

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.



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

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

My notes

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.



23rd March 2025

10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: We stand and lift up our hands

Confession

Collect

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Song: Be still for the presence of the Lord (60)

Gospel reading: Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

Creed

Song: Faithful one (137)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: This is amazing grace

Blessing and Dismissal

*If you have a word, a vision or a story to share, please
speak to Ian or one of the welcomers before the ser-
vice. An auditory loop is available.*

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 23rd March:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

Monday 24th March:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 25th March:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 26th March:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 30th March:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Mothering Sunday Café Church

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

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **6th April** and we will be thinking about **The Servant King and Easter**. 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 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, Barry G, Thelma H and Stephen R.

We pray for Carol and her family as they mourn the death of Margaret M. We also pray for Janet and Graham C as they mourn Janet's aunt Olive.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Emma, Ollie, Anna and Hope H and Joe K.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Penhurst Avenue, Portland Avenue and Ramillies Road.