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. Ian

My notes

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Toilet rolls

Could people save the cardboard tubes from toilet and kitchen rolls and given them to Beth G (or leave them at the back of church). They are needed by her Guide unit. Thank you.





19th October 2025

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (page 1)

Song: What a friend we have in Jesus

Confession (pages 2-4)

Collect

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Song: Lord I come to you

Gospel reading: Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

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Prayers

The Peace

Song: Remembrance

Communion Prayer D (page 28)

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (page 16)

Song: Holy overshadowing

Blessing and Dismissal (page 17)

Large print service books are available.

If you have a word, vision or story you want to share with us please speak to a lan or one of the wardens before the service. If you need assistance with large-print books or the auditory loop please let us know.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 19th October:

10:30am - Communion Service where we welcome Archdeacon Allie

Monday 20th October:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 21st October:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 22nd October:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 19th October: (Daylight Saving Time Ends) 8:00am - Communion Service 10:30am - Service of the Word - our guest speaker is Luke Brennan from C.M.S.

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 on **2nd November** and we will be thinking about **lost sheep and coins**. 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. This 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.

Pets are welcome! Please come along or invite any-

one 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

Slade Green 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 Angela and Edwin D, Brenda F, and Nick, Dave, Beth and Harry G.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Bowes Close, Burns Avenue, and Cedar Grove.