



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 14th December 2025-20th December 2025

The Rev's Ramblings

Last Sunday in the darkness of Henry Wells Square 40+ people sang Christmas carols and became the lights of Grovehill; shining their phones and torches. It was a lovely sight on a miserable night. People of all ages, abilities and nationalities came together and sang their favourite carols accompanied by Iosif on trumpet, his daughter Lizzie on cornet and Jenny on flute. With the lovely hot chocolate and mince pies provided by The Grovehill Neighbourhood Association we truly marked the Countdown to Christmas.

When life seems dark and chaotic, or when things don't go to plan, maybe there is another better plan. The lights in the square were turned on a little later than expected, but that was ok, because it allowed us to shine!

John the Baptist was in the darkest cell when he spoke out against Herod and his way of life, but when John heard report from his disciples that Jesus was now in public ministry and performing miracles and teaching God's love, this would have been like an explosion of hope and light in the darkest cell. How could John feel defeated or deflated anymore? We are called to rejoice in the Lord at all times...this includes times when things seem at their darkest.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. This means REJOICE! We light the pink candle, not purple. It is a lighter day in the reflective journey through Advent. May we, like John the Baptist, find God's light in the darkest places.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for people who are struggling to have a sustainable financial balance during this festive season.

Pray for God's blessing on His world as we prepare for Christmas and New Year.

This week's other News

Monday 22nd December
1.30pm in Grovehill Church



Christingle crafts, songs, stories and snacks. Then a Christingle candle lit service with Christmas carols for all the family. All welcome.

Grovehill Crib Service



Christmas Eve
24th December 3pm
A short service for children and their families at Grovehill Church of the Resurrection (The Church behind the Chippy!)

Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd December at 1:30pm
Messy Church Christingle – See poster.
Anglican / Free Church Christmas Services
Christmas Eve: Children's Crib Service 3pm
Midnight Mass 11:30pm
Christmas Day: All Age Communion 9:30am
Wednesday 31st December 7pm to 12:30am
New Year's Eve Party in church hall
Tickets Only - £12 - only 30 tickets available
Buffet, music, raffle, tea & coffee.
Cash only on the night.
Bring your own drinks.
See John or phone him on 07709 701602

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 14th December – Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am-10:00am CATHOLIC MASS
11:00am ALL AGE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK
Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:15pm approx.

Reading this week: Gospel reading: Matthew 11.2-11

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL

6:30pm SHARED CAROLS AND READINGS

Welcoming Church and Community Groups

Supporting The Hospice of St Francis - followed by refreshments in Hall & Lobby



MONDAY to FRIDAY NOT THURSDAY 18TH

9:30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

MONDAY 15th December

10:00am-11:30am MAPLE GROVE SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH

2:30pm-5:30pm NEXUS HEALTH – FCP MEETING IN CHURCH

TUESDAY 16th December

09:15am-12:35pm DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CHURCH

10:00am-12noon CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP IN CHURCH HALL

7:30pm-9:00pm WHY'S MEN'S BIBLE AND CHAT GROUP ON ZOOM*



WEDNESDAY 17th December

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

12:30pm-2:00pm BROCKSWOOD SCHOOL VISIT IN CHURCH

7:30pm-9:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH PRAYER GROUP IN CHURCH

THURSDAY 18th December

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

STICKY FINGERS TODDLER CHURCH **CANCELLED**

NO NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

FRIDAY 19th December

6:30pm-7:30pm ROMANIAN CHURCH CHILDREN'S PRACTICE IN CHURCH

SATURDAY 20th December

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

Next Sunday 21st December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am-10:00am CATHOLIC MASS

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

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL

6:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH

6:30pm A BLUE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield

For those looking for a quieter Christmas, with space to breathe.



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

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