

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 pre-
cious 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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Rest day: Friday

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My notes

The Collect (for 8:00 o'clock)

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

30th August 2026

10:30 Café Church



Welcome and notices

Opening words

We sing: Strength will rise

We say sorry to God

We pray for the Big Church Festival

We sing: Forever (Give thanks to the Lord)

We hear a reading from 2 Chronicles

We reflect on God's word

Living Scripture: Luke 12:22-28

We think about God's word

We say what we believe

We sing: Beautiful One

We talk to God

We pray the Lord's Prayer

We sing: We stand and lift up our hearts

We receive God's Blessing

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



NOTICES

Dates for your diary

Sunday 30th August:

8:00am - Communion Service
10:30am - Café Church

Monday 31st August:

10:30am - Prayer meeting at Hawthorn Road
Cancelled

Tuesday 1st September

1:15pm - Stay and Play
7:00pm - Stallholders meeting for the Christmas Fair
(Garden Room)

Wednesday 2nd September:

1:00pm - Place of Welcome

Sunday 6th September:

10:30am - Communion Service
3:00pm - Messy Church

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).

Our Daily Bread

The latest copy of our Bible study book Our Daily Bread, is now available, free of charge, from the back of church. Please take your copy and please feel free to take one for someone you know who may find it helpful.

The studies are also available on an app which you can get from whichever app store your mobile device uses or on their website at <https://www.odbm.org/en-GB/devotional>

KEY MINISTRIES



Our next Messy takes place on **6th September** and we will be thinking about **new beginnings**. 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



Shoebbox Appeal

The year we are supporting a different shoebox appeal charity and we will need shoeboxes (without hinged lids!) We will be collecting them in August/September along with donations for the boxes.

We should have a list of items required out this week. This will include items for adults as this charity supports work across age ranges. In the meantime, please collect shoeboxes!!

Prayer Focus



Those who are either unwell or need special prayers:

Brenda M and Pip, Janet C, Mike S and Mike's daughter -in-law Racheal, Barry G, Thelma H, Stephen R, Maureen (Sue M's mother), David and Sally S, and Harper.

We pray for our church family and this week we pray specifically for Joan C and Ann C.

We pray for all those who live, work or travel along Crofton Avenue, Wakeford Close and Dene Avenue.