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 quide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, 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 Churchwardens. 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. lan



Cleaning Day

We are holding a church cleaning day on Tuesday 28th October. If you are able to come and help, if only for a short time, that would be great. We will meet at 10.00 am. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available

Deanery Confirmation Service

We will be holding a deanery confirmation service at St. John's, Bexley on Sunday 2nd November at 6:00pm. If anyone would like to explore confirmation please speak to Rev. Ian.

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers

of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do.

and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them:

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. Amen.





5th October 2025

10.30am Communion Service

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Readings: Psalm 137

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Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 5th October:

10:30am - Communion Service 3:00pm - Messy Church

Monday 6th October:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 7th October:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 8th October:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Saturday 11th October:

1.00pm - Harvest Lunch

Sunday 12th October:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP) 10:30am - Family Service - Harvest

3-2-1 Course

The 3-2-1 course is a short course, which runs for four sessions. The primary purpose of the course is evangelical and it seeks to introduce people to Jesus' vision for their lives and to encourage them to think about their relationship with God. The course is primarily delivered by interactive videos.

This is, obviously, much shorter than an Alpha course. However, I have never run it before so, having talked to the PCC, we agreed to run two groups, one evening and one during the day, to gauge the effectiveness of the course and to iron our any wrinkles. Those attending will, essentially, be guinea pigs, although I am sure they will also encounter thinking that will be both useful and challenging.

If you wish to take part please can you speak to Rev. lan and we can then firm up dates. Thank you.

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place today and we will be thinking about harevst. 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 s 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 Godgiven 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 specifically for Jenny B, Michael C and Joan C.

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