



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 20th April 2025-26th April 2025

The Rev's Ramblings

Have you heard 'The Rag Man' by Walter Wangerin Jr? You'll be able to find it in full on the internet as a short story.

It's about a man who walks through a city, asking people for their old, worn-out rags. As he gathers their rags, he gives them new clothes in return.

For example, he meets a crying woman with a stained handkerchief and trades it for a clean one, taking on her sorrow as he begins to weep. He encounters a girl with a bloody bandage, swaps it for a fresh bandage, and takes on the girl's pain and he begins to bleed.

As the Rag Man collects more rags, he becomes burdened and exhausted by the weight of others' suffering while those he helps have a new life... The Rag Man's life.

In a final act of sacrifice, he collapses and dies having climbed upon a rubbish heap, only to rise again 3 days later, changed.

On one level The Rag Man's journey shows how selfless love and compassion can transform lives. But clearly, the Ragman story speaks of how Jesus takes upon himself our challenges and afflictions, our defeats and history, transforms them into new strength and releases us to live the life God calls us to.

The question is will we have a tug of war with Jesus over what he invites us to swap? Would we like the new beginnings offered, or will we cling onto our clutter?

HAPPY EASTER

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all who are concerned about the safety of their jobs or can't find employment.

Pray on Easter Day for all Christians celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus.

This week's other News



**TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON
CARD READERS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 26th April at 6pm
Film night in church.

Friday 9th May at 7pm
Rev's Curry Night

At Bengal Spice Restaurant.

Sign-Up sheet on the 'Bar' in church foyer.

Saturday 24th May at 6pm

Violin & Piano Recital in church.

See poster.



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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

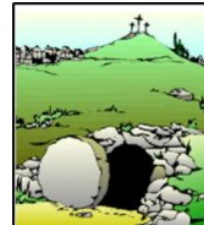
SUNDAY 20th April – Easter Day

10:00am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL
11:00am ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK

With an EASTER EGG HUNT after the Service



Reading this week Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE



TUESDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

NO MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*



MONDAY 21st April – Easter Monday

TUESDAY 22nd April

9:15am-12:45pm DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 23rd April

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

THURSDAY 24th April

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



SATURDAY 26th April

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
6pm FILM NIGHT IN CHURCH



Next Sunday 27th April –Easter 2

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

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

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