

Welcome to

ST. JAMES THE GREAT BLENDON

Please join us for private prayer, meditation and worship on the First Sunday of Lent.

Jesus is the Light of the World, a light no darkness can ever put out.

Today's readings:

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-9

1 Peter 3:18-end

Mark 1:9-15

Planned Giving envelope for this week is number 13

For the knitters: 1st size baby cardigans and Moses size blankets are needed by a charity with a branch in Bromley. Details at <https://baby-basics.org.uk/> If you need baby wool, Mandy has quite a lot of spare!



Foodbank bags

Bexley Foodbank needs strong carrier bags or bags for life.

Please can you arrange for any that you can spare to be delivered to one of the four [Foodbank](#) outlets in the Borough.

Prayer list: Emma, Sheila, Ken, Thelma, Ann H, Brenda M, Ann C, Hugo, George & Marie B, Ian, Mandy, Stephen R.

From the Book of Remembrance: we give thanks for the lives of:

Samuel Pettigrew, Harold Hanes, Peter Simmons, Connie Clark, Phyllis Thomas, Ann Koudmani, Charles Amey.

Please pray for our church members and their families: this week we remember: Maureen B, George & Marie B, and all those who live and work in The Drive.

Mission Partner: This week we pray for the work of CRiBS as they seek to provide online support and encouragement to the school children. Regardless of any changes in the world, their aim remains the same: to bring Christian resources into schools and promote 'Living Values and Growing Faith'.

WHO Covid-19 solidarity response fund

In Britain we are greatly blessed with scientists who have developed a vaccine against Covid, and also with the NHS which offers a **free** vaccination to everyone. Many of our brothers and sisters around the world are not so fortunate. As a gesture of thanksgiving for these blessings please consider giving to the World Health Organisation's Covid-19 response fund which seeks to help countries prevent, detect, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially where needs are greatest. Money raised through the Fund can be disbursed at speed and flexibly, so it gets where it is most needed as quickly as possible.

You can donate online via <https://covid19responsefund.org/en/faq>

or if you are a CAF account holder you can use this link: <https://www.cafonline.org/home/covid-19-fund>

Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you for the blessings you have given me and my family. Help us to use those blessings to bless others. May I live a life of true joy as I see you at work around me today! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Father God, thank you for giving us freedom. Thank you for liberating us into abundant lives. We think of those who, for whatever reason, are not free. Help us to bring about a world where no one is kept in slavery. Help us root out and end this injustice. Amen.

God of power and might, thank you for the gift of Love and for all the people whose love shines in my life. Continue to fill my heart with your love and let me share that love with the world today and always. Amen.

Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Help us remember why You gave Your life. Because of love. Because of mercy. Because we desperately need them both. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for each new day of life. Help us to be a light of hope to those in need, to be an example of your love and mercy, and to tell others of your great grace and glory.

Loving God you invite us to spend time with you personally and alone. During this 'extra' time we find we have, help us to draw closer to you, to sit at your feet not rushing away, spending time in your presence and sensing your wonderful peace. Whether time seems to have slowed down or quickened during lockdown, help us to put you first at the start of each day and rest in your presence at the end of each day. May the ticking of a clock be our constant reminder to bring all our worries and joys to you.

Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his kingdom of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever.

Creator God, this earth is miraculous and beautiful. Forgive our confusion and inaction as we confront the challenges of climate change. In the light of your truth, seen so clearly in the life and teaching of Jesus, help us to re-examine ourselves and our lifestyle choices and see clearly the implications of how we live on all that sustains life on this earth. May we follow your lead in caring for every aspect of this precious world, which you made and love. We pray for world leaders to find new, just and radical agreements that will protect our fragile world for future generations.

Throughout history you have moved people to do amazing things for the sake of their neighbours. Inspire us now to work together, as your people, to change priorities in the way we live, so that we build a fair and safe world for all your creation; a world where your will is done as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus' name.

Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me; thank you for forgiving me. Thank you for showing me my worthiness and for pursuing me. I am in awe of you Lord! I submit my heart to you Lord. May your Holy Spirit transform me and make me like you. In Jesus' name.