

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.

Open the Book, which introduces Bible stories through interactive storytelling to children in Primary schools, has been going into both St James's and the Ridge schools in our parish once a fortnight for some years. We are urgently in need of some new volunteers to help with this wonderful opportunity to share our faith with children who may not know many of the Bible stories they hear. The children love the Open the Book and often ask staff when the team is next in school. The volunteers also get a lot from engaging with the children and their enthusiasm. You do not need to act/interact yourself, and all the stories are scripted so there's no need to make things up on the spot. If you are interested in knowing more, please talk to or Reverend Diana. We'd love to be able to keep this going in our schools.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Saturday 27th September at Wollaston
Methodist Church between 9.30am - 11.30 am.**

All are most welcome to join us for coffee, cake and a chat.

Borough residents will be able to apply for a one-off payment of £250 from Dudley Council later this month.

Applications through the Household Support Fund (HSF) will open online on **Wednesday September 17**, with payments allocated on a first come first served basis.

Residents can only apply if they live within Dudley borough, have less than £3,000 in household savings and have a household income of less than £40,000, or £30,000 for a single occupancy household.

It is anticipated due to high demand the scheme may close very quickly once the funding limit has been reached.

Payments will be made subject to eligibility and availability. Further information is available [online](#). Applications will take approximately four weeks to process.

The government announced in March that Dudley Council would receive £4.6 million in the latest round of funding, allocated by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Save the Date!

**St. James Church Autumn Fayre – Saturday 18th October
10am – 1pm
In the church Hall**

More details to follow.