

## 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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## My notes

## Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**18th January 2026**

**10.30am Communion Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Song: When I was lost you came and rescued me

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Collect

Readings: Isaiah 53:1-9

Song: Will you come and follow me

Gospel reading: John 1:29-42

Sermon

Apostles Creed (*page 44*)

Prayers

The Peace

Song: Just as I am

Communion Prayer D (*page 28*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (*page 16*)

Song: I the Lord of sea and sky

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

### Sunday 18th January:

10:30am - Family Communion Service

### Monday 19th January:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 20th January

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 21st January:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 25th January:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word



Transport accounts for a fifth of all global CO2 emissions, with passenger vehicles contributing to nearly half of that figure. Motorised transport, of all types, is heavily fossil-fuel dependent.

The emissions are the same whether from cars, aeroplanes or motorbikes: an unhealthy mix of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulphur oxides, hydrocarbons, benzene and sooty particulates. These complex emissions damage air quality and are suspected carcinogens.

We are often encouraged to change our cars but that involves a significant carbon cost in itself. Before thinking about changing the car, might you want to revisit how you drive? A typical car driven at 60mph uses 15% less fuel than one driven at 70. If you are driving at less than 40mph open windows will not significantly impact your aerodynamic efficiency so turn off the air conditioning too!! The energy saving trust and the R.A.C. offer advice on driving efficiently at these two websites:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/ecodriving/>  
<https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/advice/emissions/11-ways-to-reduce-your-car-emissions/>

## KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **1st February 2026** and our theme will be **Jesus light of the world**. 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 Nicky and her family as they mourn the death of Nicky's sister, Lynne.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Angela and Edwin D, Brenda F, and Nicky, Dave, Harry and Beth G..

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Arcadian Road, and Banwell Road.