



# Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 9th March 2025-15th March 2025

## The Rev's Ramblings

Have you played the fairground game 'Whack-A-Mole'? It's the game played with something like a rubber mallet, and mole heads pop up randomly from their holes in a pretend field, and you have to 'whack' them down again.

No sooner have you dispatched one, then another pops up and you beat that down, then another, then another! Sometimes you see movement at one end of the field, but the mole to be beaten down is blatantly looking around in full view at the other end.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent where the Gospel reading is all about Jesus being tempted in the wilderness to use his power to: satisfy his tummy, to show off, and to impose his authority by selling his soul in bowing down to the Devil.

Each time a temptation came, Jesus would use the Scriptures like the mallet in 'Whack-A-Mole' to beat down the temptations of the Devil.

Lent is a time for us to put parts of our lives and behaviours in their right place.

If something has more influence over our lives than God, it has to be put in its right place.

The challenge is that sometimes a different temptation pops its head up to take the place of the thing you have given up, and it's easy to forget that it needs to be beaten down too to allow God to take the proper place in our lives.

It's like 'Whack-A-Mole'.

Keep your Bible Mallet nearby and pray!

## Prayer focus this week

Pray that the voices of people interested in peace not profit are heard clearly.

Locally Pray for Foodbank – for those who help and those being helped.

## This week's other News

**Six-week Lent Course starting in March.**

**6 weeks exploring the unsettling ministry of Jesus and the impact on our lives and communities through the arrival of an unexpected 'Clerical Error'**

**TUESDAYS 7.30pm**

(in the Church Hall and on Zoom

email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for link)

**FRIDAYS 1.30pm**

(in the Church Hall)

**4th March**

**7th March**

**11th March**

**14th March**

**18th March**

**21st March**

**25th March**

**28th March**

**1st April**

**4th April**

**8th April**

**11th April**

## Dates for your Diary

**The 6-week Lent Course. See poster.**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**

In church hall and on Zoom

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm**

In church hall.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm**

**Film Night** in church.



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**

**The Music of Time and Space**

Violin and piano recital in church

by Charles & Debbie Sewart.

More information to follow.

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## SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



### SUNDAY 9th March – First Sunday of Lent

11:00am ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK

Reading this week: Gospel Reading: Luke 4.1-13

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

2pm-4pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH



### MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM\*

### TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM\*



### MONDAY 10th March

3:30pm-4:30pm AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE (MESSAGE) IN CHURCH HALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES OR CARERS



### TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> March

15am-11:45am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH

10am-12noon CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN CHURCH HALL

7:30pm-9pm LENT COURSE – SESSION 2 IN CHURCH HALL and ON ZOOM\*

### WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March

10:30am-12:30pm HEADWAY HERTS GROUP (GNA) IN CHURCH HALL

7:30pm for 7:45pm PCC MEETING IN CHURCH HALL

### THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March

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



### FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> March

1:30pm-3pm LENT COURSE – SESSION 2 IN CHURCH HALL

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

### SATURDAY 15th March

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

### Next Sunday 16th March – Second Sunday of Lent

10:00am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL

11:00am ALL AGE PARADE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK

Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:15pm approx.

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

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