

Prayer meeting

Every Monday we have a prayer meeting (at the moment by zoom) where we pray for the needs of our parish and the wider world. If you would like to join in please speak to Timothy N or Rev Ian.

We also have a **WhatsApp** prayer group - please contact Rev Ian for details.

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.

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. Ian

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My Notes

Collect for the week

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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

Mission Partners



We pray for the work of Cribs 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.



1st May 2022

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices
Opening words (*page 1*)
Hymn: We have a gospel to proclaim (*701*)
Confession (*pages 2-4*)
Gloria (*page 5*)
Collect
Readings: Acts 9:1-20
Hymn: You stood there on the shoreline (*755*)
Gospel reading: John 21:1-19
Sermon: Abi Hiscock
Creed (*page 7*)
Prayers
The Peace
Hymn: All I once held dear (*18*)
Communion Prayer H (*page 38*)
The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)
Invitation to Communion (*page 14 b*)
Prayer of humble access (*page 15 a*)
Share Communion
Prayer after Communion (*page 16 a*)
Hymn: There's a wideness in God's mercy (*648*)
Blessing (*Page 17*)
Dismissal (*Page 17*)
Large print service books are available.

If you have a word, vision or story you want to share with us please speak to a Ian or one of the wardens before the service. If you need assistance with large-print books or the auditory loop please let us know.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd May:

1:15pm Stay and Play

Wednesday 4th May:

1:00pm Place of Welcome

Thursday 5th May:

7:30pm The Bible Course study group at the vicarage

Friday 6th May:

2:00-4:00pm Set up for Plants Plus
From 7:00pm Set up for Plants Plus

Saturday 7th May:

9:00am Set up for Plants Plus
10:00 Plants Plus - doors open

Sunday 8th May:

8:00am BCP Communion Service
10:30am Family Service incorporating APCM

APCM and PCC

Our APCM will be held this year on 8th May during our 10:30 service. The APCM and PCC are an essential part of our church community and so we are seeking to weave our meeting into our worship that morning.

During the course of the service/meeting we will be electing our new PCC. Sadly we have seen a number of people leave our PCC recently, and whilst others may stand for re-election we would ask you to prayerfully consider whether you would feel called to serve. PCC meetings happen every other month and we aim to keep them to two hours (so it is not a huge time commitment!!) but it is essential to the running of the church community. For details please speak to our wardens or to Rev. Ian.



Our next Messy Church will meet on 1st May and we will be focusing on St. George and what lessons we can learn from him for today. Help is needed to supervise crafts, to cook, chatting to guests and tidying up. 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 project, please see 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.



HELP NEEDED

As many of you will know, Pat and Roger have provided sterling support in helping cater for Places of Welcome, along with Ian and Linda. However, as I am also sure many of you are aware, Pat and Roger hope to be moving within the next couple of months. Is there anyone willing to help cater for PoW? At present it involves making and serving soup, rolls, biscuits/cakes and drinks. The dishwasher is available for the cleaning duties!! I am sure Pat, Roger, Ian or Linda will be happy to talk things through with people, as will Rev Ian.



Plants Plus



Plants Plus this year will be held on the morning of Saturday, 7th May. Please see the dates for your diary column for set up details. Doors will open at 10:00am. As usual there will be a set up on the Friday evening as well as before the event on Saturday. In addition to the sale of plants there will be tables for other items as well and tea and cakes will be available.

News from the Food Bank

The food bank has an urgent need for::

- ◆ Tinned fruit and veg
- ◆ Fruit juice
- ◆ Long life milk
- ◆ Ready made custard
- ◆ Dried noodles
- ◆ Jam
- ◆ Toothpaste, Shower gel, Deodorant



Prayer Focus



Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:

Ken P, Brenda P, Susan A, Maureen B, Beatrice G, Doreen B, Emma and Ollie, Brenda M and her nephew Philip, Thelma, and George and Marie B.

We continue to pray for those mourning the loss of a loved one.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Ian and Linda W and Pat and Roger W. We also pray for all those who live or work, on or have cause to travel along Oakley Park, Overcourt Close and Park Mead.