

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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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 April 8th 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. 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.

DIARY DATES 9 April, Monday	Property & Finance Committee, 7.30 pm
16 April, Monday	Special Projects group, 6.30 pm
21 April, Saturday	Sharing Hope in Crisis: see below
22 April, Sunday	Church General Meeting – part of Morning worship at 10.30.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN APRIL

Our Fellowship Groups from April - July will be watching and reflecting on the Martin Sheen/Emilio Estevez film "The Way" which tells the story of a bereaved father walking the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. Please join us whether you are a regular member of a housegroup or thinking of coming for the first time.

Monday 9th, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

Tuesday 10th, 8 pm at 89 Kings Drive

Wednesday 18th, 7.30pm at 17, The Firs, New Hawthorne

Gardens, Park Avenue, Mossley Hill

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

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 15th
	Easter 2: all age worship	Easter 3
Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Rev. John Lansley
Welcome	Alan Smith	Miller family
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Pat Fagan
(W)	Pauline Taylor	Liz Hudson
(B)	Ian Taylor	Pam Bellis
Readings	Jayne McLaren & Lynne Barker	Laverty family
Prayers	Pam Draper	Graham Martin
Offertory count	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings	Jane Williams & Jayne McLaren
Tea/coffee	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers	Dorothy Peers
Music	Roy Barker	Derek Long
Flowers	Dorothy Peers	Sue Moister
Delivered by	Pam Draper	Carol Skyner
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor & friend	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig

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

John 20 verses 19-23 and 24 -31.

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

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.

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.**

REVISION OF CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

*****MOST URGENT*****

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 to a few paragraphs.** The Meeting is in **2 weeks** – please don't delay. **Email if at all possible, please.**

This message escaped from the notices last week – the computer playing its own April Fool trick. PLEASE ACT NOW!

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.

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter

Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

VOLUNTEER WITH BEANSTALK

Beanstalk is a national charity which recruits and trains reading helpers to support primary school pupils with their literacy skills. Our 321 volunteers work with 5-11 year olds, two afternoons a week on a one-to-one basis, whilst our Story Starter volunteers offer support in the nursery settings. We currently have vacancies in many of our schools across Merseyside, meaning lots of children need our support.

Interested or know someone who might be?

Go to www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk for more details and an application form.

Alternatively call Nicole on 0151 722 4743 Monday-Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm.

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)

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