

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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Friday is Peter's day off and if possible people should not contact him on that day.



EASTER DAY April 1st 2018

Welcome to everyone in Church this morning.

A lift is available for access into church, and there is a ramp at the rear of the building. We have large print hymnbooks; other items are available in large print or braille on request. There is a loop system for people with hearing aids. **If you need any help, please ask a steward.**

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, St James' offers you a very warm welcome and we hope you'll come again.

We would like to keep in touch with you to let you know what's going on at St James', so please fill in your details on the '**NEW TO CHURCH**' slip.

We are a Gift Aid Church. If you are a taxpayer, and not using the envelope system, please complete a Gift Aid envelope with your offering.

Offertory card - If you make your offering by monthly standing order, please take an offertory card from the table at the back of the church to place on the offertory plate each week to represent your gift.

DIARY DATES:	4 April	Mission Action Group at 7.30 pm
	9 April	Property & Finance Committee, 7.30 pm
	16 April	Special Projects group, 6.30 pm
	21 April	Sharing Hope in Crisis: see below
	22 April	Church General Meeting

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN APRIL

Monday 9th, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

Tuesday 10th, 8 pm at 89 Kings Drive

Wednesday 11th,

The church is open for coffee on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 8th
	Easter Day	Easter 2: all age worship
Minister	Derek Long	Rev. Peter Hughes
Welcome	Bates family	Alan Smith
Steward (V)	Pat Fagan	Pam Bellis
(W)	Stuart Williams	Pauline Taylor
(B)	Carol Skyner	Ian Taylor
Readings	Wendy Doig & Graham Martin	Jayne McLaren & Lynne Barker
Prayers	Dave Dickson	Pam Draper
Offertory count	Lynne & Roy Barker	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings
Tea/coffee	Irene Elliott & Pat Fagan	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
PowerPoint	Lynne Barker	Dorothy Peers
Music	Peter Bounds	Roy Barker
Flowers	Sheila Thwaite	Dorothy Peers
Delivered by	Jennifer Long	Pam Draper
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Wendy Doig & Eileen Curphey	Pauline Taylor & friend

CHURCH HALL RENOVATION

On Sunday 8th April there will be a presentation of the plans approved by the Church Council for the renovation of our Church Hall building. These plans will enable our hall to be a centre for fellowship, outreach and community for many years to come. The plans need the support and generosity of the whole congregation at St James'. **Please be here next Sunday morning** so that you can hear about the plans and how you can be part of making them happen. Please be prepared to be at Church a little longer than usual, but we expect that the whole morning including worship and the presentation will be over by 12 noon.

THE GUILD

April 4 Soup & Sandwiches at 1.15, and Easter Communion
After the Easter break, Guild meetings resume on April 25th.

NEW WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are now available in church. If you pay tax, please remember how much more valuable your offering can become if you Gift Aid it. Margaret Dee (428 3356) will be happy to advise you, and to provide envelopes if you wish to join the offering system.

THIS MORNING'S BIBLE READINGS

Isaiah 25 verses 6-9:
 John 20 verses 1-18

JOBS AT ST PETER'S

Our colleagues up the road are seeking to employ a Hub Co-ordinator, a Parish Administrator, and a Youth Worker. For more information please contact
www.liverpool.anglican.org/Hub-Co-ordinator---St-Peter-Woolton
www.liverpool.anglican.org/Parish-Administrator---St-Peter-Woolton
www.liverpool.anglican.org/Youth-Worker---St-Peter-Woolton

HOPE IN CRISIS: EVENT IN CRISIS!

On 21st April, St James' hopes to host a "Sharing Hope in Crisis" seminar as part of exploring the possibility of being a Lighthouse church. Whatever we decide as a church, this seminar will equip us as a church and as individuals in how we might respond to a crisis in our community. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church; **very few have signed so far and the event may be cancelled if numbers are too low.**

SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP

will next meet on Monday 16th April at 6.30 in the church hall to discuss and plan future fund raising events. Anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome.

REVISION OF CHURCH DIRECTORY

Are there any changes to be made to the list of members of committees in the directory? Please check and inform Jennifer Long.

CHURCH MEETING REPORTS

We intend to produce again printed reports on our various church activities. We ask all those responsible within the groups to send a summary of the year's work to Derek Long as below, **and to limit their report if at all possible to a few paragraphs!** The Meeting is in **3 weeks** – please don't delay.

FOOD HYGIENE ACCREDITATION COURSE: REMINDER

It is a requirement for our insurers and for Food Standards Agencies that all of us who use our kitchens, provide and make food for Coffee Mornings, Fairs, Harmony Café, concert events etc. are made aware of kitchen hygiene, food handling, food storage and other related uses of our kitchen premises.

A Food Hygiene Course has been arranged for **SATURDAY, 19TH MAY. STARTING AT 9.30 and finishing at 1.30. to be held in the church hall.**

It is suggested that a minimum of two people attend from EVERY group involved in provision of refreshments at any level. However we would ask and urge that as many folk as possible from all groups make an effort to attend.

MESSY CHURCH: LEADERS' TRAINING DAY

Saturday 14th April 2018 at St Stephen's Church Annex, 1 Fingall Road, Liverpool L15 9JE, led by Messy Church team member and regional co-ordinator Jane Leadbetter.

10.15am -12.15pm— What is Messy Church?

1.00pm - 3.00pm— Teenagers in Messy Church

Feel free to attend one or both sessions. £5 per person includes refreshments (bring your own lunch). Sessions limited to 50 spaces. To book please contact Steven Mitchell on 07387 580834 or cydo@urcmerseysynod.org.uk.

GIRLS' BRIGADE CELEBRATION DAY

On Saturday 12th May 2018, 10am-3pm, we will be hosting a celebration day as Girls' Brigade celebrates its 125th year as an organisation. We are inviting anyone who has ever attended, helped, or been involved in 18th Liverpool Company based at St James' to come along and help us celebrate. There will be cake, the chance to catch up with past members, and photographs from past and present. Please share this information with friends, family or anyone you may know who has attended, as it would be great to get as many past members together as possible. I am also looking for photographs of your time at Girls' Brigade (any you may have) or old uniforms for the event (all will be returned). Please let me have any pictures or uniform by 1st May if possible. Many thanks
Amy (captain)

The Collects for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

Most glorious God, who on this day delivered us by the mighty resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and made your whole creation new: grant that we who celebrate with joy his rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection last Sunday for Womankind Worldwide raised £91.71.

*Notices for next week: please send to derek.long2@tesco.net or 722 1014
by 9 pm on Wednesday.*