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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.

### **Parish Office - During April**

W/c 14.04.25 – Closed Thursday and Bank Holiday,  
Good Friday

W/c 21.04.25 – Closed Bank Holiday, Easter Monday

W/c 28.04.25 – Open as normal

### **CTiS Walk of Witness Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

**09.45** - start to meet at OLAS on the Ring Road...we  
should be able to congregate inside.

**10.00** - Prayer and blessing before setting off round  
the Ring Road and down the High Street from the top  
(by Weatherspoons) and finishing up by the Clock  
Tower where we will have a short service.

Rev Andrew Sillis has kindly invited us back to St  
Thomas' for refreshments after the service.

## **Saying Goodbye**

I am sorry to let you know that Stephanie Ferns, who has worked in our parish office for the last 18 years, is leaving us at the end of April. She is going to go and work for the Ambulance Service.

We thank her for all she has done for St James' over the years and wish her the very best for her future. Steph will be coming to a service at some point in May or June for us to say a proper thank you and goodbye to her.

If you would like to sign her leaving card and/or contribute to a leaving gift, there is an envelope at the back of church.

Rev Diana

## **Confirmation**

This year's **confirmation service is on Wednesday 4 June at 6 pm** in church.

Please pray for the candidates as they prepare to be confirmed and come and support them at the service. If anyone else is interested in being confirmed please have a word with Rev Diana or Rev Carol.