

Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 12th July-18th July 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

Where are your roots?

No, I'm not talking about those DNA tests that tell you you're 12% Viking, 8% Scottish and somehow related to a goat farmer in the Alps!

I'm talking about something much deeper.

Where are your roots? What are your life and faith really grounded in?

Jesus tells a story about seeds scattered on different kinds of soil (Matthew 13). Some fall on the path and never get a chance. Some spring up quickly in shallow, rocky soil but wither when life gets tough. Others get choked by thorns. Only the seeds with deep, healthy soil grow strong and produce fruit.

Jesus wasn't giving gardening tips. He was asking us to think about what feeds and sustains our hearts.

What keeps us going when life isn't easy?

If we only come to church because it's fun or our friends are there, what happens when the fun fades or relationships become difficult? Does our faith disappear too?

Good news! Challenging seasons don't have to weaken us. Droughts often encourage roots to grow deeper in search of water. Times of change can help roots spread wider and become more resilient.

I pray that our roots aren't planted in comfort, routines or even other people, but firmly in the life, love and example of Jesus. When our roots are in Him, we can weather the storms, adapt to the seasons, and continue growing into the people God is calling us to be.

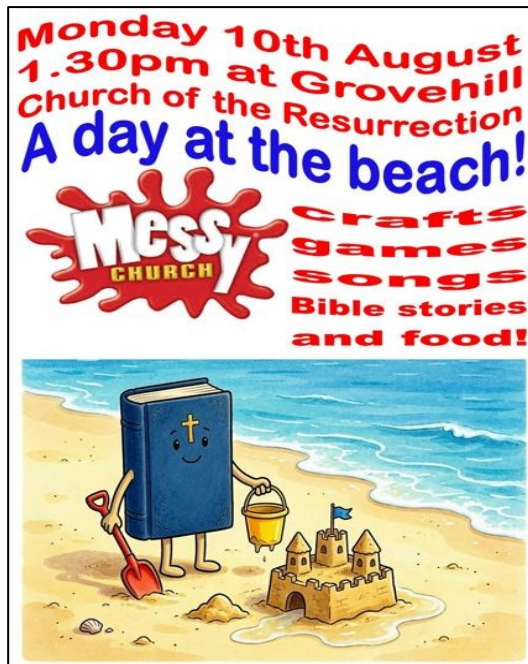
So, where are your roots?

Prayer focus this week

Pray for unity and community cohesion through sporting events.

Locally pray for St John's Church – Boxmoor (Anglican).

This week's other News



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st July at 11:00am
Dacorum Community Choir Free Concert
In church. A selection of light music.
With a retiring collection for Liberty Tearooms.

Saturday 25th July at 6pm
Film Night in church.



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.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 12th July – Trinity 6

9:00am CATHOLIC MASS IN CHURCH
11:00am ALL AGE SERVICE and ON FACEBOOK
Followed by Quiet Communion at 12:15pm approx.

Reading this week: Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE
5:00pm-7:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH SERVICE IN CHURCH
7:00pm-8:00pm ROMANIAN CHURCH REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH HALL



MONDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*



TUESDAY 14th July

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

WEDNESDAY 15th July

12:30pm-1:30pm LADIES' BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM*
7:30pm-9:00pm PCC MEETING IN CHURCH HALL



THURSDAY 16th July

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



SATURDAY 18th July

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

Next Sunday 19th July – Trinity 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

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

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