

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.



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](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/everyday-faith-portal)

The app is designed around daily reflections, prayers and guid-
ance 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

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.
Amen.

12th April 2026

10.30am Family Service



Welcome and notices

Opening words

Songs: When I survey the wondrous cross

We say sorry to God

Introduction - Getting connected

Song: He has risen

Living Scripture: Exodus 6:1-6; 10:1-20
Exodus 11:1-10; 12:29-42
Exodus 14:10-31

Meditation - Connecting with God

Song: Lord of the dance

We say what we believe

Prayer activity

Lord's Prayer

Digging deeper

Song: What a beautiful name it is

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 12 April:

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

Monday 13th April:

10:00am - Prayer meeting @ Hawthorn Road

Tuesday 14th April:

1:15pm - Stay and Play

Wednesday 15th April:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 19 April:

10:30am - Family Communion Service

APCM

Our annual parish meeting, where we elect churchwardens and the PCC, and receive accounts and reports, will be held on 17th May in the morning service.

There will be more about this in the weeks to come but, in the meantime, the Electoral Roll is open for anyone who wishes to join the roll to do so. This can happen at (almost) any time but there is a specific focus at the moment.

Membership of the roll entitles you to vote for at the apcm and stand for election to the PCC. Please see Angela, the wardens, or Rev. Ian for further details.

We also have vacancies to fill on our PCC. The PCC is a key body in the life and ministry of the church and meets, on average, six times a year.

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **3rd May** (we are not having a meeting in April as 5th April is Easter Sunday). 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:



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

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

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Overcourt Close and Park Mead..