



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 19th January 2025 - 25th January 2025

The Rev's Ramblings

"Now that's magic" was NOT a phrase Jesus used, even though people wondered if that was what he was doing with his miracles.

Throughout the Bible people got mixed up between magic and miracles.

When God worked through Moses and turned a stick into a snake, water into blood and made frogs appear from nowhere, the Pharaoh's magicians tried their own conjuring tricks, but the snake from God swallowed the cheap imitation trick snakes.

Another time someone called Simon the Sorcerer wanted to buy the power to do the miracles that St Peter had been doing in the power of God. Peter condemned Simon and his money.

I was helping at a Secondary School RE lesson, and the question was 'What is a miracle?'

Many of the students answered that a miracle was something extraordinary which changes things from their natural state.

I was a bit radical and I said that a magic trick - whilst an illusion, makes us think that something has changed into something which it isn't, but I believe that a miracle brings something back to how it really should be by God's design.

Birth and all its prior stages is a miracle, because it creates life.

Answers to prayer can be a miracle, because it changes both the situation and the person praying more into line with God's design.

Even the end of suffering can be a miracle, although hard to understand.

Miracles reveal the true design behind the grubby layers built up by the world.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all affected by the Californian fires.

Locally Pray for St Albans Church – Warners End (Anglican).

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On January 30th & 31st, February 1st & 2nd There will be **NO ACCESS TO TOILETS** at Grovehill Community Centre due to floor replacement. This will affect the following:

Saturday 1st February

No Drinks & Dunkables

Sunday 2nd February: Holy Communion

Service as usual. **No refreshments.**

No Causeway Church.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 25th January at 6pm

Film Night in church

Monday 17th February at 1:30pm

Messy Church in church & church hall



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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 19th January – Epiphany 2

10:00am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL
11am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK.

Readings this week 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
4:00pm PATRONAL SERVICE at ST PAUL'S, HIGHFIELD with BISHOP JANE



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*



MONDAY

3:30pm-4:30pm AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE (MESSAGE)* IN CHURCH HALL
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES OR CARERS
* Monday End of School Service Art Games & Eating



TUESDAY

9:15am-11:45am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH
10am-12noon CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUP IN CHURCH HALL
7:30pm-9:00pm WHY'S MEN'S BIBLE AND CHAT GROUP ON ZOOM



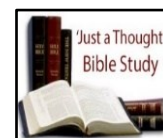
THURSDAY

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



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
6pm FILM NIGHT IN CHURCH



Next Sunday 26th January – Epiphany 3

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

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

12:15pm approx. MESSY CHURCH PLANNING IN CHURCH - 'Messy Munch'

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

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