

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October:

10:30am – Family Communion Service

### Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October:

2:00pm – Standing Committee @ vicarage

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October:

8:00am – Communion Service

10:30am – Service of the Word



## Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair is being held **on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, 11.00 – 2.00 pm. We are now taking donations for the fair and the following items are especially needed: Books (preferably hard back), Children's Books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Christmas crafts, jewellery, baskets or gift items for the hamper raffle, including food, not necessarily Fairtrade (a list for donations for this hamper is at the back of the church). Also cakes, preferably homemade and, if possible, some large cakes.

Everyone has always been very generous with their donations, but it would be very helpful if they are brought to the church by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the latest to give time for sorting.

If anyone would like to help on the day, please speak to Rev. Ian or Jenny B.

The Church will be open for setting up on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> from 3.00 pm onwards and from 9.00 am on 28<sup>th</sup>.

# KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy Church takes place on **1st November** and we will be thinking about **Remembrance**. Please pray for those who plan and deliver this ministry as we look ahead for ideas for upcoming gatherings.

Offers of 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 Crib's in Bexley Schools in their mission to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of young people and children in our schools in Bexley.



## 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, Joe K, David and Sally S, and Harper.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Christine, Andy and Craig L and Francesca, Hamilton and Lucas L.

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Park Mead and Penhill Road.

## 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.



## 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

## 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.



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## My notes

## Shoebox Appeal

We will be filling shoeboxes in the service on 1<sup>st</sup>  
November. Please can we have all available  
shoeboxes in church by next week, ideally wrapped,  
so that we can see what additional boxes are  
required. Thank you.

## The Collect

God, our light and our salvation:  
illuminate our lives,  
that we may see your goodness in the land of the  
living,  
and looking on your beauty may be changed into the  
likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



# Notices

*seeking God and sharing his love*

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

## 10.30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (*page 1*)

Song: He is exalted

Confession (*pages 2-4*)

Collect

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Song: Here I am wholly available

Gospel reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

Apostles Creed (*page 44*)

Prayers

The Peace

Song: Be still for the presence of the Lord

Communion Prayer D (*page 28*)

The Lord's Prayer (*page 12*)

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (*page 16*)

Song: Cornerstone

Blessing and Dismissal (*page 17*)

Tea and coffee

**Large print service books are available.**

If you have a word, vision or story you want to share with us  
please speak to a Ian or one of the wardens before the  
service. If you need assistance with large-print books or the  
auditory loop please let us know.

