



# Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

*Notice sheet for 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 – 3rd January 2026*

## **The Rev's Ramblings**

Until now I've only had one Christmas Jumper.  
Now I have two!

It's a black hoodie with words on the back:  
'Believe like Mary. Trust like Joseph. Hope like  
Shepherds. Seek like Wise Men. Worship like  
Angels. Love like Jesus'.

I am very happy to walk around publicly wearing  
this hoodie. I know people have been standing  
behind me reading it.

Maybe they will ask me questions about it.

Mary needed to believe things would be ok  
because expecting a baby totally threw her world  
into chaos. Joseph needed to trust Mary and  
God, because to the whole world it looked like  
Joseph was marrying the wrong person, but  
Joseph knew Mary and God wouldn't lie to him.  
The shepherds had nothing stable to hope in –  
the weather, the safety of the sheep,  
employment... but they did hope in the one they  
found IN the stable.

The Wise Men, who DID NOT arrive on the night  
of the birth, would have been seeking Jesus for  
up to two years. That is a lot of investment and  
perseverance. Would you have sought so long?  
The Angels weren't little cherubs, but AWE-  
SOME beings totally different to anything human,  
and yet they saw and worshipped perfection in a  
fragile human baby. And that baby grew up to be  
the greatest example of love humanity has ever  
seen.

Love which forgives and welcomes, even those  
who others fear or reject.

Love which transforms darkness into light.

Let's live the words on my hoodie!

## **Prayer focus this week**

Pray for peace in the world.

Pray for all Churches celebrating the birth of  
Jesus.

## **This week's other News**



## **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1:30pm**  
**Messy Church Christingle** in church.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve**  
**Children's Crib Service at 3pm**

**Midnight Mass at 11:30pm**  
Anglican & Free Church Communion  
All are welcome.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**  
**All Age Communion Service at 9:30am**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 7pm to 12:30am**  
**New Year's Eve Party** in church hall

**Tickets only - £12 only 30 tickets available**

Food, music, raffle, tea & coffee.

**Cash only on the night.**

**Bring your own drinks.**

See John or phone him on 07709 701602

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## SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> December Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION  
with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7.10-16

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18 to the end

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICE

6:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE

6:30pm A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
at St Barnabas Church, Adeyfield

### MORNING & NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM

9:00am MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

9:30pm NIGHT PRAYER

Monday and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> December

1:30pm MESSY CHURCH CHRISTINGLE

### WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve

3:00pm CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE

8:00pm CATHOLIC CAROLS & VIGIL MASS

11:30pm ANGLICAN & FREE CHURCH  
COMMUNION All are welcome  
and ON FACEBOOK

### THURSDAY 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day

9:30am ALL AGE COMMUNION SERVICE  
and ON FACEBOOK

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas 1

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH

11:00am ANGLICAN HOLY COMMUNION  
with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Psalm 148

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2.13 to end

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICE

6:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE



## Thank you

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS MADE THIS  
CHRISTMAS SO WONDERFUL.

LOVE FROM REV AUSTIN, JENNY  
AND THE CHURCH WARDENS.



### WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> December New Year's Eve

7:00pm–12:30am CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR  
IN THE CHURCH HALL - **TICKETS ONLY**

**Cash only on the night.**

**Bring your own drinks.**

8:00pm–10:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH  
END OF YEAR SERVICE IN CHURCH

### THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> January

12noon CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH

### SATURDAY 3rd January

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

### Next SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH

11:00am HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE with  
JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER SERVICE

3:30pm CAUSEWAY CHURCH IN CHURCH

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