

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 25th

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

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. This morning's collection will go to the church's general Benevolent Fund.

BIBLE READING THIS MORNING

Mark 8 verses 31 - 38.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY MARCH 4th
	Lent 2: Communion	Lent 3
Minister	Rev. Sally Binymin	Rev. Bob Andrews
Welcome	Dickson family	Cook family
Steward (V)	Pauline Taylor	Jayne McLaren
(W)	Jayne McLaren	Amy Bates
(B)	Pam Bellis	Liz Hudson
Readings	Peter & Geraldine Bounds	Pat Fagan & Emma Skyner
Prayers	Ray Jennings	Long family
Offertory count	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings	Jane & Stuart Williams
Tea/coffee	Irene Elliott & Pat Fagan	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
PowerPoint	Lynne Barker	Dorothy Peers
Music	Derek Long	Peter Bounds
Flowers	Pat Fagan	
Delivered by	Pam Draper	Carol Skyner
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Jane Allen & friend	Pauline Taylor & Irene Taylor
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.** **There will 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.

“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.**

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.

ELECTION OF STEWARD ELDERS

All members are invited to nominate four members to be considered to become Steward Elders. Forms are now available in Church or through your Pastoral Visitor. Please return forms to Church or myself by Sunday 4th March 2018. Elections will take place in Church at the ACM on Sunday 22nd April 2018. Jayne McLaren, Senior Steward.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.**

The Collects for the Second Sunday in Lent

Christ, Son of the living God, who for a season laid aside the divine glory and learned obedience through suffering: teach us in all our afflictions to raise our eyes to the place of your mercy and to find in you our peace and deliverance. We make our prayer in your name. Amen.

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; 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.