

Singing in Church



Each month I select the songs/hymns we sing in our church services. There are various resources that I use to help pick songs but I am also aware that there are some I will not think of that others might wish to sing.

I will be thinking about what we sing in April over the course of the coming week. If there are songs that you would really like to sing please let me know and I will attempt to incorporate them into our acts of worship.

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 weeks notice will be held by John Walsh 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 know. Thank you..

My notes

Collect for the week

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

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24th March 2024

Palm Sunday
10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: You laid aside your majesty (751)

Confession

Liturgy of the Palms - introduction

Reading: Mark 11:1-11

Song Make way make way (436)

Collect

Passion reading: Mark 15:1-39

Reflection

Creed

Song: King of kings, majesty

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: We want to see Jesus lifted high (711)

Blessing and Dismissal

If you have a word, a vision or a story to share, please speak to Ian or one of the welcomers before the service. An auditory loop is available.

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 24th March:

8:00am - Communion Service

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

Monday 25th March:

10:30am Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 26th March:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

7:45pm - Lent group @ the vicarage

Wednesday 27th March:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Thursday 28th March:

6:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service and Meal

Friday 29th March:

2:00 - Hour at the Cross

Saturday 30th March:

10:00-12:00 - *Quiet Morning (journeying through Easter with St Peter) - St. Mary's, Bexley*

Sunday 31st March:

6:00am - *Sunrise Service + Breakfast (Baldwyns Park Baptist Church)*

10:30am - Family Communion Service

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** where we will think about **Mary**. 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 Cribes in Bexley Schools in their mission to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of young people and children in our schools in Bexley.

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, Janet C, Mike S and Stephen R.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Maureen B and Marie and George B..

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 Westerham Drive, Westwood Lane and Woodside Lane.