

## 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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**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesblendon>

## My notes

## Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



**22nd March 2026**

**10.30am Service of the Word**

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: Only by grace can we enter

Introduction

Confession

Collect

Song: When I was lost you came and rescued me

Reading: John 11:1-45

Presentation

Creed

Song: Longing for light

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: There's a wideness in God's mercy

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 March:

8:00am - Communion Service

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

### Monday 23rd March:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 24th March:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 25th March:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Saturday 28th March:

10:30am - Gardening Work Party

### Sunday 29th March:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Pet Service (with palm crosses)  
Making the Easter Garden

## Cake Sale - Today!!



CAKES !!

We are holding a cake sale today 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. He 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.

# 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 **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
- ◆ Housecleaning products
- ◆ Toilet and kitchen roll
- ◆ **Easter Eggs**



## 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 Michael S and Linda and Ian W.

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Hurst Road and Maple Crescent.