



# Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 22nd February - 28th February 2026

## The Rev's Ramblings

If you are reading this 'Rev's Rambling' on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> then we are 5 days into Lent (counting Ash Wednesday). How are you finding your promises of what to give up and what to take on?

If you have given up something, are you putting something helpful into its place?

I may have given up Facebook to avoid the time wasted by scrolling, but if I replace it with YouTube – what's the point?

I may have given up bread for Lent, but if I replace it with crisps, why bother?

Pruning something back is meant to allow new, healthy growth.

Jesus journeyed into the wilderness away from demands and distractions as a way of preparing for the 3 years of ministry to come.

This would be a time of working out what his approach to leadership would be.

Would he be a fiery prophet of correction and condemnation or a consoling counsellor of reconciliation or something else?

Where would his strength come from?

How would he stay sustained for the years ahead?

Who and what would he surround himself with in everyday life?

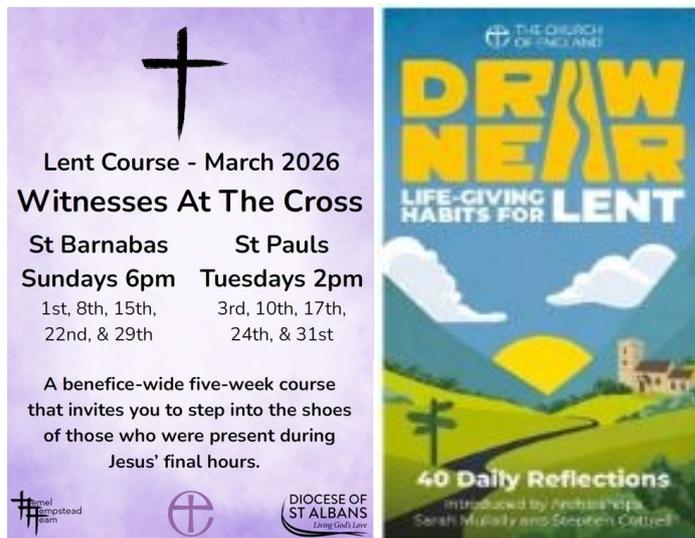
None of us are the Messiah, but we should all stop and ask questions about who God is calling us to be as we interact with the people and environment around us. And it is very hard to do this 'on the go'. How are you going to stop and find enough space to ask God who you need to be, in the next 24 hours, let alone the years to come?

## Prayer focus this week

Pray for all who have encountered problems in their homes and communities during recent severe weather.

Locally pray for all Christians as they prepare for the period of Lent.

## This week's other News



**Lent Course - March 2026**  
**Witnesses At The Cross**

<b>St Barnabas</b>	<b>St Pauls</b>
<b>Sundays 6pm</b>	<b>Tuesdays 2pm</b>
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st

A benefice-wide five-week course that invites you to step into the shoes of those who were present during Jesus' final hours.

**Draw Near book for Lent**  
**40 Daily Reflections**  
LIFE-GIVING HABITS FOR LENT

### **Draw Near book for Lent**

£3 donation for this resource welcome, else consider it a gift from the Church. Card reader available.

## Baptism or Confirmation

If you are interested in Baptism or Confirmation please contact Rev Austin or Jenny.

## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm**  
**Film Night** in church.



**5 Week Lent Course from 1<sup>st</sup> March.**  
**Sundays at St Barnabas at 6pm or**  
**Tuesdays at St Pauls at 2pm.**  
See poster above.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**  
**Rev's Curry Night**  
At Bengal Spice Restaurant.  
Sign-up sheet in church.



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## SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



### SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> February – First Sunday of Lent

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

Readings this week: Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.1-11

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE  
6:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH



### MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM\*

### TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM\*



### MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> February

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

### TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February

9:15am-11:35pm DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICE IN CHURCH  
10:00am-12noon CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP IN CHURCH HALL  
1:30pm-3:00pm THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP IN CHURCH HALL



### WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am-12:30pm HEADWAY HERTS GROUP (GNA) IN CHURCH HALL  
7:30pm-9:00pm ROMANIAN PRAYER GROUP IN CHURCH

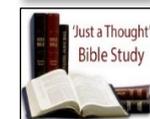
### THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> February

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



### FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February

2:00pm-3:30pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL  
6:30pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN HERITAGE ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS IN CHURCH HALL



### SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> February

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



### Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Second Sunday of Lent

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH  
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK  
12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE  
3:30pm CAUSEWAY CHURCH IN CHURCH  
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\* For all Zoom events, please send an email to [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to receive an invite.

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