

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.



Everyday Faith

Everyday Faith is a new app from the Church of England which is available for Android and Apple devices (from your usual app store). There is also a web page at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everyday-faith-portal>

The app is designed around daily reflections, prayers and guidance to help folk find and follow God in our everyday lives. It seeks to help people grow into a Christ-centred and Christ-shaped life. It will also have seasonal content (such as at Advent/Christmas).

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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My notes

Collect

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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.

4th January 2026

10:30am Communion Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words (page 1)

Song: As with gladness men of old

Confession (pages 2-4)

Gloria

Collect

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6

Song: We three kings

Gospel reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon

Creed (page 7)

Prayers

The Peace

Song: Angels from the realms of glory

Communion Prayer H (page 38)

The Lord's Prayer (page 12)

Prayer of humble access

Share Communion

Post Communion prayer (page 16)

Song: Joy to the world

Blessing and Dismissal (page 17)

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.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 4th January 2026:

10:30am - Communion Service

Monday 5th January:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 6th January

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 7th January:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 11th January:

8:00am - Communion Service (BCP)

10:30am - Family Service

Singing in Church



Each month I select the songs/hymns we sing in our church services. There are various resources that I use to help pick songs but I am also aware that there are some I will not think of that others might wish to sing.

If there are songs that you would really like to sing please let me know and I will attempt to incorporate them into our acts of worship.

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.

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **1st February 2026** and our theme will be **Jesus light of the world**. 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

Prayer Focus



Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:

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

We pray for the family of Richard Sudworth in their grief. .

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Jenny B, Michael C and Joan C.

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Wellington Avenue, Westerham Drive, Westwood Lane and Woodside Lane.