

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

Concert

On 5th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Southend Crescent
SE9 2SD, Eltham Choral Society will perform Duruflé's
Requiem and Esther Bersweden's new work *Time & Tides*
– *an Exploration of Greenwich*. Tickets (£12) from
Ticketsource, or speak to Timothy or Mary.

On Good Friday, 13th April, Timothy and Mary will be
singing with the St Cecilia Festival Chorus at St John the
Baptist, Eltham, performing Cherubini's *Requiem* and
choruses from Handel's *Messiah*. Entrance is free,
retiring donation for Demelza Hospice. Both concerts
are at 7.30 pm – you are very welcome!

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.



30th March 2025

10.30am Café Church

Welcome and notices

Opening words

We sing: Tell out, my soul (612)

We say sorry

We pray the Collect

Activity

We sing: She sits like a bird

We hear God's word: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end

We think about God and our lives

We say what we believe

We sing: Holy overshadowing

We pray to God

We sing: The Lord of the Dance (290)

Blessing

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

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 30th March:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Mothering Sunday Café Church

Monday 31st March:

10:30am - Funeral for Margaret M. at St. John's, Bexley

Tuesday 1st April:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 2nd April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

7:00pm - Police Panel Meeting

Sunday 30th March:

10:30am - Communion Service

3:00pm - Messy Church



CRiBS Fundraiser

Paul Davis is running 13.1 miles in the London Landmark event on 6th April 2025 in aid of CRiBS. If anyone would like to sponsor him please see Angela who has a sheet!!

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Rest day: Friday

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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 **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, 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 Chris, Andy and Craig L and Francesca L..

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Rochester Close, Rowley Avenue and Sherwood Close.