

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, FEBRUARY 11th

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

14 Feb	Ash Wednesday service at St Columba, 3 pm
15 Feb	Mission Action Group at 7.30 pm in Church.
22 Feb	Circuit Meeting at Garston Park
7 March	Guild: Soup and Sandwiches
19 March	Pastoral Visitors' meeting
29 March	Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm

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

BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection in January for Young People's Mental Health raised £135.19.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY FEB 18th
	Parade	First Sunday of Lent
Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Derek Long
Welcome	Ken Davies	Miller family
Steward (V)	Pat Fagan	Pam Bellis
(W)	Liz Hudson	Ian Taylor
(B)	Ian Taylor	Liz Hudson
Readings	Brigades	Margaret Peterson & Liz Harris
Prayers	Long family	Pam Draper
Offertory count	Jane & Stuart Williams	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop
Tea/coffee	Irene Elliott & Pat Fagan	Pam Draper & Gwladys Gardner
PowerPoint	Liz Hudson	Dorothy Peers
Music	Roy Barker	Peter Bounds
Flowers	Jonquil Dickson	Liz Hudson
Delivered by	Jonquil Dickson	Jennifer Long
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor & friend	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig

DATA PROTECTION

Changes to the law mean that it is now not sufficient for people to opt out of having their details in the Directory. **IT IS NECESSARY TO OPT IN.** If you are willing for your name, address, phone number and email to be in the Directory you will have to complete a form which you will find on the table at the back of the Church, and return it to the box on the table. **Please do not forget to sign it.**

Since compiling this will involve some work, please do this by the end of March at the latest.

A meeting will be held at the Wirral Methodist Centre, Thingwall, CH61 7XZ to introduce these changes in the regulations and give an overview of what is needed to comply with them. All are welcome to attend, but **Church/Circuit Staff, Church Stewards and Leadership Teams, Church Council Secretaries, Safeguarding Officers, Pastoral Secretaries are particularly invited.**

Saturday 24th February @ 10:00am—11:30am

Please let us know that you are coming:

Tel: 0151 648 9846 or Email: wirralcircuitmanager@gmail.com

BIBLE READINGS THIS MORNING

Mark 9 verses 2 - 10

Exodus 19 verses 1 to 9 & 16 – 20

ERIC PEACOP

Very happily celebrated his 90th birthday last week.

LENT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

this year will focus on Christian discipleship in today's world: choosing to spend time with God, to care for God's creation, to value other people to challenge injustice and to make sacrifices. Now is a good time to try out fellowship groups for the first time, or return to fellowship groups after a break. You are welcome to attend any of the fellowship groups, and could just drop in to one or two to see if they help you in your discipleship.

Monday 12th, 30 Stuart Avenue, 2pm

Thursday 15th, St Columba

Tuesday 20th, 89 Kings Drive, 8pm

Wednesday 21st, 7.30pm, Margaret Dee's

SERVICES FOR LENT

On Ash Wednesday we are invited to the service St Columba's at 3 pm. There will also be a Communion service at the Hub on Aigburth Road at 12 . On Maundy Thursday we share in Communion with friends from Garston Park at St James' at 7 pm.

THE GUILD

Will resume its activities in March with Soup and Sandwiches at 1.30 on Wednesday the 7th. New members will be very warmly welcomed! You are invited to join the fellowship and support our speakers week by week.

CIRCUIT YOUTH EVENT

Jayne McLaren and Amy Bates invite any children/youth of school year 6 age upwards to join them at a circuit youth event called CONNECT. Sunday 4th March 6-8 (free entry and free food); a relaxed evening of worship songs and crafts and conversation at academy of St Nicholas (used to be Esla school in Speke)... we are encouraging the youth of our church to explore different ways of worshipping/exploring their faith by inviting them to different events. Please get in contact if you/ your child/children are interested.

REV. DR MIKE LONG

Former organist at St James', Mike has been appointed to chair a Commission set up by the homelessness charity Shelter to report on Social Housing in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster. Peter Bounds has passed on a full account of what it hopes to achieve, and copies are available at the back of the church.

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.

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, even if you have not been available previously?

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 sessions, in any capacity, 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.

The Collects for the Sunday before Lent

God of life and light, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross. Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord God, whose glory shines upon us in the face of Jesus Christ, and whose nature is made known to us in the mystery of the cross: number us, we pray, among his faithful followers for whom nothing matters but the doing of your will; 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.*