

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

25th January 2026

10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: Great is the darkness that covers the earth

Confession

Collect

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Song: I will offer up my life

Gospel reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon

Creed

Song: Born in the night

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: Light of the world you stepped down

Blessing and Dismissal

If you have a word, a vision or a story to share, please speak to Ian or one of the welcomers before the service. An auditory loop is available.

Large print service books are available.

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 25th January:

8:00am - Communion Service
10:30am - Service of the Word

Monday 26th January:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 27th January

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 28th January:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 1st February:

10:30am - Communion Service
3:00pm - Messy Church

3-2-1 Course

Before Christmas I asked for volunteers to help test run the 3-2-1 course - a 4 week interactive course which examines 'Life according to Jesus' looking at God's three-ness, the world's two-ness (Adam/Jesus) and our own one-ness. It is designed to help people reflect on big questions about God, the world and themselves.

Those who had expressed an interest should have received an email this week with dates for the course. For others the dates are four Wednesdays in Lent after Place of Welcome (18th and 25th February and 4th and 11th March) and four Thursdays (19th and 26th February and 5th and 12th March) at 7.30pm.

If you would like to join in it is not too late - please speak to me.

Thank you. Rev. Ian.

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 also pray for the family of Nicola D. who died suddenly recently.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Margaret G, and Beatrice, Isabella, Shaquille and Walton G. .

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Beechway and Blackfen Parade.