

## 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 pro-  
tect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.



## Ollie's Half-Marathon

Ollie and Anna's godfather, Charlie, are running a  
half marathon in July to raise money for Cancer  
Research. Full details can be found at

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/charity-half-marathon-run-2026>

Maybe Ollie and Mary can start a St. James running  
group...



## Local Music Events

St Mary's Bexley are organizing a concert for 3 pm  
on Sunday 5th July by John Bowerman and friends.  
Obviously that is the same time as Messy Church...

Eltham Choral Society will be putting on a pro-  
gramme of opera choruses, plus some new pieces  
written for the choir by our accompanist. It will in-  
clude some music sung by local schoolchildren,  
too; they are amazingly good! The date is 12th July  
– 7 pm at St Luke's, Westmount Road, SE9 1XQ.  
Further details are available from Timothy or Mary  
N.

## My notes

### 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.



### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful peo-  
ple,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.



5th July 2026

10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

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Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12

Hymn: Be still and know that I am God

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The Peace

Hymn: Praise my soul the King of heaven

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**Large print service books are available.**





# NOTICES

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 5th July:

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

### Monday 6th July:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road - cancelled

### Tuesday 7th July:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 8th July:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Saturday 11th July:

8:30am - Parish Breakfast

### Sunday 12th July:

10:30am - Communion Service

## 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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# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **5th July** 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



## Community Tea and Shoebox Appeal

We will be having a community afternoon tea on 15th August at 3:00pm. If you would like to attend, or know family and friends who would, please sign the sheet in church.

The year we are supporting a different shoebox appeal charity and we will need shoeboxes (without hinged lids!) We will be collecting them in August/September along with donations for the boxes.

## 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 our church family and this week we pray specifically for Stephen R and Trish S.

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

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Albany Close and Albany Road.