

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



26th April 2026



10:30 Baptism of Layka Baylee Racheal

Welcome and notices

Opening words

We sing: Praise is rising

Introduction to the service

We say sorry to God

Collect

We sing: To the river

We hear God's word - Acts 2:41-end

We think about God's word

We sing: Will you come and follow me

The Presentation and Decision

We sign with the sign of the cross

Prayer over the water

We say what we believe

The Baptism

The Welcome and the Peace

We sing: Shine Jesus Shine

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

We sing: In Christ Alone

We share Christ's light

We leave



Plants Plus

Plants Plus takes place this year on Saturday 16th
May. Please could folk start collecting the plastic trays that
fruit and vegetables come in from the supermarkets and
leave them at the back of church. We would also be really
grateful for any donations towards the raffle, plants, gar-
den sundries and cakes on the day. This year we are also
holding a kids painting competition during the
morning.

If anyone is able to help by running a stall or helping on the
day we would love to hear from them. Please speak to Ian
S or Jenny B.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 26th April:

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

Monday 27th April:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road
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Tuesday 28th April:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 29th April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 26th April:

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

APCM

Our annual parish meeting, where we elect church-wardens 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.

We also have vacancies to fill on our PCC. The PCC is a key body in the life and ministry of the church and meets, on average, six times a year.

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 Janet, Sian and Graham C and Janet and John C.

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Portland Avenue and Ramillies Road.