

## 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

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**31st August 2025**

**10.30am Café Church**

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: Come now is the time to worship/As we are  
gathered

Confession

Activity

Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Song: Will you come and follow me

Talk

We say what we believe

Song: We bow our hearts

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Song: We stand and lift up our hands

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 31st August:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Café Style Church

### Monday 1st September:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 26th August:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 27th August:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 7th September:

10:30am - Communion Service

3:00pm - Messy 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 **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:**

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 Jo S, Michael S and Linda and Ian W.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along The Crescent, The Drive and The Rise.