



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 16th February 2025-22nd February 2025

The Rev's Ramblings

Actions speak louder than words!

It's easy to speak good wishes to people, but do you intend to be part of the goodness coming their way?

I am aware that I usually finish my emails and text messages with 'God bless'.

I never take these words for granted, otherwise they become cheap and disposable, something that God should never be presented as.

I heard of one vicar who intended to write 'God bless' but mistyped it and instead wrote 'Go bless'.

I like this. It's an invitation or challenge for the recipient of the message to be part of the blessing, not just in empty words.

Jesus' words of blessing in the passage for Sunday are called 'The Beatitudes'.

If you say that someone's face is beatific they are happy, radiant, joyous, from the Latin word 'beatus' meaning the same.

On one level Jesus' blessings seem to have words that smooth over multiple problems with a promise but no explanation of how or when: the hungry will be filled, the weeping shall laugh, the poor will be rich with Heaven.

A promise only has the value of the person making the promise.

Today's world is cynical because of repeated broken promises creating a culture that only expects the worst. The problem is that if we only expect the worst, we may not recognise the kept promise when it arrives.

The pessimist may be right on arrival, but the optimist has a better time on the journey.

Let's live by God's promises.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all Churches going through change of leadership.

Locally Pray for St Mary's Apsley (Anglican).

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 for link)

4th March

11th March

18th March

25th March

1st April

8th April

FRIDAYS 1.30pm

(in the Church Hall)

7th March

14th March

21st March

28th March

4th April

11th April

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th February at 1:30pm

Messy Church in Church & Church Hall

Saturday 22nd February at 6pm

Free Film Night in church.

(Basis for the forthcoming Lent Course)

Saturday 1st March at 6pm in Church/Hall

Wine & Cheese Fundraiser – see poster

Proceeds towards St Francis Hospice and Grovehill Church Ministry. **Tickets £10**

available in advance from Church

Card readers available.

Or email riedwards178@gmail.com



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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 16th February – Third Sunday before Lent

10:00am SHARED REFRESHMENTS
11:00am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK
Readings this week: Jeremiah 17.5-10 Gospel Reading: Luke 6.17-26
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

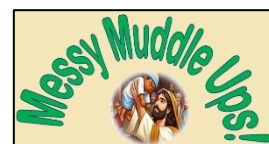
TUESDAY and FRIDAY

NO MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*



MONDAY 17th February

1:30pm MESSY CHURCH IN CHURCH AND HALL



TUESDAY 18th February

NO WHY'S MEN'S BIBLE AND CHAT GROUP ON ZOOM

WEDNESDAY 19th February

12noon-1:00pm LADIES BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL



THURSDAY 20th February

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



FRIDAY 21st February

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

SATURDAY 22nd February

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
6:00pm FREE FILM NIGHT IN CHURCH
Donations for refreshments and a raffle.



Next Sunday 23rd February – Second Sunday before Lent

11:00am FREE CHURCH SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

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

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