## **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.



## **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.



#### **Contact details:**

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Rest day: Friday

Amen.

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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

I am sad to inform you of the recent death of Vera A, who was a member of this congregation for many years.

I am also sad to say that Ray J passed away in the early hours of Tuesday morning. If you wish to send a card to Ann please let me know and I will pass on their address.

#### Collect

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;

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.

### **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.





## 2nd November 2025

#### 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (page 1)

Hymn: Come down O love divine

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Gloria

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Readings: Psalm 32:1-8

Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

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Sermon

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The Peace

Hymn: Father hear the prayer we offer

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Large print service books are available.



# **NOTICES**

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Sunday 2nd November**

10:30am - Communion Service

3:00pm - Messy Church

6:000pm - Confirmation Service at St. John's, Bexley

#### Monday 3rd November:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

#### **Tuesday 4th November:**

1:15pm - Stay and Play

#### Wednesday 5th November:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

#### Saturday:

9:30 - Diocesan Synod (St. John's, Chatham)

### **Sunday 9th November:**

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

## Christmas Fair







Our Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 29th November from 11.00am-2.00pm.

We are now taking donations for the fair and the following items are especially needed: Books, Children's books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Christmas crafts, Jewellery, baskets or gift items for the hamper raffle, Fairtrade items for raffle and cakes, preferably home made and if possible some large cakes. There is also a list for donations for the Fairtrade Hamper a the back of the church - please sign up!!

# **KEY MINISTRIES**



Our next Messy takes place on today 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 anyone who might find it of value.

## **Mission Partners**



We pray for the ministry of CRiBS in our Bexley Schools. Since 1993 CRiBS have supported the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of children and young people in Bexley, seeking to inspire them to grow in faith and promote living values.

## **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, 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 Emma, Ollie, Anna and Hope H, and Joe K.

We pray for the families of Vera A and Ray J.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Dene Avenue, Gwillim Close and Harcourt Avenue.