



Grovehill Church of the Resurrection

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Notice sheet for 30th August–5th September 2026

The Rev's Ramblings

Some people ask for advice and then immediately explain why they will not take it.

We've done it ourselves. "What should I do?" we ask, secretly hoping the answer will be, "Exactly what you were already planning!"

In Matthew 16.21–23 Jesus explains that he will suffer, be killed and rise again. Peter's response is "Absolutely not. That sounds like a terrible plan!" His intentions were good. He wanted the best for Jesus. Surely a movement could not succeed if its leader was executed like a criminal.

Peter saw the small picture; Jesus saw the bigger one.

How often are we like Peter? We think we know best. We are comfortable with our jobs, homes, routines and carefully built lives. Then God challenges us to do something uncomfortable, and suddenly we become experts at explaining why it's unnecessary.

We don't need to make that appointment, contact that person, ask for help, change jobs or move house. But would we listen to Jesus if his direction disrupted the life we have made?

We shouldn't follow blindly; God gives common sense. Yet our prayer needs to be, "God, I don't understand, but Your will be done." Trust doesn't mean having every answer. It means remaining open when God's answer differs from ours.

Pray for guidance and pay attention. When guidance comes, don't ignore it because it's not the answer you hoped for. Faith may require courage and a willingness to see beyond our small picture to the greater purpose God is revealing.

Prayer focus this week

Pray for all who have received their exam results. Prayers both for those who are happy and those who are disappointed.

Locally pray for Discovery – Charity bringing Christian Witness in Hemel Hempstead Primary Schools, led by Andrew Masters.

This week's other News

24-7 PRAYER St Albans Church Warners End and Grovehill Church of the Resurrection are hosting... the **lectio** course How to Hear God by Praying the Bible

The Lectio Course is a 5-part series to help us learn to hear God through praying through the Bible. Each of the five sessions includes a short video, a discussion, and a practical activity for small groups to explore together. Both sessions are open to everyone.

ST ALBANS CHURCH	GROVEHILL CHURCH
TUESDAYS	FRIDAYS
7.30PM – 9PM	2PM – 3.30PM
29 TH SEPTEMBER	2 ND OCTOBER
6 TH OCTOBER	9 TH OCTOBER
13 TH OCTOBER	16 TH OCTOBER
20 TH OCTOBER	<u>NOT 23RD OCTOBER</u>
27 TH OCTOBER	30 TH OCTOBER
	6 TH NOVEMBER

For more information, contact Revd Austin – 01442 270585 or email revaustin@sky.com

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 12th September at 4pm

Cream Tea in church hall.

Tickets £10 in advance from John Haynes
Card Readers available.

NOTE: Liberty Tearooms CLOSED from:
16th September to 6th October 2026.

The Lectio Course for 5 weeks starting:
Tuesday 29th September at 7:30pm-9pm

At St Alban's Church

Friday 2nd October at 2pm-3:30pm

At Grovehill Church

See poster above for both churches and dates.

Sunday 11th October at 4pm

At St Alban's Church, Warners End

Rev'd Austin's Licensing at St Alban's

There will be a Service with the new Bishop of St Albans to commission Austin in his extended ministry at St Alban's Church.

There will be refreshments afterwards.

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SERVICES AND EVENTS DURING THE WEEK



SUNDAY 30th August – Trinity 13

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

Readings this week: Exodus 3.1-15 Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.21-28

12noon REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE



TUESDAY to FRIDAY

9:30pm - NIGHT PRAYER ON ZOOM*

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

9:00am - MORNING PRAYER ON ZOOM*

MONDAY 31st August – Summer Bank Holiday

TUESDAY 1st September

9:15am-11:35am DACORUM COMMUNITY CHOIR IN CHURCH
7:30pm-9:00pm WHY'S MEN'S BIBLE AND CHAT GROUP ON ZOOM



WEDNESDAY 2nd September

12noon-1:00pm LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON ZOOM



THURSDAY 3rd September

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



SATURDAY 5th September

10:00am-12noon DRINKS & DUNKABLES IN CHURCH HALL
2:00pm-3:00pm TUTORING IN CHURCH HALL

Next SUNDAY 6th September – Trinity 14

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

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

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