

## 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

## Contact details:

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## My Notes

## Collect for the week

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

## Mission Partners



We pray for the work of Cribbs 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.



**22nd May 2022**

**10.30am Service of the Word**

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Confession

Collect

Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Song: You alone can rescue

Gospel reading: John 14:23-29

Sermon

Creed

Song: I will offer up my life

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: The splendour of a king

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.**



# NOTICES

## Dates for your diary

### Monday 23rd May:

10:30am Prayer meeting via Zoom

### Tuesday 24th May:

1:15pm Stay and Play

### Wednesday 25th May:

1:00pm Place of Welcome

### Sunday 29th May:

8:00am Communion Service

10:30am Café Church



Our next Messy Church will meet on 5th of June and will be a **Right Royal Messy Church** where we will think about the Queen's Jubilee and what it looks like to have a Godly reign. Please see the additional notice in this sheet

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.



My Fair Lady is coming to the London Coliseum and it has been suggested that some folk might like to go as a party to see it. Please let Jenny B know if you are interested.

## 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
- ◆ Canned meat products
- ◆ Toothpaste, Shower gel, Deodorant



## Prayer Focus



**Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:**

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

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Maureen B and George and Marie B. We also pray for all those who live or work, on or have cause to travel along Sherwood Close, Sherwood Park Avenue and Shorne Close.



## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Sunday 5th of June, between 3:00pm and 5:00pm, we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service. We hope it will be a combined event drawing together our church worshipping community, our Messy Church community, and those who come to both Stay and Play and Place of Welcome.

There will be games, crafts, food (including a 'posh' afternoon tea) perhaps the odd song too! Please feel free to dress up if you wish to (it is not obligatory!!) and if anyone has any ideas to help us celebrate please get in touch. We also hope to have a display of 70 years at St. James - if you have anything to contribute please let us know.

It would be really helpful to know how many people intend coming to this event and if you have any food allergies, if only so we can cater accordingly. Please let Rev Ian know if you will be there!, or use the sign-up sheets in church. Thank you,