, freezing and melting, yet return to its previous state. Rubber and latex have similar memory.

Then I asked all 150 children to inflate their balloons and let the air out.
The noise was horrendous!
Everyone wondered whether I had lost the plot.
But I had a point to make.

The balloon material returned to its original shape, just as before. However, our human memory gives us a choice. We can remember the past without simply allowing it to repeat itself.

I then produced inflated balloons bearing words such as Hate, Ignorance, Greed, Revenge and Bullying.
Armed with a pin, I burst every one of them.
Those balloons could never return to how they were before.

Remembrance Sunday calls us to do more than recall the wars. We must allow remembering to change us, inspiring us to pray, challenge hatred, confront injustice and work for peace.

If we remember the wars but do nothing to bring about change, are we truly remembering, or simply re-enacting?

May our remembrance shape our actions, our prayers and our commitment to a better world.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for the abolishment of all modern-day slavery.

Locally pray for Our Lady, Queen of All Creation – Adeyfield (RC).

This week's other News





Dates for your Diary

Tuesdays 10th,17th November at 7:30pm
Confirmation Preparation
In church hall and Zoom option.

Saturday 14th November 10am to 1pm
Christmas Fayre
At St Alban's Church, Warners End**.** See poster.

Saturday 14th November at 6pm
Quiz Night in Grovehill Community Centre.
Sign-Up sheet and tickets available in church
Card reader available. See poster.

Sunday 22nd November at 6:30pm
Confirmation Service
with Bishop Richard Atkinson.
At St John's Church, Boxmoor.



Saturday 28th November at 6pm
Film Night in church.

Sunday 29th November at 6pm
Advent Carols, Readings and Reflections
At Grovehill Church of The Resurrection
All are welcome**.**

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 8th November Remembrance Sunday

9:00am	CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:15am	ALL AGE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK **Please arrive before 11:05am** **for the 2-minute silence at 11:15am** Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:40pm approx.
Reading this week:	Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.1-13
12noon	REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
6:00pm-7:00pm	ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH





MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY 10th November

9:15am-12:15pm	DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CHURCH
10:00am-12noon	CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP IN CHURCH HALL
7:30pm-9:00pm	CONFIRMATION PREPARATION IN CHURCH HALL and ZOOM* option.

WEDNESDAY 11th November

7:30pm-9:00pm	STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

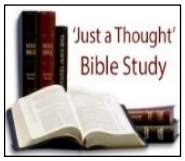
THURSDAY 12th November

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



FRIDAY 13th November

8:30am-5:30pm	NEXUS HEALTH (NHS) MEETING IN CHURCH HALL
2:00pm-3:30pm	'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH



SATURDAY 14th November

10:00am-12noon	DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
10am-1:00pm	CHRISTMAS FAYRE at ST ALBAN'S CHURCH, WARNERS END PLEASE GO AND SUPPORT IF YOU CAN - See poster.
6:00pm	QUIZ NIGHT IN GROVEHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE - See poster.



Next SUNDAY 15th November Safeguarding Sunday – Second Sunday before Advent

9:00am	CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
10:00am	SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL
11:15am	ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK.
6:00pm-7:00pm	ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH

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

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