

## 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

## 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

### Women's Refuge

We have been in contact with an organisation  
which runs a Women's Refuge and have  
offered to supply morse bags containing practical  
essentials for women and children fleeing domestic  
violence.

We would need folk to help make morse bags and  
a collection of things to go in the bags. Ideally we  
would have 3 types of bags - adults, school age  
and and pre-school. They would contain things like  
toothbrush (with case) , toothpaste, flannel, hand-  
towel, wipes, deodorant, soap/bodywash/shower gel,  
shampoo & conditioner and hairbrush/combs.  
Moisturisers for adults, colouring books and felts for  
children , sweets (like Haribo - they will last, etc  
would not go amiss either! Please see Ian if you want  
more information. Someone has also suggested  
baby/make-up wipes and fluffy socks!!

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**27th April 2025**

**10.30am Service of the Word**



Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: Light of the world

Confession

Collect

Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Song: I will offer up my life (329)

Sermon

Creed

Song: In Christ alone (310)

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: Thine be the glory (660)

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 27th April:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

### Monday 28th April:

10:30am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road cancelled

### Tuesday 29th April:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 30th April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 4th May:

10:30am - Communion Service

4:00pm - Messy Church and VE Day celebration



## Plants Plus



Plants Plus takes place this year on Saturday 17th May. Please could folk start collecting the plastic trays that fruit and vegetables come in from the supermarkets and leave them at the back of church? We would also be really grateful for any donations towards the raffle and cake stall. And, of course, if anyone is able to help by running a stall we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Jenny B or Revd. Ian. Thank you.

## Electoral roll

Please do not forget to complete an electoral roll form we have to renew the electoral roll every five years and this is one of those years. It means the roll starts from zero and, if you do not fill in a form, you will not be on it! Of course you can always join later but the roll has to close ahead of our annual meetings.

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **4th May** and we will be thinking about **Caring for Creation**. 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 ministry of CRiBS in our Bexley Schools. Since 1993 CRiBS have supported the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of children and young people in Bexley, seeking to inspire them to grow in faith and promote living values. .

## 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 our church family and this week we pray for Brenda P, Stephen R, and Kelly, Felicity and Jacob S.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Wellington Avenue, Westerham Drive and Westwood Lane.