

**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.



SUNDAY MARCH 4th 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.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 March	Guild: Soup and Sandwiches
18 March	Marie Curie Memorial Service, 3 pm
19 March	Pastoral Visitors' meeting
25 March	Palm Sunday: Harmony Café at 6 pm onwards
29 March	Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please remember: if you do not fill in a form with your details it will not be possible to include your name.

The current directory has 170 names. To date we have only 61 replies. Do please complete a form from the table in church. And additions to our list are always welcome.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 11th
	Lent 3	Mothering Sunday
Minister	Rev. Bob Andrews	Rev. Peter Hughes
Welcome	Cook family	Miller family
Steward (V)	Jayne McLaren	Pam Bellis
(W)	Amy Bates	Margaret Dee
(B)	Liz Hudson	Steve Elliott
Readings	Irene Elliott & Emma Skyrer	Brigades
Prayers	Long family	Pam Draper
Offertory count	Jane & Stuart Williams	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop
Tea/coffee	Karen Skyrer & Kay Whittaker	Jane Williams & Hannah Cunliffe
PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers	Dorothy Peers
Music	Peter Bounds	Roy Barker
Flowers		
Delivered by	Carol Skyrer	Wendy Doig
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor & Irene Taylor	Wendy Doig & Eileen Curphey

A SPECIAL WELCOME

This morning to the Rev. Bob Andrews, as we remember our gratitude to him and Kay for their service to St James' from 1995 to 2001.

DATA PROTECTION

There will be a meeting for Data Protection Training on Wednesday 28th March at Garston Park Church, 7.30 to 9 pm. Please book via the district office: admin@liverpoolmethodist.org.uk as soon as possible.

A MESSAGE FROM PAT FAGAN

I would like to say a big thank you to all my Church family. I have been overwhelmed by the cards, messages, flowers, gifts, love, concern and most importantly prayers that have been given to me during and after my back surgery. I love you all and hope to be with you all soon.

DAFFODIL TIME AGAIN

Collections on behalf of Marie Curie Home will be taking place in March. If you can offer a couple of hours of your time over the weekend of Palm Sunday, Pat Fagan will be delighted to hear from you.

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN BRAZIL

St Peter's will be repeating next February the campaign they held last year to serve families in Curitiba, and would like to make this an ecumenical event. If you think you could help, please see the flyer in church.

THE GUILD

Will resume its activities this week with Soup and Sandwiches at 1.30 on Wednesday. New members will be very warmly welcomed! You are invited to join the fellowship and support our speakers week by week.

EASTER EXPERIENCE 2018

We are hoping that this will take place during the week of March 19th -23rd, so that the young people from all our uniformed organisations, and around 90 children from Woolton Primary School, can learn more about the events of that first Holy Week. Can you help to make this happen?

We need people for 4 different roles - to help set up/put away the displays, welcome children as they arrive, story-tell to a group of 5-6 children (script provided), and help the storyteller and children with group activities.

Times you would be needed include any of the following:

Set up: Sunday 18th afternoon (4.30-6pm) and/or Monday 19th (10-12 noon);

Story telling on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings (19th, 20th, 22nd) from 6.30-8pm; Thursday morning (22nd) (9.30-12 noon) and afternoon, (1-3pm).

We hope to put everything away on Friday morning (23rd) between 10-12 noon so that church is ready for Holy Communion on Palm Sunday.

If you could help with even one of these, please talk to Liz Hudson this week.. (0151 428 7252). A big thank you to you all, for (hopefully) volunteering and for your prayers that this witness to young people will be able to take place.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

The Easter experience will include a Garden of Gethsemane. Could you lend Jonquil any large potted plants – about 5 ft – to help with this? They would be needed by March 18th, just for the week.

Please also see Jonquil if you would like to contribute towards the flowers in church on Easter Day..

THIS MORNING'S BIBLE READINGS

1 Corinthians 1, verses 18-25

John 2, verses 13-22

A POLITE REMINDER

to all groups using our hall and church premises to please check that lights are switched off, all internal doors closed, all external fire doors checked where necessary and that toilets are checked before you leave the premises. Please also return and stack chairs correctly. Clean (!) tables after use and stack safely in trolleys, ensuring the safety straps are secure and wheel locks in place. If you have any issues to report please contact Wendy Doig.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN MARCH

Mondays at 30 Stuart Avenue, 2 pm: 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Tuesdays at 89 Kings Drive, 8 pm: 6th, 13th, and 20th.

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm: 7th at Sue Moister's
 14th at Margaret Dee's
 21st at Irene & Steve Elliott's

The Collects for the Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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