

We are all aware that our planet faces some serious challenges as a result of human activity leading to climate change. Sometimes these challenges seem overwhelming and that there is not a lot we can do as individuals. However, there is that African proverb which goes along the lines of 'if you think you're too small to make a difference, try spending a night in a room with a mosquito'!!

One thing we can do is look at how much carbon we produce. One website which is quite helpful is here: <https://www.climatestewards.org/offset/> I am not suggesting you pay the cost of offsetting your footprint (although, of course, you could). Rather that we start being intentional about making decisions which reduce our footprint.



Milk Bottle Tops

Please could you wash and bring to church those milk bottle tops from plastic milk cartons. Beth G's Guide unit is collecting them to raise funds. Thank you.

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

My notes

Collect for the week

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's
sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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25th February 2024

10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: Immortal, invisible, God only wise (306)

Confession

Collect

Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Song: In Christ Alone (309)

Gospel reading: Mark 8:31-end

Sermon

Creed

Song: Holy Overshadowing

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: O Lord my God (499)

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

Sunday 25th February:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

Monday 26th February:

10:30am Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 27th February:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

7:45pm - Lent group @ the vicarage

Wednesday 28th February:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome I

Lent group

Sunday 3rd March:

10:30am - Communion Service

3:00pm - Messy Church

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 **3rd March 2024 @ 3.00pm** and our theme will be **Mothering Sunday**. We will meet on 21st February during Place of Welcome to plan this session. 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 infor-

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 the Church Mission Society and their ministry in supporting people at the edges and introducing them to the love of Jesus.

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 Jo S, Mike S and Kay T.

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 Rowley Avenue, Sherwood Close and Sherwood Park Avenue.