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*Please pray for the people of Ukraine  
and for Peace, and for the leaders of the West as they deliberate  
on how to respond to the terrible unprovoked aggression of  
Russia.*

*Lord of all the earth,  
be present with the people of Ukraine  
at this time of danger, fear, and conflict.  
Grant that wise and peaceable counsels may yet prevail,  
and give to all suffering nations the freedom they desire and  
deserve.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **St James Recycling**

There appears to be a misunderstanding with regard to the recycling that we have started at our church.

We have provided containers for 5 different sorts of recycling

- 1) Soft Plastics
- 2) Cardboard and Paper
- 3) Plastic bottles/metal cans
- 4) Crisp Packets
- 5) Used Foil.

Numbers 1) 4) and 5) are for anyone to bring in as these items are recycled by external sources i.e. Mary Stevens, St James School, Ian and Helen.

The other items are recycled by Dudley Council via the blue and green bags which they provide free of charge and therefore we have created this facility within the church to process all the cardboard and paper that the church produced and were throwing into the dustbin. Could you please be mindful that each category needs to be kept separate. We have been having soft plastics thrown into the foil box, rigid plastic in with the soft plastics etc.

<p><b>Messy Vintage</b> will be back on Thursday 16th January 2025 from 2pm – 3.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone Welcome.</p>
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## **Rev'd Diana Farmer**

Dear All

A happy New Year to everyone – if it's not too late to say that. As you will know I have been signed off sick for another four weeks. The doctors have been unable to work out what is causing some of the issues that I am experiencing and so I am having more tests etc. I am feeling better psychologically so I am very frustrated to be back with you. Physically there is a way to go, although this week one test has come back showing something that can be addressed so I am hopeful we may now have at least part of the answer, and I will be back soon – hopefully full of bounce and enthusiasm.

Thank you for all your support and prayers: I really value them. My prayers are also with you.

Rev Diana

### **Collection's taken at St James's Church from the Christmas Services, which have been sent to the following charities:**

Children's Society	£161.56
The Mary Steven's Hospice	£153.86
Christian Aid	£153.86

Thank you for supporting our chosen Christmas charities.

## **Week of Prayer 18<sup>th</sup> January – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Below is a link to the pamphlet that contains all the resources for the week:

<https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/WPCU-2025-English-Pamphlet-for-website.pdf>

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – New Road Methodist – Prayer Breakfast @ 09.00

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – Joint service at Holy Trinity starting at 18.30, led and organised by Alan Williams

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Prayer time at St Mary's, Oldswinford @ 11.00 led by Theresa Perry LLM

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – LCDA – Prayer Time – 09.00 to 10.00 (tea and coffee available)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – St Peters Pedmore - Communion Service @ 10.00

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Chawn Hill during their usual Thursday service @ 09.00 to 09.45

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Hope Baptist – coffee and prayer starting @ 10.30

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – OLAS – 10.00 to 10.30 Mass, followed by Silent Prayer and Adoration from 10.30 to 11.00.

Coffee in the Parish Centre afterwards.