

Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 20th September-26th September 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16) is uncomfortable. Not because everyone receives the same pay. The workers who spent all day sweating in the sun probably had a fair grievance. The deeper problem begins when they start looking sideways at everyone else.

Comparison spoils good gifts. We can receive something generous and undeserved, but then notice that someone else has received the same, or perhaps more, and suddenly our blessing feels smaller. Greed and comparison can rot the goodness of what we already have.

There's a lovely story about a farmer who wins the pumpkin-growing competition every year. You might expect them to protect their prize-winning seeds. Instead, they freely share them with neighbouring farmers. When asked why they do this, the farmer explains that when everyone grows good pumpkins, the bees carry good-quality pollen through the whole area. Everyone benefits. If they hoard the best seeds, poorer crops and poorer pollen eventually affect them too.

St Paul describes the Church as one body: when one part suffers, the whole body suffers; when one part is honoured, the whole body rejoices.

Why couldn't the workers rejoice that everyone was being blessed? That is Jesus' challenge to us. Why spend our lives counting what others have, instead of celebrating the generosity we have received from God?

The true riches of life may not be having more, but sharing more. And, strangely enough, when we give generously, we often discover that we have not really lost anything at all.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all lives affected, on both sides of the argument, by the vote about assisted dying.

Locally pray for our Hospitals – Hemel Hempstead, St Albans and Watford.

This week's other News

24-7 PRAYER St Albans Church Warners End and Grovehill Church of the Resurrection are hosting...
the lectio course
How to Hear God by Praying the Bible

The Lectio Course is a 5-part series to help us learn to hear God through praying through the Bible. Each of the five sessions includes a short video, a discussion, and a practical activity for small groups to explore together. Both sessions are open to everyone.

ST ALBANS CHURCH TUESDAYS 7.30PM – 9PM	GROVEHILL CHURCH FRIDAYS 2PM – 3.30PM
29 TH SEPTEMBER	2 ND OCTOBER
6 TH OCTOBER	9 TH OCTOBER
13 TH OCTOBER	16 TH OCTOBER
20 TH OCTOBER	<u>NOT 23RD OCTOBER</u>
27 TH OCTOBER	30 TH OCTOBER
	6 TH NOVEMBER

For more information, contact Revd Austin – 01442 270585 or email revaustin@sky.com

Dates for your Diary

NOTE: Liberty Tearooms CLOSED from:
16th September to 6th October 2026.

Saturday 26th September at 6pm
Film Night in church.



The Lectio Course for 5 weeks starting:
Tuesday 29th September at 7:30pm-9pm

At St Alban's Church

Friday 2nd October at 2pm-3:30pm

At Grovehill Church

See poster above for both churches and dates.

October Service Time Change!

From Sunday 4th October the COR Sunday Service will be at 11:15am to make it possible for Rev'd Austin to be at St Alban's & The COR.

Sunday 11th October at 4pm

At St Alban's Church, Warners End

Rev'd Austin's Licensing at St Alban's

There will be a Service with the new Bishop of St Albans to commission Austin in his extended ministry at St Alban's Church.

There will be refreshments afterwards.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY 20th September – Trinity 16

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
10:00am SHARED REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK
Readings this week: Jonah 3.10 – end of 4 Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.1-16
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

MONDAY 21st September

3:30pm-4:30pm AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL



TUESDAY 22nd September

9:15am-11:35am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CHURCH
10:00am-12noon CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP IN CHURCH HALL
1:30pm-3:00pm THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP IN CHURCH HALL
7:30pm-9:00pm REVIEW MEETING ABOUT THE 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE IN CHURCH HALL

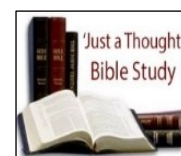
THURSDAY 24th September

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



FRIDAY 25th September

2:00pm-3:30pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL
8:00pm-9:15pm CHILDREN'S LEADERS MEETING IN CHURCH HALL



SATURDAY 26th September

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
2:00pm-3:00pm TUTORING IN CHURCH HALL
6:00pm FILM NIGHT IN CHURCH



Next SUNDAY 27th September – Trinity 17

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am FREE CHURCH SERVICE with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK

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

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