

**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 18th 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:	today	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
	30 March	Good Friday worship at 11 am
	4 April	Mission Action Group at 7.30 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.

Do please complete a form from the table in church if you have not already done so. Additions to our list are always welcome.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 25th
	Passion Sunday	Palm Sunday: Communion
Minister	Dr Liz Harris	Rev. Peter Hughes
Welcome	Ken Davis	Dickson family
Steward (V)	Carol Skyner	Pauline Taylor
(W)	Pat Fagan	Jayne McLaren
(B)	Ian Taylor	Carol Skyner
Readings	Pam Draper & Naomi Dyer	Margaret Peterson & Peter Barlow
Prayers	Laverty family	Graham Martin
Offertory count	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings	Jane & Stuart Williams
Tea/coffee	Jonquil & Dave Dickson	Helen & Steve Miller
PowerPoint		Liz Hudson
Music	Kathryn Norton	Derek Long
Flowers	Arthur Evans	Pam Draper
Delivered by	Pauline Taylor	Jonquil Dickson
This evening	no service	Harmony Café
Tuesday Coffee	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig	Jane Allen & friend
Communion Steward		Margaret Dee
Harmony Café PowerPoint		Lynne Barker

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.

THE GUILD

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

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.

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY

Clocks go **forward** one hour on March 25th; don't be late for church!

EASTER EXPERIENCE 2018

This will take place from 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. Set up will take place **this afternoon** from about 4.30pm after the Marie Curie service.

Story telling sessions are on Monday evening (for Beavers and Cubs), Tuesday evening (for Guides Brownies and Rainbows), Thursday morning and afternoon (with the school children from Woolton Primary) and Thursday evening (for the GB and BB). Clearing up will take place on Friday morning.

A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far. Extra helpers at any of these sessions will still be warmly welcomed. Please talk to Liz Hudson this week. (0151 428 7252) and continue to pray for everyone involved.

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.

And: don't forget on Easter Day to bring some flowers to decorate the Cross.

THIS MORNING'S BIBLE READINGS

Jeremiah 31: 31-34:

Hebrews 5: 5-10:

John 12: 20-33.

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. 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., 19th and 26th.
Tuesdays at 89 Kings Drive, 8 pm: 20th.
Wednesdays at Irene & Steve Elliott's 7.30 pm: 21st

BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection at Communion next Sunday will be for Womankind Worldwide.

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.

REVISION OF CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent (First Sunday of the Passion)

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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).