

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.

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My Notes



10th July 2022

Baptism of Oliver Arthur

Welcome and notices

Opening words

We sing: Praise is rising

Introduction

Collect

Readings: Luke 10:25-37

We think about God's word

We sing: To the river, I am going

We make promises

We sign with the Cross

We pray over the water

We declare our faith

We baptise Oliver

The Welcome and Peace

We sing: When I needed a neighbour (726)

We pray

We pray for the Ukraine

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing and Giving of the Candle

We sing: Amazing grace (30)

Dismissal

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.

Collect for the week

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Mission Partners

We pray for the work of **TEARFUND** and their mission to see people freed from poverty, living transformed lives, and fulfilling their God-given potential. We pray for partnerships with Christians, local churches and organisations around the world, as they seek to equip people to lift themselves out of poverty and fulfil their God-given potential.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Monday 11th July:

9:30am Prayer meeting via Zoom

Tuesday 12th July:

1:15pm Stay and Play

Wednesday 13th July:

1:00pm Place of Welcome

Sunday 17th:

10:30am Communion Service

News from the Food Bank

The food bank has an urgent need for::

- ◆ Tinned fruit and veg
- ◆ Canned meat
- ◆ Fruit juice
- ◆ Long life milk
- ◆ Ready made custard
- ◆ Dried noodles
- ◆ Jam, honey, spreads
- ◆ Canned meat products
- ◆ Toothpaste, Shower gel, Deodorant
- ◆ Shampoo & Razors
- ◆ Housecleaning products



KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy Church takes place on 4th September from 3:00-5:00pm. Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

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 s 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 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.



You and your car

Transport accounts for a fifth of all global CO2 emissions, with passenger vehicles contributing to nearly half of that figure. Motorised transport, of all types, is heavily fossil-fuel dependent.

The emissions are the same whether from cars, aeroplanes or motorbikes: an unhealthy mix of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, hydrocarbons, benzene and sooty particulates. These complex emissions damage air quality and are suspected carcinogens.

We are often encouraged to change our cars but that involves a significant carbon cost in itself. Before thinking about changing the car, might you want to revisit how you drive? A typical car driven at 60mph uses 15% less fuel than one driven at 70. If you are driving at less than 40mph open windows will not significantly impact your aerodynamic efficiency so turn off the air conditioning too!! The energy saving trust and the R.A.C. offer advice on driving efficiently at these two websites:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/ecodriving/>

<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/emissions/11-ways-to-reduce-your-car-emissions/>

Prayer Focus

Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:



Ann H, Ken P, Brenda P, Maureen B, Emma and Ollie, Kay T, Brenda M and her nephew Philip, and George and Marie B.

We pray for Maureen B and her family as they mourn the death of her son, Geoff.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Brenda F and Nicky, David and Harry G. We also pray for all those who live or work, travel along Blackfen Road, Bladindon Drive and Blendon Drive.