

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.



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.



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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.

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!!



25th May 2025

Service of the Word with APCM



Welcome and notices
Opening words
Song O God our help in ages past :
We say sorry to God
Open vestry meeting
Elect Churchwardens
Open APCM
Elect PCC
Elect Independent Examiner
Prayers for PCC
Song: Come people of the risen King
PCC report (circulated)
Churchwardens report (circulated)
Electoral Roll report
Deanery Synod report (circulated)
Financial report (circulated)
Questions on reports
Song: Speak to this heart
Reading: Acts 16:9-15
Reflection
Prayers
Lord's Prayer
Song: Let us build a house
Coffee
Questions
Close



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 25th May:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the word/APCM

Monday 26th May:

10:30am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road
cancelled (Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 27th May:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 28th May:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 1st June:

10:30am - Communion Service

3:00pm - Messy Church

Ministries in Church

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

- ◆ Members for our PCC
- ◆ Setting chairs out for church
- ◆ Leading intercessions
- ◆ Communion distribution
- ◆ Flower arranging
- ◆ Coffee rota
- ◆ Messy Church
- ◆ Stay and Play
- ◆ Places of Welcome
- ◆ Church cleaning

Please speak to one of the wardens or Ian if you feel you can help.

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 **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 our church family and this week we pray for Maureen B and George and Marie B.

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