

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.



My notes



CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, CHANGING IMPACT

As our lifestyles change, so do our carbon emissions and it's easy to miss what is happening. One area we may overlook is 'the Cloud'. Automatic backup makes it easy to store far more videos, photos and emails than we need. On 'the Cloud' it is someone else's problem. Would you really fill a room at home with photos and videos which are out of focus, duplicates or that you will never look at again? .

According to the Financial Times newspaper in May 2021 the carbon emissions from tech infrastructure and the data servers that enable cloud computing now exceed those of pre-Covid air travel. Microsoft and Google have set targets to be carbon neutral. You can help by regularly deleting things you don't want or need:

<https://www.climatecare.org/resources/news/infographic-carbon-footprint-internet/>

Watching, listening and leisure habits are changing too with music, films and games now primarily streamed. The Carbon Trust finds that streaming an hour of videos equates to boiling the kettle three times. Perhaps small on an individual level, it is the cumulative change in behaviour that means the economic value of streaming has doubled from 2016 to 2021 and is expected to triple by 2028 to \$224 billion per annum. Pay attention to the impact of technology use in your lifestyle. You can, of course, also campaign for service providers to take action, invest in renewables and use more efficient technologies:

<https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/carbon-impact-of-video-streaming>

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. Ian

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Blendon *seeking God and sharing his love*



5th January 2025

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Hymn: What child is this? (716)

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Gloria

Collect (*page 5*)

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6

Hymn: We three kings (709)

Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Creed (*page 7*)

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn: Be thou my vision (64)

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: Jesus shall reign (354)

Blessing (*Page 17*)

Dismissal (*Page 17*)

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 5th January:

10:30am - Communion Service

Monday 6th January:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 7th January:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 8th January:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

7:30pm - Bexley Churches Together

Sunday 12th January:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)

10:30am - Family Service

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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 in this notice. Thank you.



KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **2nd February 2025** and we will be thinking about **Jesus' childhood**. 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 cheese & 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 Linda and Ian W and Vera A.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Arcadian Road and Banwell Road..