

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.



CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, CHANGING IMPACT

As our lifestyles change, so do our carbon emissions and it's easy to miss what is happening. One area we may overlook is 'the Cloud'. Automatic backup makes it easy to store far more videos, photos and emails than we need. On 'the Cloud' it is someone else's problem. Would you really fill a room at home with photos and videos which are out of focus, duplicates or that you will never look at again? .

According to the Financial Times newspaper in May 2021 the carbon emissions from tech infrastructure and the data servers that enable cloud computing now exceed those of pre-Covid air travel. Microsoft and Google have set targets to be carbon neutral. You can help by regularly deleting things you don't want or need:

<https://www.climatecare.org/resources/news/infographic-carbon-footprint-internet/>

Watching, listening and leisure habits are changing too with music, films and games now primarily streamed. The Carbon Trust finds that streaming an hour of videos equates to boiling the kettle three times. Perhaps small on an individual level, it is the cumulative change in behaviour that means the economic value of streaming has doubled from 2016 to 2021 and is expected to triple by 2028 to \$224 billion per annum. Pay attention to the impact of technology use in your lifestyle. You can, of course, also campaign for service providers to take action, invest in renewables and use more efficient technologies:

<https://www.carbontrust.com/resources/carbon-impact-of-video-streaming>

My notes

Parish Breakfast

The Parish Breakfast, which would normally be held on 13th June, has had to be cancelled this month. We will be back on 11th July. Please let those who visit know. Thank you.

The Collect

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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.



7th June 2026

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Hymn: Will you come and follow me (740)

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Gloria

Collect (*page 5*)

Reading: Psalm 33:1-12

Hymn: Christ's is the world in which we move (89)

Gospel reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sermon

Creed (*page 7*)

Prayers

The Peace

Hymn: Immortal love forever full (307)

Communion Prayer H (*page 38*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Invitation to Communion (*page 14 b*)

Prayer of humble access (*page 15 a*)

Share Communion

Prayer after Communion (*page 16 a*)

Hymn: What debt of sin that none can pay (717)

Blessing (*Page 17*)

Dismissal (*Page 17*)

Large print service books are available.





NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 7th June:

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

Monday 8th June:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 9th June:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 10th June:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 14th June:

8:00pm Service cancelled
10:30am - Family Service

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.

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

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on today 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 and Pip, Janet C, Mike S and Mike's daughter -in-law Racheal, Barry G, Thelma H, Stephen R, Maureen (Sue M's mother) and Harper.

We pray for Carol M and her family as they mourn the death of Carol's aunt, Joy C.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Edwina, Liz, Joe, Bella and Luke McC, and Carol M. .

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along