

Grovehill Church

of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 12th January 2025-18th January 2025

The Rev's Ramblings

The Sunday after we remember the Wise Men visiting Jesus, in a blink of an eye we are watching a 30 year old Jesus being baptised by his cousin John.

Jesus had been in relative obscurity before his baptism. He hadn't drawn any particular attention. He hadn't gathered followers by then.

He had been studying and growing in prayer and integrity.

He was like an arrow shaft before it was seasoned or shaped or sanded, just waiting for the arrow head and the fletch to be added... ages in the process, but being sent too soon would not be helpful to anyone.

Jesus had been like the arrow, stored away until the right time... and then... bam!

The Heavens open and the Holy Spirit descends like a dove and God the Father speaks words of love over His Son and tells people to listen to him. This would have been the proudest, most fulfilling moment for Jesus...

... But like an arrow, Jesus is then sent into unknown territory, into the wilderness.

Here he is hungry and tempted and in the depths of human torment.

However, the wilderness and testing do not last forever.

The test is to be strong during the testing and not to spiral into despair. Keep holding God's hand.

Wherever 2025 has started for you, I pray that you will hear God's heart of love for you.

Whether you are flying high or sinking low, the story is not over, and God won't let you sink.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for those affected by severe weather conditions.

Locally Pray for Adeyfield Free Church – (United Reform Church)

This week's other News



Many Miles Challenge 2024

This year some of us have been counting our steps each day to raise money for Cancer Research and this Church.

In 2024 Jenny, Bob and Austin walked the grand total of **3,258 miles!**

Please sponsor us if you can. Card readers and Web donations available.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 25th January at 6pm Film Night in church



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MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 12th January – The Baptism of Christ

ALL AGE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK 11am

Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:15pm approx.

Reading this week Gospel Reading: Luke 3.15-17

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE 12noon



9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

MONDAY

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

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



TUESDAY

9:15am-11:45am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH 10am-12noon CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN CHURCH HALL

WEDNESDAY

NEXUS HEALTH (NHS) MEETING IN CHURCH 8:00am-5:30pm 10:30am-12:30pm HEADWAY HERT'S GROUP (GNA) IN CHURCH HALL

12:30pm-1:30pm LADIES BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL

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

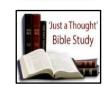
THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

2:00pm-3:15pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL

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



SATURDAY

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

Next Sunday 19th January – Epiphany 2

SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL 10:00am

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK 11:00am

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

4:00pm PATRONAL SERVICE at ST PAUL'S, HIGHFIELD with BISHOP JANE

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