

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.



Everyday Faith

Everyday Faith is a new app from the Church of England which is available for Android and Apple devices (from your usual app store). There is also a web page at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everyday-faith-portal>

The app is designed around daily reflections, prayers and guidance to help folk find and follow God in our everyday lives. It seeks to help people grow into a Christ-centred and Christ-shaped life. It will also have seasonal content (such as at Advent/Christmas).

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

Collect

Eternal God,
who made this most holy night
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:
bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
to see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
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.

'Midnight @ 7 2025

7.00pm Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Advent ring

Song: The first Nowell

Confession

Collect

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7

Song: Hark the herald angels sing

Gospel reading: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon

Apostles Creed (*page 44*)

Prayers

The Peace

Song: Come, thou long expected Jesus

Communion Prayer D

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (*page 16*)

Song: O come all ye faithful

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 Ian 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

Wednesday 24th December:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome—cancelled
 3:00pm - Crib Service
 7:00pm - 'Midnight' @ 7

Thursday 25th December:

10:30am - Family Service

Sunday 28th December:

10:30am - Service of the Word

Sunday 4th January 2026:

10:30am - Communion Service

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 -

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.



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 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, Stephen R and Harper.

We pray for the family of Richard Sudworth in their grief. .

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Keith A, Susan A and George and Marie B.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along The Rise, The Sanctuary and Viewfield Road.