

## 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.



## 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

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**15th February 2026**

**10.30am Communion Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words (page 1)

Song: Open the eyes of my heart

Confession (pages 2-4)

Collect

Readings: 2 Peter 1:12-21

Song: God forgave my sin in Jesus name

Gospel reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

Apostles Creed (page 44)

Prayers

The Peace

Song: Meekness and majesty

Communion Prayer D (page 28)

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (page 16)

Song: Shine Jesus shine

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 15th February:**

10:30am - Communion Service

**Monday 16th February:**

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

**Tuesday 17th February:**

1:15pm - Stay and Play

**Wednesday 18th February:**

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

2:30pm - 3-2-1 Course

**Thursday 19th February:**

7:30pm - 3-2-1 Course

**Sunday 22nd February:**

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

**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' looking 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 **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:**



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 Brenda M and Elizabeth, Edwina, Joe, Bella and Luke M.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Bowes Close and Burns Avenue.