

## 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 Church-  
wardens. Alternatively, you can scan  
the QR code in this notice. Thank you.



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## 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

## My notes

### Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in  
prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**24th August 2025**

**10.30am Service of the Word**

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: 10000 Reasons

Confession

Collect

Reading: Psalm 103:1-8

Song: Everyone needs compassion

Gospel reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Sermon

Sung response

Creed

Song: Beauty for Brokenness

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: Filled with compassion

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 24th August:

8:00am - Communion Service  
10:30am - Service of the Word

### Tuesday 26th August:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 27th August:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome  
7:00pm - Coffee with a Cop

### Sunday 31st August:

8:00am - Communion Service  
10:30am - Café Style Church

## Women's Refuge

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

We still need the following items:

- Toothbrush and holders
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Soap boxes
- Fluffy socks
- Hairbrushes/combs
- Makeup/baby wipes
- Flannels
- Hand towels
- Sweets
- Colouring books/felts
- Notebooks
- Toys

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **7th September** and we will be thinking about **the life of St. Paul**. 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:**

Ann C, 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 Felicity, Jacob and Kelly S and Marjorie S.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Shirley Avenue, Shorne Close, and The Avenue.