

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

True and humble King,
hailed by the crowd as the Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way to the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen.

29th March 2026

10.30am Palm Sunday/Pet Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: We are marching in the light of God

Blessing of the Palms

Collect

Reading: Matthew 21:1-11

Song: Make way, make way

Introduction to Pet Service

Confession

We give thanks

Song: What a beautiful name it is

Reflection

We say what we believe

We bless our pets

Song: All things bright and beautiful

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Song: How great is our God

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.*



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 29th March:

8:00am - Communion Service
10:30am - Pet Service (with palm crosses)
Making the Easter Garden

Monday 30th March:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 31st March:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 1st April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Thursday 2nd April:

6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Meal

Friday 3rd April:

2:00pm - Hour at the Cross

Sunday 5th March, Easter Day:

10:30am - Easter Communion Service

APCM

Our annual parish meeting, where we elect churchwardens and the PCC, and receive accounts and reports, will be held on 17th May in the morning service.

There will be more about this in the weeks to come but, in the meantime, the Electoral Roll is open for anyone who wishes to join the roll to do so. This can happen at (almost) any time but there is a specific focus at the moment.

Membership of the roll entitles you to vote for at the apcm and stand for election to the PCC. Please see Angela, the wardens, or Rev. Ian for further details.

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
- ◆ **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 Christopher and Janice A and Keith A.

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Meadow View and Merino Place..