



# Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 17th May-23rd May 2026

## The Rev's Ramblings

Gravity is one of the few things in life you can really count on. Drop your phone = down. Drop toast = butter-side down. Drop humanity into sin and selfishness? Well... definitely down.

Which makes the story of Jesus so strange. Christianity says that God looked at our mess and decided not to shout instructions from heaven like a disappointed manager. Instead, he came down himself. The incarnation is basically God moving onto the street where we live. No royal parade. No first-class lounge. Just a manger, sandals, dusty roads, and twelve disciples who often seemed one group chat away from disaster.

Jesus comes all the way down — into hunger, grief, exhaustion, betrayal, even death. He doesn't float above human life like a spiritual yoga instructor with perfect posture. He steps right into it. All the way down.

And then comes the twist: what comes down must go up.

The Ascension (Acts 1.6-14) isn't Jesus escaping earth because people were annoying. It is humanity being carried into the life of God. Jesus goes up not as a ghost, but as one of us — scars and all. The Son of God became human so humans could share the life of God.

He came down to us so we can go up with him.

That means Heaven isn't God saying "Climb harder." It's Jesus saying "Take my hand."

Which is comforting, because many of us can barely assemble flat-pack furniture, never mind ascend into glory under our own steam!

## Prayer focus this week

Pray for all who control the spread of infection and keep us safe.

Locally pray for the Trustees of Churches Together.

## This week's other News

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD**

**PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS**  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
BBQ - LUNCH FROM 1PM  
Pentecost Service starts at 2pm

New Life Pentecostal Church  
Lawn Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9JF

To confirm your attendance for catering purposes  
Call 077300 54991 or email [info@nlpc.org.uk](mailto:info@nlpc.org.uk)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
1.30pm at Grovehill  
Church of the Resurrection  
On the road to  
**Messy Church**  
somewhere  
crafts  
games  
songs  
Bible stories  
and food!

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm**  
CTHH Pentecost Celebrations - see poster.  
At New Life Pentecostal Church, Lawn Lane  
1pm for BBQ Lunch, 2pm for Service of Praise.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 1:30pm**  
Messy Church in church/hall. See poster.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm**  
Film Night in church.



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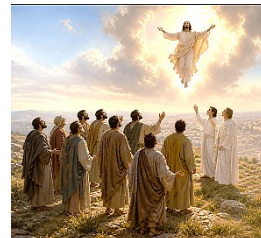
## SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK

### SUNDAY 17th May – Easter 7

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: Acts 1.6-14 Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11

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



### MONDAY to FRIDAY\*

9:30pm NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM\*

**\*NOT THURSDAY 21st May**

### TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM\*



### MONDAY 18th May

3:30pm-4:30pm AFTER SCHOOL FAMILY SERVICE IN CHURCH HALL  
7:45pm JCC AGM followed by JCC MEETING IN CHURCH HALL



### TUESDAY 19th May

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

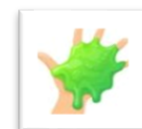
### WEDNESDAY 20th May

10:30am-12:30pm HEADWAY HERTS GROUP (GNA) IN CHURCH HALL  
12:30pm-2:00pm LADIES BYO LUNCH & BIBLE STUDY IN CHURCH HALL  
7:30pm-9:00pm ROMANIAN PRAYER GROUP IN CHURCH



### THURSDAY 21st May

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



### FRIDAY 22nd May

7:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHILDREN'S PRACTICE IN CHURCH

### SATURDAY 23rd May

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL  
12:15pm-2:05pm TUTORING IN CHURCH HALL



### Next Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH  
11:00am FREE CHURCH COMMUNION with JUNIOR CHURCH and ON FACEBOOK  
1:00pm & 2:00pm PENTECOST BBQ LUNCH at 1pm followed by SERVICE OF PRAISE at 2pm  
At **New Life Pentecostal Church**, Lawn Lane - see poster.  
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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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