

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.



Pancake Evening



We will be holding our annual pancake evening on
Saturday 14th February. Doors will open at 6:00pm
for a 6.30pm start.

The usual toppings will be available but, if you want
something exotic, you will have to bring it yourself!!

Please could we have donations to the raffle which
will help raise funds for the event?

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

My notes

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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8th February 2026

10.30am Family Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: Strength will rise

We say sorry to God

Introduction - Getting connected

Song: To the river

Living Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7

Song: Even though I walk

Meditation - Connecting with God

We say what we believe

Lord's Prayer

Digging deeper

Song: Great is your faithfulness

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 8th February:

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

Monday 9th February:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road cancelled

Tuesday 10th February:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 11th February:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Saturday 14th February:

6:00pm for 6:30pm - Pancake Evening

Sunday 15th February:

10:30am - Communion Service

Advance notice

Sunday 1st March:

10:30am - Communion Service with Archdeacon Allie

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) looing at Gods 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 March 2026** and our theme will be the life of **St. David**. 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 **SLADE GREEN FOOD-BANK**. We pray for Mell and the support staff, with a particular focus that a long term solution to the problems associated with collecting food from the supermarkets who support the project will be found. We give thanks for those volunteers who have stepped in to help in the meantime.

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

Prayer Focus



Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:

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. (nee H.) who died suddenly recently.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Joe K, Christine, Andy and Craig L, and Francesca, Hamilton and Lucas L.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Blendon Drive and Blendon Road.