

## 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.



## Present Aid 2024

Instead of sending individual Christmas cards  
to friends at church this year, why not do  
something different?

1. Write one card to all of us at St James and put it  
on the Christian Aid /Present Aid noticeboard at the  
back of church.
2. Leave a donation to represent the cost of the other  
cards you have not sent in the envelope on the  
noticeboard or see Jean H.

After Christmas, our gift will be sent to Christian Aid  
to support their work in our global community.

We have been running this scheme since 2008  
And have donated over £1800!

Why not join us this year?

Present Aid - Gifts today that last beyond tomorrow!

## Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great  
humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Giving at St James

If you wish to make a donation towards the ministry  
of St. James, or indeed need to pay for a specific  
service, please speak to Rev Ian or the  
Churchwardens. Alternatively, you can scan the QR  
code below.

Thank you..



## Pastoral Visiting

If anyone would like the opportunity for a slightly long-  
er chat than time affords after a church service please  
feel free to contact me. Thank you. Rev. Ian

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**1st December 2024**

**10.30am Communion Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Lighting of the Advent ring

Hymn: Longing for light (*401*)

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Gloria

Collect (*page 5*)

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Hymn: Ye servants of the Lord (*745*)

Gospel reading: Luke 21:25-36

Sermon

Creed (*page 7*)

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn: Come thou long expected Jesus (*117*)

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: God is working his purpose out (*205*)

Blessing (*Page 17*)

Dismissal (*Page 17*)

**Large print service books are available.**



# NOTICES

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 1st December:

10:30am - Communion Service  
Christmas Carol Service Choir rehearsal.

### Monday 2nd December:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 3rd December:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 4th December:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 8th December:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)  
10:30am - Family Service  
Christmas Carol Service Choir rehearsal.

### Saturday 21st December:

7:30pm - Longest night reflective service

### Sunday 22nd December:

6:30pm - Carols by Candlelight

### Tuesday 24th December:

3:00pm - Crib Service  
7:00pm - 'Midnight' Communion @ 7

### 25th December:

10:30am - Family 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 **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.

## 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 Kelly, Felicity and Jacob S, Marjorie S and Jo S.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Westwood Lane and Woodside Lane.