

## 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.



## 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.

## 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!!

## Contact details:

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**11th May 2025**

**10.30am Family Service**



Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: When I was lost you came and rescued me

We say sorry to God

We pray the collect

We hear God's word: Acts 9:36-end

Song: The Lord's my shepherd (637)

We think about God

We say what we believe

Song: Be still and know that I am God (59)

We talk to God

Song: One more step along the world I go (510)

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 11th May:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)

10:30am - Family Service

### Monday 12th May:

10:30am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 13th May:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 14th May:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Saturday 17th May:

10:00am - Plants Plus

### Sunday 18th May:

10:30am - Family Communion Service

## Electoral roll and APCM

The revised electoral roll is now on display - if your name is not on it I am afraid we cannot add it until after the APCM.

As has become our practice, our APCM and associated churchwarden's meeting will take place during the service on the 25th May 2025. Mary is stepping down having served 6 years as churchwarden (that is the maximum term one can serve unless a resolution was passed at a previous APCM) so **we need a new churchwarden**. We will also be holding elections to our PCC and, again, we need people to stand for this. Please consider, prayerfully, whether God is calling you to either serving as warden or as a PCC member. If you have any questions about the role please speak to the current PCC members and/or wardens or to Rev. Ian.

Thank you.

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **1st June** and we will be thinking about **Noah**. 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 our church family and this week we pray for John and Lindsay W and Ian and Linda W.

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