

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19th

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

November	26 th Sunday	Circuit Service at Hope University at 11 am
	27 th Monday	Set Church up for Christmas 7 pm – all welcome
December	2 nd Saturday	Fulwood Court Christmas Coffee Morning Roy Barker & Friends' Christmas Sing-a-long Concert in aid of Oakleaf Bereavement and Loss Support Service & St James' Redevelopment Fund.

The church is open for coffee every Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30

A SPECIAL WELCOME

To Cora Ann Carney-Gaines as she comes to be baptised, and to her parents and all whom support her today:

And to the Rev. Julie Letts, leading our worship, who will have the pleasure of baptising her grand-daughter!

SERVING	TODAY	<u>NOT NEXT SUNDAY: Dec. 3rd</u>
	Baptism/Shoebox Dedication	1st in Advent
Minister	Rev. Julie Letts/Ian Taylor	Mrs Liz Hudson
Welcome	Taylor family	Miller family
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Jayne McLaren
(W)	Amy Bates & Liz Hudson	Amy Bates
(B)	Jayne McLaren	Stuart Williams
Readings	Jayne & Faye McLaren	Margaret Peacop & Graham Martin
Prayers	Dave Dickson	Long family
Offertory count	Jane Williams & Ray Jennings	Jane Williams & Ray Jennings
Tea/coffee	Helen & Steve Miller	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
PowerPoint	Lynne Barker (also evening)	Liz Hudson & Lynne Barker
Music	Roy Barker	Peter Bounds
Flowers provider	Molly Dee	
Delivered by	Carol Skyner	Pauline Taylor
This evening	Harmony Café	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor	Jane Allen & friend
Saturday Coffee Morning	December 9 th Church Family Life Committee	

COMMUNION AT THE HUB

6th December 11.30 coffee, cake, and communion; at 361 Aigburth Road – all welcome.

**PLEASE NOTE: CIRCUIT SERVICE AT HOPE ON NOV. 26
THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST JAMES', AND NO
PRINTED NOTICES.**

BLUE BINS

Two of our bins were “borrowed” to add to the fun on November 5th. Since it may take a month to get replacements, please flatten paper waste from the kitchens as much as possible, and take it home with you if you can.

FULWOOD COURT COFFEE MORNING

December 2nd: £2 gets you coffee and mince pie – children free. Please come and support this Circuit event, so important to so many people.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Charlotte Nixon on the birth of your little boy on Tuesday 14th November: and a Happy 90th Birthday to Ron Swindells

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. JAMES' - Harmony Café meets again this evening.

Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake from 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start. You are warmly invited to join us to sing (or listen to) a variety of songs, some new, some familiar, in a relaxed atmosphere. Cakes to share with our visitors would be much appreciated. All are welcome - why not invite a friend?

Women's Guild Programme

November 22 nd	Rev. Peter Hughes
29 th	Aviation Fellowship
December 6 th	Soup & Sandwiches, mince pies & carols
13 th	Christmas Meal at "Spire".

WELCOME MARY AND JOSEPH ON THEIR 2017 JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Our very own Mary and Joseph figures (accompanied, of course, by their faithful donkey) will set off on their annual Christmas journey on Sunday December 3rd. They are looking for friends to visit and stay with on their way. If you would like to take these lovable little knitted figures to work, to school, to a family gathering, to a meeting, to a leisure venue etc., and spread awareness of the Christmas story in the process, the booking form is now open. You can welcome them during the day or overnight – just let Liz Hudson know as soon as possible so as not to miss your preferred 'slot'. Last year Mary Joseph and their donkey met nearly 2000 different people – they hope to meet even more this year. Email Liz on liz.hudson2@btinternet.com, or text/call 07866 213330. A photo journal of the 2017 journey can be seen on the St James' Facebook Page.

CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT ST JAMES'

We will be setting up the church for our Christmas events on Monday 27th November from 7.00 pm. Please come and join in the fun and lend a hand in the preparations – sitting down jobs required as well as setting up trees, so people of all ages and abilities are welcome to help.

ROY BARKER & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG CONCERT

Tickets are now available for this year's concert at 7.00 pm on 2nd December which is in aid of Oakleaf Children's Bereavement and Loss Support Service and St James' Development Fund. Come and join us for some sing-a-long Christmas songs – fun for all the family! Tickets £6 adults, £1 children incl. refreshments from Alan Smith or Lynne Barker

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Meets again on November 27th at 30 Stuart Avenue, at 2 pm.

REFURBISHMENT FUND

Thanks to the Women's Guild, whose Saturday Coffee morning raised £95. We are also grateful for two donations, of £50 and £100.

CHURCH CLEANING

Thanks to those Cleaning Groups who have kept our church building vacuumed and dusted for many years, not to mention the cleaning of toilets and polishing of brassware. We have now decided that they deserve a rest; and as we are finding it increasingly difficult to find replacements, we have decided to have a permanent cleaner to cover the heavy duties necessary to keep our building in the manner it has been accustomed to. We are indebted to all those folk who have given of their time over many, many years and thank them with gratitude and love.

The Collects for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

***ORDINARY TIME**

Means all those Sundays that are not part of Advent, Lent, or Easter. The 33rd is the last of these; next Sunday is the Sunday before Advent, and then we begin the ecclesiastical year again on Advent Sunday, December 3rd.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Volunteers are always welcome for

- Reading lessons in church
- Leading intercessions
- Providing coffee on Sundays and Tuesdays
- Working in the gardens
- Providing flowers for Sunday worship

Talk to any of the Stewards if you feel called to help in any way.

Notices for next week - please send to Derek Long at derek.long2@tesco.net or on 722 1014 by 9 pm on Wednesday.