# **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 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.



## **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

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#### Collect

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# 5th Sunday



This month we have 5 Sundays in the month.

Bearing in mind we cannot always sing everyone's favourite advent songs or carols over the season, if there is a specific song you would really like to sing, let me know - we will try to sing it on the 30th.

Thank you.

#### **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.

#### **Concert Notice**

The St Cecilia Singers will be performing in St John's church Eltham (SE9 1DH) on Saturday 22nd November, at 7.30pm. The concert will include Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other works by Handel and Bach. Entrance free, with a retiring collection for Demelza Hospice for Children.

Please see Timothy or Mary N for further details.





## 16th November 2025

#### 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (page 1)

Song: All my days I will sing this song of gladness

Confession (pages 2-4)

Collect

Readings: Psalm 98

Song: How deep the Father's love for us

Gospel reading: Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

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**Prayers** 

The Peace

Song: Faithful One

Communion Prayer D (page 28)

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (page 16)

Song: To God be the glory

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 16th November:

10:30am - Family Communion Service 12:00pm - Christmas Choir Practice

### **Monday 17th November:**

10:30am - Prayer meeting

## **Tuesday 18th November:**

1:15pm - Stay and Play

7:30pm - Deanery Synod at Holy Redeemer

#### Wednesday 19thh November:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

#### **Sunday 23rd November:**

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

12:00pm - Christmas Choir Practice



#### 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!!

The church will be open on Friday 28th from 1:30-4.00pm and then from 6.00pm for set up. It will also be open from 9.00am on the 29th. If anyone wishes to help please speak to Jenny B or Rev. Ian.

# **KEY MINISTRIES**



Our next Messy takes place on 7th December and we will be thinking about Christmas. 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 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**

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 Brenda M, Elizabeth, Ewina, Joe, Bella and Luke M, and Carol M..

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

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Meadow View, Merion Place and Montpelier Avenue.