

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](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everyday-faith-portal)

The app is designed around daily reflections, prayers and guid-
ance 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

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



22nd February 2026

10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: My lips shall praise you

Confession

Collect

Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Song: When the music fades (heart of worship)

Gospel reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Creed

Song: Purify my heart

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: Before the throne of God above

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 ser-
vice. An auditory loop is available.*

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 22nd February:

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

Monday 23rd February:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 24th February:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 25th February:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome
2:30pm - 3-2-1 Course

Thursday 26th February:

7:30pm - 3-2-1 Course

Sunday 1st March:

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

Christmas Card Donations

Many thanks to all those who donated to Christian Aid in lieu of sending Christmas cards at church. The total raised was £245. This has now been sent off to Christian Aid in support of their work.

Cake Sale - 22nd March



CAKES !! We are holding a cake sale after the Morning service, in aid of VICTA, a charity which empowers blind children and young adults.

Mary N. is raising money for VICTA, by competing in the London Marathon, on 26th April. Daughter Sarah will be her guide, as she aims to finish in 7½ hours. You can sponsor her by following this link:

<https://2026tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/mary-nunns>

Do come along to the Cake Sale and enjoy some delicious home-made produce. There will also be an opportunity to sponsor Mary there.

(PS Ian Smith guarantees that his flapjack is calorie-free!)

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 ministry of CRiBS in our Bexley Schools. Since 1993 CRiBS have supported the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development of children and young people in Bexley, seeking to inspire them to grow in faith and promote living values. .

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 Carol M, Mary and Timothy N and Onyeka O.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Cedar Grove and Clayworth Close.