

Grovehill Church

of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 8th December 2024-14th December 2024

Reverend's Ramblings

Advent is the time of year we particularly pray "Come, Lord Jesus".

Why don't we pray this all year through? And what do we think we are really asking for in this prayer? Peace and quiet? Everyone provided for? No suffering?

In this world all these things come at a cost. How can we have peace and quiet when people disagree? Will we have to accept the validity of opinion of someone else?

For the provision for all, we will have to make sacrifices.

No suffering will mean we have to play our part in alleviating the suffering of the vulnerable.

John the Baptist cried out "Make way for the King" but what in our lives needs to be shifted to make way?

Here's a poem I wrote for our Advent Reflection service 2024.

Roadworks ahead. Expect delays.
Your usual route will be shut for days
and maybe even months or more,
making every single task a chore
as the mountains come down and the valleys fill in
making your plans just fit for the bin.
We ask for change and a better world,
but we don't like the chaos into which we are hurled.
We want cleaner oceans, but God help the power
who tries to deprive us of our plasticky tower.
We want to end hunger all over the planet,
but making us share is not how we'd plan it.
Make way! Make way! Make way for the King...
As long him coming doesn't change a thing...?

Prayer focus this week

Pray for everyone who is lonely and for communities that are able to support.

Locally Pray for the Society of Friends (Quakers) - Old Town area.

This week's other News



Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th December at 2:45pm Funeral of Charles Reed

At Hemel Methodist Church, Northridge Way

Tuesday 31st December at 8pm to 12:30am
New Year's Eve Party in church hall.

Tickets only Food, music, raffle, tea & coffee.

Bring your own drinks. Cash only on the night.

Tickets £10 - Card machines available now.

See John or 'phone him on 07709 701602

Stamps, Postcards and Coins for Charity

Please save your Christmas Stamps, postcards, old coins and foreign coins as well so that we can support the Keech Hospice again this year.

Any stamps should be trimmed so that there's a wide bit of envelope around them. See example:

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 8th December – Second Sunday of Advent

11am ALL AGE SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK

Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:15pm approx.

Reading this week Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

3:30pm MESSY CHRISTINGLE IN CHURCH

5pm CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON IN HENRY WELLS SQUARE

MONDAY to FRIDAY TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM* 9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY

9:15am-11:45am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH 10am-12noon CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN CHURCH HALL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP IN CHURCH HALL 7:30pm-9pm WORRY OF WARDENS MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

WEDNESDAY

7:30pm-9pm PCC MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR YOUNGER SIBLINGS WITH THEIR PARENTS OR CARERS

7:30pm-9pm ROMANIAN PRAYER GROUP IN CHURCH

SATURDAY

10am CHRISTMAS TREE TO GO UP – HELP WELCOME

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

Next Sunday 15th December – Third Sunday of Advent

10am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL

11:00am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and

ON FACEBOOK

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