

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 Churchwardens.
Alternatively, you can scan
the QR code in this notice. Thank you.



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

Verses used today

Genesis 1:3-2:3
Genesis 9:6
Psalms 8
John 1:1-5
Colossians 1:15-20
2 Peter 3:5-7
Genesis 2:4-25



11th January 2026

10.30am Family Service

Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: Come, now is the time to worship

We say sorry to God

Introduction - Getting connected

Song: For the beauty of the earth

Living Scripture

Song: Beauty for brokenness

Meditation - Connecting with God

We say what we believe

Lord's Prayer

Digging deeper

Song: How great thou art

Blessing

We leave

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the service.

A collection plate is available by the exit as we leave

Large print service books are available.



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 11th January:

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

Monday 12th January:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 13th January

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 14th January:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Saturday 17th January:

2:00pm - PCC meeting in the Garden Room

Sunday 18th January:

10:30am - Family Communion 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.

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 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

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 Nicky and her family as they mourn the death of Nicky's sister, Lynne. We also remember Richard S's family as they prepare for his funeral on Tuesday.

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

We pray for all those who live or work, travel along Albany Close and Albany Road.