

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 chil-
dren, at risk and in fear, that you would hold
and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



Christmas Fair



**Our Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday
30th November from 11.00am-2.00pm.**

We are now taking donations for the fair and the following items are especially needed: Books, Children's books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Christmas crafts, Jewellery, baskets or gift items for the hamper raffle, Fairtrade items for raffle and cakes, preferably home made and if possible some large cakes. There is also a list for donations for the Fairtrade Hamper at the back of the church - please sign up!! Please can you also save plastic food trays from prepacked fruit and vegetables for use on the Cake stall.

The church will be open on the 29th November from 1:30-4:00pm and from 6:00pm to set up. If anyone wishes to help please speak to Jenny B or Rev. Ian. Thank you.

My notes

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
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.
Rev. Ian

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24th November 2024

10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: Crown him with many crowns (125)

Confession

Collect

Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8

Song: Everyone needs compassion

Gospel reading: John 6:5-14

Sermon

Creed

Song: How lovely on the mountains (284)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: Forever (Give thanks to the Lord our God and King)

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 24th November:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

Christmas Carol Service Choir rehearsal.

Monday 25th November:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 26th November:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 27th November:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Saturday 30th November:

11:00am - Christmas Fair

Sunday 1st December:

10:30am - Communion Service



Carols by Candlelight



Our Carols by Candlelight service will take place on Sunday, 22nd December 2024 at 6:30pm.

We have nine readings and it would be wonderful if folk would volunteer to help. Please contact Rev Ian and he can give you further details.

Thank you.



KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **8th December** and we will be thinking about **Advent and Christmas**. 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 **SLADE GREEN FOOD-BANK**. We pray for Mell and the support staff, with a particular focus that a long term solution to the problems associated with collecting food from the supermarkets who support the project will be found. We give thanks for those volunteers who have stepped in to help in the meantime.

News from the Food Bank

The food bank has an urgent need for::

- ◆ Tinned fruit and veg
- ◆ Chocolate/snacks
- ◆ Tuna/hotdogs/meatballs
- ◆ Tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- ◆ 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 - wet wipes, nappies size 4-6
- ◆ 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, Brenda M, Mavis M, Brenda P, Janet C, Mike S, Margaret M, Carol M, Barry G, Thelma H and Stephen R.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Onyeka O, Brenda P and Stephen R.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Viewfield Road, Wellington Avenue and Westerham Drive.