

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.



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 Church-
wardens. Alternatively, you can scan
the QR code in this notice. Thank you.



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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

My notes

Cleaning Day

We are holding a church cleaning day on Tuesday
28th October. If you are able to come and help, if only for
a short time, that would be great. We will meet at 10.00
am. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available

Toilet rolls

Could people save the cardboard tubes from toilet
and kitchen rolls and given them to Beth G (or
leave them at the back of church). They are
needed by her Guide unit. Thank you.



12th October 2025

10.30am Family Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: We plough the fields and scatter

We say sorry to God

We pray the collect

We hear God's word: Psalm 65

Song: You never let go

We hear God's word: Matthew 9:35-38

We think about God

We say what we believe

Song: Great is your faithfulness

We talk to God

We pray the Lord's Prayer

Songs: Come ye thankful people, come

Blessing

We leave

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

A collection plate is available by the exit as we leave

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their
season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own
well-being;
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.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 12th October:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)

10:30am - Family Service - Harvest

Monday 13th October:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 14th October:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 15th October:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

7:30pm - PCC Standing Committee @ the vicarage

Sunday 19th October:

10:30am - Communion Service (Archdeacon Allie visiting)

3-2-1 Course

The 3-2-1 course is a short course, which runs for four sessions. The primary purpose of the course is evangelical and it seeks to introduce people to Jesus' vision for their lives and to encourage them to think about their relationship with God. The course is primarily delivered by interactive videos.

This is, obviously, much shorter than an Alpha course. However, I have never run it before so, having talked to the PCC, we agreed to run two groups, one evening and one during the day, to gauge the effectiveness of the course and to iron out any wrinkles. Those attending will, essentially, be guinea pigs, although I am sure they will also encounter thinking that will be both useful and challenging.

If you wish to take part please can you speak to Rev. Ian and we can then firm up dates. Thank you.

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **2nd November** and we will be thinking about **lost sheep and coins**. 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 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. 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

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:

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

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Ann C, Janet, Graham and Sian C, and Janet C.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Bladindon Drive, Blendon Drive and Blendon Road.