

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 April 15th 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.

This Morning's Preacher is the Rev. John Lansley

This Morning's Service is a service of the Word: the third Sunday of Easter.

Our Welcomers are Liz Hudson and the Miller family

Our Readers are the Laverty family

The Bible Readings are John 3: 1-7, and Luke 24: 36b-48

The response to the Psalm: *Alleluia! we sing of your love, now and for ever.*

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

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Our 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.

<i>DIARY DATES</i> 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.
15 May, Tuesday	South Liverpool Orchestra concert, 8 pm

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 house-group or thinking of coming for the first time.

Next meeting: Wednesday 18th, 7.30pm at 17, The Firs, New Hawthorne Gardens, Park Avenue, Mossley Hill

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.

FIRST AIDERS

If you are a certified first aider and happy to be included on a list of persons who could be called upon if needed please ask/email Jayne McLaren for a consent form. jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk

SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP

will next meet **tomorrow** 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.

EASTER DAY ON APRIL 1st

With thanks to Richard Thwaite, who has done the research, we can reveal that this will happen next in 2029, followed by 2040, 2108, and 2170. Unfortunately, diaries for these years are probably not available yet.

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.

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.**

*****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 **NEXT WEEK** – please don't delay. **Email if at all possible, please, to the new address: dandjlong765@gmail.com**

BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTION

Next Sunday's collection at Communion will be in aid of the Liverpool Talking Newspaper.

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 nursey 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.

CHURCH WEEKEND

This year is from Friday September 28th until Sunday 30th and will once again be in Llandudno.

HELP NEEDED!

Would you like to be more active in Church life? You could....

- *Stand at the door on a Sunday morning to welcome people in and give out notices?
- *Assist in the count of the Sunday collection?
- *Serve tea/coffee on Sunday morning?
- *Help at Tuesday coffee morning?
- *Arrange the flowers in Church?
- *Deliver Church flowers to members?
- *Write and present the prayers of intercession in the service?
- *Read from the bible in the service?

- All usually every 4-6 weeks on rota.

Have you any ideas you would like to share with us or any skills?

Or would you like to be a part of one of our teams/groups who organise various things throughout the weeks?

Please speak to me for more information. Thanks, Jayne McLaren

jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 22nd

Easter 4: Annual Church Meeting with Communion

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Tea/coffee	Jane Williams & Hannah Cunliffe
Welcome	Cook family	PowerPoint	Liz Hudson
Steward (V)	Pauline Taylor	Music	Roy Barker
(W)	Amy Bates	Flowers	
(B)	Ian Taylor	Delivered by	Wendy Doig
Readings	Roy & Lynne Barker	Communion Steward	Margaret Dee
Prayers	Laverty family		
Offertory count	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop		
This evening	no service		
Tuesday Coffee	Jane Allen & friend		

Notices for next week: please send to dandjlong765@gmail.com or 722 1014 by 9 pm on Wednesday.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS!!