

## 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

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**8th March 2026**

**10.30am Family Service**

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: Praise is rising

We say sorry to God

Introduction - Getting connected

Song: How deep the Father's love for us

Living Scripture: Genesis 12:1-3

Meditation - Connecting with God

Song: Beautiful One

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Digging deeper

Song: Forever

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 March:

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

### Monday 9th March:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 10th March:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 11th March:

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

### Thursday 12th March:

7:30pm - 3-2-1 Course @ the Vicarage

### Saturday 14th March:

8:30am - Parish Breakfast

### Sunday 15th March (Mothering Sunday):

10:30am - Family Communion Service

## 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://2026tcsllondonmarathon.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.

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **3rd May** (we are not having a meeting in April as 5th April is Easter Sunday). 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 Trish S, Lee S and Kelly, John, Felicity and Jacob S.

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