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

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.

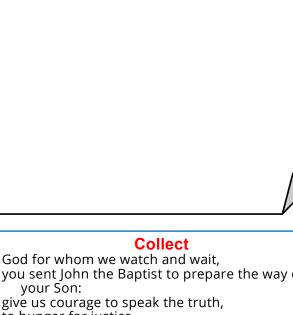
2. Leave a donation to represent the cost of the other cards you have not sent in the envelope on the noticeboard or see Jean H.

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!



My notes

you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with lesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Visiting

If you would like the opportunity for a longer chat than time affords after a church service please feel free to contact me. Thank you. Rev. lan

Contact details:

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15th December 2024

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (page 1)

Song: On Jordan's bank (513)

Confession (pages 2-4)

Collect

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Song: In the Lord I'll be ever thankful (766)

Gospel reading: Luke 3:7-18

Sermon

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Prayers

The Peace

Song: O come, o come, Emmanuel (469)

Communion Prayer D (page 28)

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Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (page 16)

Song: Lo, he comes (399)

Blessing and Dismissal (page 17)

Large print service books are available.

If you have a word, vision or story you want to share with us please speak to a lan or one of the wardens before the service. If you need assistance with large-print books or the

N/S

NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 15th December: 10:30am - Communion Service Christmas Carol Service Choir rehearsal.

Monday 16th December: 10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 17th December: 1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 18th December: 1:00pm - Place of Welcome - cancelled

Saturday 21st December: 6:00pm - Longest night reflective service

Sunday 22nd December: 8:00am - Communion Service (BCP) 10:30am - All Age Service Christmas Carol Service Choir rehearsal. 6:30pm - Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 24th December: 3:00pm - Crib Service 7:00pm - 'Midnight' Communion @ 7





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 **2nd February 2025** 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 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 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 Michael S, and John and Lindsay W.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Albany Close and Albany Road.