

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

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of
your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



14th December 2025

10.30am Family Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Lighting the Advent Ring

Song: On Jordan's bank

We say sorry to God

We pray the collect

We hear God's word: : Isaiah 42:1-9

Song: Restore, O Lord,

We hear God's word: reading of Luke 2:8-20

We think about God

We say what we believe

Song: Beauty for brokenness

We talk to God

We pray the Lord's Prayer

Songs: Love divine

Blessing

We leave

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

A collection plate is available by the exit as we leave

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 14th December:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)
 10:30am - Family Service
 12:00pm - Christmas Choir Practice

Monday 15th December:

10:30am - Prayer meeting

Tuesday 16th December:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 17th December:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Saturday 20th December:

6:00pm - Longest Night Service

Sunday 21st December:

10:30am - Family Communion Service
 12:00pm - Christmas Choir Practice
 6:30pm - Carol 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 **1st February 2026**

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, Peter B. and Stephen R.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Marjorie S, Jo S and Michael S.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Sherwood Close, Sherwood Park Avenue and Shirley Avenue.