



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 26th July - 1st August 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

Some days, imposter syndrome creeps in.

I wonder whether I'm equipped to be a vicar at all, especially when more and more is asked of me that feels beyond my ability.

It's reassuring, then, to hear King Solomon's honesty in 1 Kings 3. He doesn't pretend to have it all together. He tells God that he feels like "a little child" who hardly even knows "how to go out or come in".

God then offers Solomon an extraordinary opportunity: ask for anything.

He could choose power, riches or a long life.

Instead, Solomon asks for wisdom so that he can lead God's people well. God delights in this request. He grants Solomon wisdom in abundance and gives him the riches and honour he never asked for.

That challenges me. Rather than dwelling on all the things I lack, maybe I should pray for the leadership skills that God alone can provide. If he calls us to a task, he is more than able to equip us for it.

When someone feels overwhelmed, I ask, "How do you eat an elephant?"

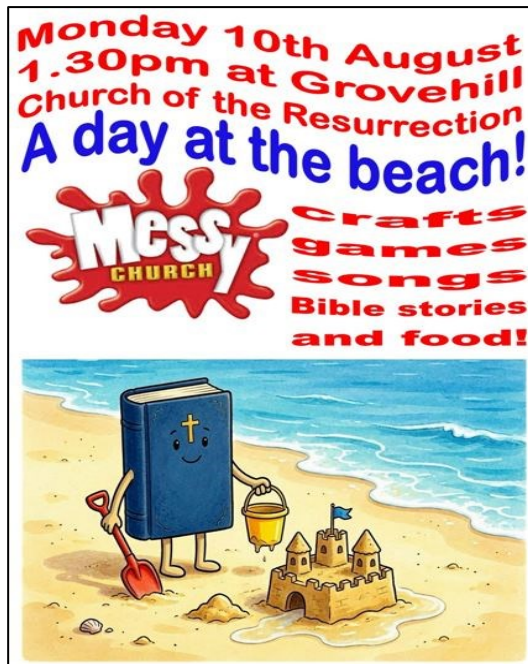
After assuring them I mean metaphorically, I answer: "With a small spoon." No one could tackle something so enormous in one go; it happens one spoonful at a time. The same is true of the challenges before us. My prayer is that the size of the task will never leave us paralysed by fear, but that, with God beside us and a small spoon in our hands, we'll faithfully take the next step.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for families during the school holidays particularly those who find it hard to be together.

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

This week's other News



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 28th July at 7:30pm
A 'Brain Blitzing' session for ideas on how to celebrate the 50th Birthday of the Church of the Resurrection and Community Centre.
In church hall.
If you are unable to attend, please email Rev Austin with your ideas.

Sunday 2nd August at 4pm
At St Alban's Church
Songs of Praise Service to say farewell to Rev Pete Stevenson.
Drinks and posh biscuits following.

Monday 10th August at 1:30pm
Messy Church in church & hall
See poster.

Saturday 22nd August at 6pm
Film Night in church.



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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 26th July – Trinity 8

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

Readings this week: 1 Kings 3.5-12 Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
3:30pm-4:30pm CAUSEWAY CHURCH IN CHURCH



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*



TUESDAY 28th July

1:30pm-3:00pm THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETING IN CHURCH HALL
7:30pm 50th BIRTHDAY 'BRAIN BLITZING' SESSION IN CHURCH HALL

WEDNESDAY 29th July

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

THURSDAY 30th July

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



SATURDAY 1st August

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL

Next Sunday 2nd August – Trinity 9

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK
4:00pm SONGS OF PRAISE AT ST ALBAN'S CHURCH
To say farewell to Rev Pete Stevenson

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

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