

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

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to
himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind
together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

15th March 2026

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Song: Tell out my soul

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Collect

Readings: Exodus 2:1-10

Song: She sits like a bird

Gospel reading: John 19:25-27

Sermon

Apostles Creed (*page 44*)

Prayers

The Peace

Song: Everyone needs compassion

Communion Prayer D (*page 28*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (*page 16*)

Song: Amazing grace (my chains are gone)

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 March (Mothering Sunday):

10:30am - Family Communion Service

Monday 16th March:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 17th March:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 18th March:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

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

Saturday 21st March:

2:00pm - PCC meeting

Sunday 22nd March:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word (including Cake Sale)

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 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 for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Marjorie S and Jo S.

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Harcourt Avenue and Howard Avenue.