

ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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Friday is Peter's day off - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.

SUNDAY May 6th 2018

Welcome to everyone in Church this morning.
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.

Refreshments are always provided after Worship – please join us.

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.

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.**

This Morning's Preacher is Deacon Michaela Doherty
This Morning's Service is a service of the Word
Our Welcomers are Pat Fagan and the Dickson family
The Vestry Steward is Jayne McLaren
Our Readers are Pat Fagan and Sue Moister

All ages are welcome in worship. Children usually leave with their leaders after the second hymn for their own activities in the Church Hall over the road. On the second Sunday of the month they remain in Church. When it is a Communion Service they return and are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine along with their parents.

THE COLLECT FOR TODAY, the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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



The Church is registered for Gift Aid 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

10 to 20 May	Thy Kingdom Come (see below)
12 May, Saturday	GB 125 th Anniversary Event
15 May, Tuesday	South Liverpool Orchestra concert, 8 pm; tickets £4
16 May, Wednesday	Mission Action Group at 7.30 pm
19 May, Saturday	Food Hygiene Course, 9.30 – 1.30.
4 June, Monday	Church Council
6 June, Wednesday	Property and Finance meeting 7.30.
11 June, Monday	Special Projects Group meeting at 6.30.

CIRCUIT NEWS: SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

An invitation to the Circuit has been accepted by the Rev. Paul Wilson, subject to ratification by the Advisory Committee. We look forward to welcoming Paul and Karen to the Circuit in September. They are at present living in St Helens.

CHRISTIAN AID – COLLECTORS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Christian Aid week is 13th-19th May. Several loyal collectors feel they can no longer help us. **If you can give up a few hours that week to deliver and collect envelopes it would be much appreciated.** Talk to Jane Laverty, 0151 428 5037. **Jane, Tony and her colleagues from work are walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport on 13th July.** The walk is to raise money for UNICEF. Sponsorship forms will be available if anyone would like to offer their support.

THE GUILD

May 9 th	Joyce Bullen
May 16 th	Afternoon Tea
May 23 rd	Annual General Meeting

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT MAY 15th

We welcome the South Liverpool Orchestra to the church again. The programme is on the notice board. Tickets are £4, and you pay at the door.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The April collection for the Liverpool Talking Newspaper raised £134.

THY KINGDOM COME - Thursday 10th May

Service at Allerton URC, Mather Avenue, Liverpool L18 7HD 7.30 pm

Here in Woolton we will join with St Peter's and St Mary's over this period:

Thurs 10th, 8 - 9 pm - worship and prayer at St Peter's Church, Centenary Room

11th - 18th - weekday mornings, prayer stations at The Simon Peter Centre

19 May - Morning of prayer at St Peter's: 20th May - Harmony Cafe at St James'.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Forms for ordering plants, hanging baskets, tubs, etc. are now available at the back of church and the collection date for the orders is **SATURDAY 19TH MAY**.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE SPONSORED WALK;

Rob Swindells is to take part in a sponsored walk of 42.5 miles around the Borough Boundary of St. Helens on Sunday 13th May to raise money for a St. James' Church and Hall Defibrillator. Forms are available at the back of Church for your sponsorship promise. Please do support Rob on this feat of endurance.

REV. ALAN SKIPSEY

died on the 22nd April. The funeral service will be at Burscough Methodist Church on 9th May at 12.30pm.

SEWING MACHINE SEARCH:

If anyone has a sewing machine that they no longer use or need, please consider donating to a lady from Centre 56 who is desperate for a machine for making clothes for her daughter and herself. Please contact Wendy Doig. (428 7180 or 07867795179)

ST MARY'S CHURCH LISTENING PROJECT

Over the next few weeks St Mary's RC Church in Woolton are involved in a listening project. They want to discover what people think about their Church and its importance in Woolton. They would like help from members of St James' who may be willing to answer three simple questions about what they think of St Mary's Church. Please can YOU help? If you would be willing to spend a few minutes speaking to someone from St Mary's, please contact Richard Benson. His phone number is 0151 428 3289.

DISEMBARKATION DAY

Some people celebrate May 6 as the day on which Noah left the Ark. Perhaps we too can believe that this very wet winter is at last over?

GB CELEBRATIONS

On Saturday 12th May 10am - 3pm (alongside normal coffee morning) the Brigade are holding an event to celebrate 125 years of Girls' Brigade and the work they do worldwide. There will be tea, cake, photos from over the years of GB at our church, a memory book, selfie frame and a chance to catch up with people you may have lost touch with! If you have any pictures of Girls' Brigade then please let Amy know on 07951977709 or the18thliverpoolgb@hotmail.com. Please come and support this event and share in the celebrations! We will also be having a celebration service on Sunday 13th May and we ask everyone to come and support!

CHRISTMAS IS REALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

(BUT EASTER ISN'T?)

Christmas is really for the children. Especially children who like animals, stables, stars, and babies wrapped in swaddling clothes. Then there are wise men, kings in fine robes, humble shepherds and a hint of rich perfume.

Easter is not really for the children unless accompanied by a cream-filled egg. It has whips, blood, nails, a spear, and allegations of body-snatching. It involves politics, God, and the sins of the world. It is not good for people of a nervous disposition. They would do better to think on rabbits, chickens, and the first snowdrops of spring.

Or they'd do better to wait for a re-run of Christmas without asking too many questions about what Jesus did when he grew up -

Or whether there's any connection.

(Copied from Chirk Methodist Church newsletter, by kind permission of Arthur James, who can't remember where he got it from)

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 13th: Easter 7: GB 125th Anniversary

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Tea/coffee	Irene Elliott & Pat Fagan
Welcome	Taylor family	PowerPoint	Liz Hudson
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Music	Roy Barker
(W)	Pauline Taylor	Flowers	
(B)	Ian Taylor	Delivered by	Jennifer Long
Readings	Brigades	Prayers	Pam Draper
Offertory count	Jane & Stuart Williams	Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor & friend

Notices for next week: please send to dandjlong765@gmail.com or 722 1014 by 9 pm on Wednesday. PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS!!