

Grovehill Church

of the Resurrection

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

The Rev's Ramblings

I've heard of Churches who have a group called 'The Marthas'.

These are people who enjoy the responsibility of cleaning, polishing, arranging and catering. They are named after Martha in the story of Mary and Martha when giving hospitality to Jesus in their home. Martha is busy preparing and providing, but Mary sits at the feet of Jesus as he teaches.

Martha is infuriated with her lazy sister and askes Jesus to tell her to pull her weight!!!

But Jesus has some gentle words for Martha.

"Martha, you are stressed out over too many things. Mary has chosen the better part".

Plenty of people will be angered at Jesus' words. Is he saying being busy is wrong? Not at all. I think he was saying that Martha's problem was comparing the relevance of what she was doing to the relevance of what Mary was doing. Both 'devotions' were relevant but became lessened

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Mary wasn't sat like a lovestruck girl.

She was sat in a place usually reserved for the men... the place of learning. Mary was pushing the boundaries for women's equality in the sight of Jesus. She would have had plenty of comments and judgements, but not from Jesus.

Let's embrace diversity in ministry. Not everyone will worship like us.

God values each offering of devotion: from tea making and washing up all the way to visiting and preaching and administration.

Don't compare your offering to others. Serve God with YOUR best.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for safety for children on their summer holidays.

Locally pray for Holy Trinity Church – Leverstock Green (Anglican).

This week's other News



Please purchase tickets in advance.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22nd July at 2:30pm Funeral of Alan Cowell At Hemel Crematorium. Rev Austin to lead.

Saturday 26th July at 3pm Church BBQ in Church Hall/Outside. Cost: £6 includes Tea/Coffee. See poster. Please purchase tickets in advance.

FILM NIGHT CANCELLED FOR JULY

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 20th July – Trinity 5

9:00am-10:00amCATHOLIC MASS10:00amSHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL11:00amANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH
and ON FACEBOOK

Readings this week: Genesis 18.1-10aGospel Reading: Luke 10.38 to end.12noonREFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL6:00pm-8:00pmROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE

MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY 9:00am MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

MONDAY 21st July

3:30pm-4:30pm AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

TUESDAY 22nd July

09:15am-11:35amDACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CHURCH1:30pm-3:00pmBEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP IN CHURCH HALL2:30pmFUNERAL OF ALAN COWELL at HEMEL CREMATORIUM
Rev'd Austin Janes to lead.

WEDNESDAY 23rd July

8:00pm-9:30pm ROMANIAN CHURCH PRAYER GROUP IN CHURCH

THURSDAY 24th July

9:30am-11:00am CATHOLIC MASS 1:00pm-2:45pm STICKY FINGERS TODDLER CHURCH IN CHURCH HALL

FRIDAY 25th July

2:00pm-3:30pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL

SATURDAY 26th July

10:00am-12noonDRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL3:00pmCHURCH BBQ IN CHURCH HALL/OUTSIDE - See poster.

Next Sunday 27th July – Trinity 6

9:00am-10:00amCATHOLIC MASS11:00amFREE CHURCH COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK12noonREFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL6:00pm-8:00pmROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE

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

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