

**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 18th

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

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 Christmas collections for Christian Aid raised £250. The collection next week will go to the church's general Benevolent Fund.

BIBLE READINGS THIS MORNING

Psalm 25 verses 1-10: Mark 1 verses 9 – 15.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY FEB 25th
	First Sunday of Lent	Communion
Minister	Derek Long	Rev. Sally Binymin
Welcome	Miller family	Dickson family
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Pauline Taylor
(W)	Ian Taylor	Jayne McLaren
(B)	Liz Hudson	Amy Bates
Readings	Margaret Peterson & Liz Harris	Peter & Geraldine Bounds
Prayers	Pam Draper	Ray Jennings
Offertory count	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings
Tea/coffee	Pam Draper & Gwladys Gardner	Irene Elliott & Pat Fagan
PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers	Lynne Barker
Music	Peter Bounds	Kathryn Norton
Flowers	Liz Hudson	Pat Fagan
Delivered by	Jennifer Long	Pam Draper
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig	Jane Allen & friend
Communion Steward		Margaret Dee

DATA PROTECTION

Thanks to all the people who have completed the forms for the next Church Directory. If you have not filled one in yet, please do so as soon as possible, and **if you can take a form to those who are housebound please do so.**

A meeting will be held at the Wirral Methodist Centre, Thingwall, CH61 7XZ to introduce the changes in the regulations and what is needed to comply with them. All are welcome to attend on Saturday 24th February @ 10:00am—11:30am; please let us know that you are coming: Tel: 0151 648 9846 or Email: wirralcircuitmanager@gmail.com

There will also be a meeting for Data Protection Training on Wednesday 28th March at Garston Park Church. Please book via the district office: admin@liverpoolmethodist.org.uk as soon as possible.

“BREATHE”

The film raising awareness of poliomyelitis and raising funds to eradicate it will be shown at the Woolton cinema of Friday February 23rd at 3 pm. Tickets at £8 can be obtained from Brian (428 1404 or 07947093248) or Tony (486 1769 or 07946688116).

“WHOLLY, HOLEY, HOLY”

3rd March at Maghull Methodist Church: a day for all those interested in all aspects of worship (which should be all of us). **Please see the flyers in church.**

THANKS

to all who supported the Valentine's Coffee morning last Saturday. The men of St James' raised £106.50 from tea/coffee and cakes, and Roy's foot soak raised £111.00 - a total of £217.50. Well done to all. Our next Saturday Coffee morning is on 11th March.

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.

Tuesday 20th, 89 Kings Drive, 8pm

Wednesday 21st, 7.30pm, Margaret Dee's

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.

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.

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.

JOAN SEARLE

the wife of one of our previous ministers in the 1970's, has recently passed to glory and John asked that it be made known at St James', although he realises that not many people will remember her. She has had Parkinson's disease for some time and had to be in a wheelchair. I'm sure those who remember him will feel for him and remember him and the family in their prayers. Pam Draper

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.

CIRCUIT MINISTRY

There is still no progress in filling the Superintendent's post, and the next step will be a meeting with the District Chair to discuss the options.

The Collects for the First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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.*

FOOD HYGIENE ACCREDITATION COURSE

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.** A certificate of Accreditation will be given to all those attending. 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. There is no personal charge. It will be very helpful to have an approximate idea of numbers attending – a form will be left in the church to note your intention of attending. Or you can email Wendy Doig on: wdoig45@gmail.com. Tea and coffee will be available during the morning and we ask that you arrive **no later than 9.15.**

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.