



We have some advertising leaflets for Place of Welcome which we would be grateful if folk could help distribute. For the moment we are concentrating on roads in the vicinity of the church. You will find the leaflets split into bundles and identified by road - there should be enough leaflets in each bundle for the road concerned. If there are not please let me know.

If you live in a road which is not immediately covered and would like to deliver to your neighbours please let me know and I will give you some leaflets. I can give you enough to do the whole road or your immediate neighbours.

Thank you. Rev Ian.



Milk Bottle Tops

Please could you wash and bring to church those milk bottle tops from plastic milk cartons. Beth G's Guide unit, along with others in the Burgess Hill area, are collecting them to raise funds for Chestnut Tree House Childrens Hospice. Thank you.



The first aid course mentioned in last week's notice will be held by John W. at St Peter's, Hextable. The date is Saturday 6th April and it will start at 10.00am. It would be good to share transport if possible so, if you wish to attend and help keep our church a safer place, please speak to either Rev Ian or the churchwardens. Thank you..

My notes

Collect for the week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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17th March 2024

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
10.30am Communion Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Hymn: Rock of ages (*569*)

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Collect

Readings: Psalm 51:

Hymn: Blessed be your name

Gospel reading: Luke 19:37-44

Sermon

Apostles Creed (*page 44*)

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn: Speak to this heart

Communion Prayer D (*page 38*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (*page 16*)

Hymn: God is working his purpose out (*205*)

Blessing and Dismissal (*page 17*)

Large print service books are available.

Pastoral Visiting

If anyone would like the opportunity for a slightly longer chat than time affords after a church service please feel free to contact me. Thank you. Rev. Ian



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 17th March:

10:30am - Communion Service

Monday 18th March:

10:30am Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 19th March:

11:00am - Service for Dai at Kemnal Park

1:15pm - Stay and Play cancelled for this week

7:45pm - Lent group @ the vicarage

Wednesday 20th March:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Lent group

7:30pm - PCC meeting

Sunday 24th March:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word for Palm Sunday

Dai B.

Jenny would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind messages. We can now announce that a service to remember and give thanks for the life of Dai will be held on 19th March 11.00am. The venue will be Kemnal Park Cemetery and Ceremonial Park. After the service everyone is invited to go to the Kings Head in Old Bexley for a gathering.

A Prayer for the Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious
children, at risk and in fear, that you
would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **7th April 2024 @ 3.00pm**. Please pray for those who plan and deliver this ministry as we look ahead for ideas for upcoming gatherings. Any offers to help with crafts, to cook, chatting to guests and tidying up would be **really helpful**. Please see Rev Ian or Jenny B for more information.

Stay & Play

Stay and Play runs every Tuesday in term time from 1:15pm. It is an opportunity for parents/carers and their children to meet and play. Please tell folk about it and, if you want a flyer or a card to help, or indeed would like to help support this ministry, please see Rev Ian.



A space which offers coffee, tea, biscuits, cakes and sandwiches along with conversation, board games, computer access, advice and so forth. Please come along or invite anyone who might find it of value.

Mission Partners

We pray for the work of **SLADE GREEN FOOD-BANK**. We pray for Mell and the support staff, with a particular focus that a long term solution to the problems associated with collecting food from the supermarkets who support the project will be found. We give thanks for those volunteers who have stepped in to help in the meantime.

News from the Food Bank

The food bank has an urgent need for::

- ♦ Tinned fruit and veg
- ♦ Chocolate/snacks
- ♦ Tuna/hotdogs/meatballs
- ♦ Fruit juice
- ♦ Long life/evaporated milk
- ♦ Ready made custard
- ♦ Dried noodles, pasta & rice
- ♦ Pasta/curry sauces
- ♦ Stuffing/gravy
- ♦ Jam, honey, spreads
- ♦ Tins of baked beans, beans and sausages, macaroni chesse & chilli con carne
- ♦ Baby products
- ♦ Toothpaste, Shower gel, Deodorant
- ♦ Shampoo & Razors
- ♦ Housecleaning products
- ♦ Toilet and kitchen roll



Prayer Focus

Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:



Maureen B, Maureen (Sue M's mother), Kay T, Brenda M, Mavis M, Brenda P, Barry G, Mike S and Stephen R.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Theresa, Christopher and Keith A and Susan and Mike A.

We pray for Jenny B and her family as they mourn the death of Jenny's husband, Dai.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along The Sanctuary, Viewfield Road and Wellington Road.