



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 22nd March-28th March 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) is difficult to hear. One hard part is that Jesus delays going to Lazarus, even though Lazarus is seriously ill. From a human point of view, that delay feels confusing and frustrating. If Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters, why didn't he hurry straight away? It can remind us of moments when we pray for help and it feels like nothing happens.

When our prayers don't seem to be answered in the way we hope, it can make us feel unheard, disappointed, or even angry.

The story can also be painful for people who have experienced bereavement.

Lazarus is brought back to life, but people who die do not return to us. For someone who has lost a loved one, hearing about a miracle like this might raise difficult questions about why their own prayers weren't answered in the same way.

It can make the grief feel even sharper.

However, there are positive lessons in the story. One important message is that Jesus understands human grief. Before raising Lazarus, he weeps, showing deep compassion and sharing in the sorrow of those around him. The story also encourages trust, even when we cannot see the full picture. Sometimes answers, meaning, or comfort come in ways we don't expect or on a different timeline.

For many believers, the story offers hope that death and suffering do not have the final word, and that God is present even in moments of waiting and loss.

Trust God.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for safety for those travelling by land, sea or air.

Locally pray for The Foodbank – for those who help and those being helped.

This week's other News



Dates for your Diary

Lent Course - Witnesses At The Cross

Sundays 6pm - 22nd & 29th March

At St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield.

Tuesdays 2pm - 24th & 31st March

At St Paul's Church, Highfield.

Sunday 22nd March at 12:15pm

'Souper Bowl' Soup & Bread Lunch

In church hall.

Sign-Up sheet available in church.

Payment on the day, card reader available.

Sunday 29th March at 1am

Clocks go forward by 1 hour.



Monday 30th March at 1:30pm

Messy Church in church & hall

See poster above.



Saturday 9th May at 3pm

Kate Lindeman Concert in church.

More information and poster to follow.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 22nd March – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Readings this week: Romans 8.6-11 Gospel Reading: From John 11

12:15pm 'SOUPER BOWL' - SOUP & BREAD LUNCH IN CHURCH HALL
6:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH
6:00pm LENT COURSE – WEEK 4: AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH, ADEYFIELD



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*



MONDAY 23rd March

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

TUESDAY 24th March

9:15am-11:35am 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
2:00pm LENT COURSE – WEEK 4: AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH, HIGHFIELD



WEDNESDAY 25th March

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

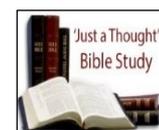
THURSDAY 26th March

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



FRIDAY 27th March

2:00pm-3:30pm 'JUST A THOUGHT' BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL
7:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHILDREN'S PRACTICE IN CHURCH



SATURDAY 28th March

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
12:30pm-1:30pm TUTORING IN CHURCH HALL

Next Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday



9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK
3:30pm-4:30pm CAUSEWAY CHURCH IN CHURCH
6:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH
6:00pm LENT COURSE – WEEK 5: AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH, ADEYFIELD



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

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