

## Ukraine

### **Please pray**

- that God would prosper the cause of peace and that the peace talks would lead to a just, long lasting peaceful settlement.
- that God would restrain the forces of evil especially those who would use chemical and other weapons that have such tragic results.
- that civilians would be kept safe and that the indiscriminate bombing of civilian areas is stopped.
- for the city of Mariupol and the utter heartache and devastation that has happened to that city.
- for the leadership of Ukraine to not seek revenge against Russia but simply justice and the rebuilding of their nation.
- for those in Russia who oppose the war and are seeking to help the nation see what is really happening in Ukraine, that they would have courage and be protected.
- for President Putin to have his heart changed so that he is willing to let peace happen.
- for those ordinary Ukrainians whose lives have been changed beyond recognition, those still in Ukraine and those who have fled to places of safety.
- for those seeking to support and care for the refugees – that all they need will be provided and that they would know how to support people practically and spiritually.
- for ordinary Russians to understand what is really going on and why their economic situation has changed so that they will be able to campaign for an end of the war.
- for us as a church family as we seek to see the best way to help those in need and as we develop links with Milota Biagi's home church which is at present helping Ukrainian refugees.
- The God of peace and the one who is Lord of Lords and King of Kings to bring peace to this troubled land.

## **Associate Vicar role**

### **Please give thanks that God answered our prayers and that**

- we now have the money to fully fund 5 years due to the generosity of God's people and a local trust. This is so amazing and happened just a month after we officially launched the idea to our congregations.
- we are still seeing generous gifts which will allow us to look at being able to be creative in the future. God has indeed blessed us in ways we could not have anticipated.
- the congregations grasped the vision for this role and responded so generously.
- the Diocese and Deanery are accepting that we have both the need and the means to fund this role.

### **Please pray that**

- God would even now be preparing the heart of the right person for the role and that they would see the job advertised.
- a good number would apply for the role.
- as role descriptions are written, a job pack produced, advertising decisions made, that God would guide all that process.
- God would continue to grow the church family of Christ Church St Andrews so that all will see the need for such a role.
- the appointment of a new Archdeacon of Canterbury will not slow down the process.
- we would appoint the right people to be on the interview panel.
- the interview panel would be of a common mind when they have interviewed.
- the PCC will be given the wisdom and discernment they need as they oversee the process.
- The Diocese and Deanery would continue to support the role.
- we would be able to appoint for a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> August or 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

## **Mothering Sunday and Easter**

### **Please give thanks for answered prayer as**

- many of the church family have found the Lent book 'Forgiven' so helpful.
- all the schools are planning to engage with us for Easter in various different ways.
- we had a great Ash Wednesday communion.

### **Please pray that**

- the way we do Mothering Sunday will help those for whom it is a joyous day and those for whom it is a difficult day.
- the real message of Easter will be clearly proclaimed in churches up and down our land.
- the opportunities that come on TV and radio will explain the clear hope of Easter including Cabin Fm.
- the school assemblies and services will all bring the real meaning of Easter to the children, young people and adults who attend.
- the Sunday morning Isaiah series in the run up to Easter will help us to prepare well for Easter.
- the Maundy Thursday service and meal will help us enter Easter reflecting on all it means.
- the two Good Friday services to allow us to reflect on the meaning of the cross.
- the Easter Sunday services to be a cause of great celebration as we rejoice in the resurrection.
- people will visit our services and events over Easter and be willing to take away the book we offer them.
- those who have recently come to faith will find that this Easter has a special significance.
- for Bay Ignite and Check it out as they explain the Easter message to both adults and children.
- God would guide all the planning of all the services.
- we will all look back on Easter 2022 as a special time in our lives.