

## 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 Church-  
wardens. 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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## My notes

### Present Aid 2025

Instead of sending individual Christmas cards to friends at  
church this year, why not do something different?

- 1) Write one card to all of us at St. James and put it on the  
Christian Aid/Present Aid noticeboard at the back of church.
- 2) Leave a donation to represent the cost of the other cards  
you have not sent in the envelope on the noticeboard or see  
Jean H.

After Christmas our gift will be sent to Christian Aid to support  
their work in our global community. We have been running  
this scheme since 2008 and have donated over £2700! Why  
not join us this year?

**Present Aid -  
Gifts today that last beyond tomorrow!**

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
Amen.



**7th December 2025**

**10.30am Communion Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Advent ring

Hymn: Christ be our light

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Gloria

Collect (*page 5*)

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10

Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel

Gospel reading: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

Creed (*page 7*)

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn: Come thou long expected Jesus

Communion Prayer F (*page 32*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Invitation to Communion (*page 14 b*)

Prayer of humble access (*page 15 a*)

Share Communion

Prayer after Communion (*page 16 a*)

Hymn: God is working his purpose out

Blessing (*Page 17*)

Dismissal (*Page 17*)

**Large print service books are available.**



# NOTICES

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 7th December:

10:30am - Communion Service  
 12:00pm - Christmas Choir Practice  
 3:00pm - Messy Church

### Monday 8th December:

10:30am - Prayer meeting  
 1:45pm - Sherwood Park Carol Service

### Tuesday 9th December:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 10th December:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 14th December:

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



## Christmas Services



These are the details of the Christmas Services we have coming up in the coming weeks:

20th December: 6pm - Longest Night Service

21st December: 6.30pm - Carols by Candlelight

24th December: 3pm - Crib Service  
 7pm - 'Midnight Communion @ 7

25th December: 10.30am - Family Service

We will need volunteers to do the Bible readings at the Carols by Candlelight service. Please speak to Rev. Ian if you wish to help. Thank you.

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **today** 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 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

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 Trish S, Lee S, and Felicity, Kelly and Jacob S.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Ramilies Road, Rochester Close and Rowley Avenue.