

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 chil-
dren, 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 Churchward-
ens. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code in this
notice. Thank you.



My notes

Women's Refuge

We have been in contact with an organisation
which runs a Women's Refuge and have
offered to supply morse bags containing practical
essentials for women and children fleeing domestic
violence.

We would need folk to help make morse bags and
a collection of things to go in the bags. Ideally we
would have 3 types of bags - adults, school age
and and pre-school. They would contain things like
toothbrush (with case) , toothpaste, flannel, hand-
towel, wipes, deodorant, soap/bodywash/shower gel,
shampoo & conditioner and hairbrush/combs.
Moisturisers for adults, colouring books and felts for
children , sweets (like haribo - they will last, etc would
not go amiss either! Please see Ian if you want more
information.

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13th April 2025

Palm Sunday

10.30am Service of the Word

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Song: From heaven you came (175)

Confession

Collect

Liturgy of the Palms - introduction

Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Song Hosanna, Hosanna (278)

Reflection

Creed

Song: How deep the Father's love for us

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Song: When I survey the wonderous cross (727)

Blessing and Dismissal

*If you have a word, a vision or a story to share, please
speak to Ian or one of the welcomers before the
service. An auditory loop is available.*

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 13th April:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)
10:30am - Family Service (Palm Sunday)

Monday 14th April:

10:30am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 15th April:

1:15pm - Stay and Play - cancelled (holidays)

Wednesday 16th April:

10:30 - Build Easter Garden in Church
1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Thursday 17th April:

6:00 for 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Meal

Friday 18th April:

2:00pm - Hour at the Cross

Sunday 20th April:

10:30am - Easter Day Communion Service

Concert

On Good Friday, 13th April, Timothy and Mary will be singing with the St Cecilia Festival Chorus at St John the Baptist, Eltham, performing Cherubini's *Requiem* and choruses from Handel's *Messiah*. Entrance is free, retiring donation for Demelza Hospice. The concert is free and at 7.30 pm – you are very welcome!

Electoral roll

Please do not forget to complete an electoral roll form we have to renew the electoral roll every five years and this is one of those years. It means the roll starts from zero and, if you do not fill in a form, you will not be on it! Of course you can always join later but the roll has to close ahead of our annual meetings.

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **4th May** and we will be thinking about **Caring for Creation**. 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. It's 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. Please come along or invite anyone who might find it of value.

Mission Partners

We pray for the work of **SLADE GREEN FOOD-BANK**. We pray for Mell and the support staff, with a particular focus that a long term solution to the problems associated with collecting food from the supermarkets who support the project will be found. We give thanks for those volunteers who have stepped in to help in the meantime.

News from the Food Bank

The 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:

Maureen B, Brenda M, Mavis M, Brenda P, Janet C, Mike S, Barry G, Thelma H and Stephen R.

We pray for Carol and her family as they mourn the death of Margaret M. We also pray for Janet and Graham C as they mourn Janet's aunt Olive.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray for Carol M and Mavis and Alan M.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along The Avenue, The Crescent and The Drive.