

## 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

## The Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and  
compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.



17th May 2026

## 10.30am Communion Service with APCM



Welcome and notices  
Opening words (*page 1*)  
Song: Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Confession (*pages 2-4*)  
Collect  
Open vestry meeting  
Elect Churchwardens  
Open APCM  
Elect PCC  
Elect Independent Examiner  
Prayers for PCC  
Reading: John 17:1-11  
Song: Come on and celebrate  
Reports: PCC report  
Churchwardens  
Electoral Roll  
Deanery Synod  
Financial report  
Vicar's reflection  
Creed  
Prayers  
The Peace  
Song: King of Kings, majesty  
Communion Prayer D (*page 28*)  
The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)  
Share Communion  
Post Communion prayer (*page 16*)  
Contributions from the floor  
Song: My Jesus, my saviour  
Blessing and Dismissal (*page 17*)

**Large print service books are available.**



# NOTICES

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 17th May:

10:30am - Communion Service with APCM

### Monday 18th May:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 19th May:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 20th May:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Sunday 24th May:

8:00am - Communion Service

10:30am - Service of the Word

## Ministries in Church

We need help in the following areas of supporting services and church ministry:

- ◆ Members for our PCC
- ◆ Setting chairs out for church
- ◆ Leading intercessions
- ◆ Communion distribution
- ◆ Flower arranging
- ◆ Coffee rota
- ◆ Messy Church
- ◆ Stay and Play
- ◆ Places of Welcome
- ◆ Church cleaning

Please speak to one of the wardens or Ian if you feel you can help.

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **7th June** and we will be thinking about the life of Moses. 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 and Mike's daughter - in-law Racheal, Barry G, Thelma H, Stephen R and Harper.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Beatrice, Isabella, Shaquille and Walton G and Jean H..

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