

## 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.



## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
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 Churchward-  
ens. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code in this  
notice. Thank you.



## My notes

## 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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**12th January 2025**

**10.30am Family Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: On Jordan's bank (513)

Introduction

We say sorry to God

We pray the collect

We hear God's word: Isaiah 43:1-7 (*read together*)

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Song: To the river

We think about God

We say what we believe

Song: Amazing Grace (30)

We talk to God

We pray the Lord's Prayer

Songs: Cornerstone

Blessing

We leave

*Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.*

*A collection plate is available by the exit as we leave*

**Large print service books are available.**



# NOTICES

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 12th January:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)

10:30am - Family Service

### Monday 13th January:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 14th January:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 15th January:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 19th January:

10:30am - Communion Service

## Ministries in Church

We need help in the following areas of supporting services and church ministry:

- ◆ **Members of our PCC**
- ◆ **New Churchwarden**
- ◆ Leading intercessions
- ◆ Communion distribution
- ◆ Flower arranging
- ◆ Coffee rota
- ◆ Messy Church
- ◆ Stay and Play
- ◆ Places of Welcome
- ◆ Church cleaning
- ◆ DBS checks

# 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 Cribs in Bexley Schools in their mission to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of young people and children in our schools in Bexley.

## 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 Keith A and Susan A.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Beechway and Blackfen Parade.