

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 11th 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:	12 March	Special Projects Meeting, 6.30 prompt
	18 March	Marie Curie Memorial Service, 3 pm
	19 March	Pastoral Visitors' meeting
	25 March	Palm Sunday: Harmony Caf� from 6 pm onwards
	29 March	Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm
	9 April	Property & Finance Committee, 7.30 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 79 replies. Do please complete a form from the table in church. And additions to our list are always welcome.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 18th
	Mothering Sunday	Passion Sunday
Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Dr Liz Harris
Welcome	Miller family	Ken Davis
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Carol Skyner
(W)	Margaret Dee	Pat Fagan
(B)	Steve Elliott	Ian Taylor
Readings	Brigades	Pam Draper & Naomi Dyer
Prayers	Pam Draper	Laverty family
Offertory count	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings
Tea/coffee	Jane Williams & Hannah Cunliffe	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers	
Music	Roy Barker	Kathryn Norton
Flowers		Pam Draper
Delivered by	Wendy Doig	Pauline Taylor
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Wendy Doig & Eileen Curphey	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig

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.

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

March	14	Mission in Britain
	21	Steve Skyner
	28	Ruth Christie
April	4	Soup & Sandwiches, and Easter Communion

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. Help would also be appreciated in distributing the flowers after the service.

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)

THIS MORNING'S BIBLE READINGS

Mark 3 verses 31-35: 1 Corinthians 13 verses 4 - 10

EVE AND THE BATES FAMILY

would like to thank all of St James' for their love and prayers during the past week. Eve is recovering from an operation in Alder Hey and is hopefully going to be home soon.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

We continue to save these and you will notice that a collection box for the RNIB is now on the table next to recycling box. The Wavertree School for the Blind no longer have anyone to take on the task of collecting and sorting, so I decided to look further at who to collect for and had hoped to do so for Hearing Dogs. However, they have now stopped collecting, so our next mission is the RNIB. Please cut the stamp from envelope leaving 1cm of paper around the stamp. Please do not just tear off and leave most or a double layer of envelope, as this adds to the weight to be dispatched and gives a great deal of work for the sorters at the collection end! It would also be very helpful if you would put any foreign stamps (and this includes those from Jersey or Channel Islands) in a separate envelope. Thank you. Wendy Doig.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN MARCH

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

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

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

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that, when we were dead in our sins, you sent your only Son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth, he is light and life; exalted upon the cross, he is truth and salvation. Raise us up with Christ that we may walk as children of light. We ask this through Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God, for ever and for ever. Amen.

Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORLD SLEEP DAY

Will be celebrated next Friday, March 16th. This is an annual event, intended to be a celebration of sleep and a call to action on important issues related to sleep, including medicine, education, social aspects, and driving.

Be alert to sleep.

MARGARET ENGLAND

We have just learnt that Margaret died peacefully on February 7th. It was several years ago that Margaret left Liverpool, but her many years of service to the Boys' Brigade will be remembered by a good number of people. We give thanks for her life and witness, and pray for those she leaves behind.

VISIT YOUR MOSQUE DAY, February 18th

Jennifer and I visited the al-Rahma mosque that afternoon, and were overwhelmed with smiles, greetings, and offers of cake, tea, coffee, and any amount of information. Up to 5000 people attend prayers there every Friday.

Did anyone else take up the offer?

Derek

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.

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

Copies of these notice sheets are always available in large print; if this would help you, please see Ray Jennings (raymondmind@yahoo.co.uk).