

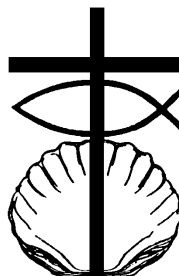
**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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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 29th 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 Graham Martin
This Morning's Service is a service of the Word
Our Welcomers are Ken Davies and Jayne McLaren
The Vestry Steward is Amy Bates: the Book Steward is Margaret Dee
Our Readers are Jayne and Faye McLaren
The Bible Readings are John 15 1-10: I John 4 7-21: Acts 8 26-40.

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, the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

The 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.

DIARY DATES

10 to 20 May	Thy Kingdom Come (see below)
12 May, Saturday	GB 125 th Anniversary Event
15 May, Tuesday	South Liverpool Orchestra concert, 8 pm; tickets £4
16 May, Wednesday	Mission Action Group at 7.30 pm
19 May, Saturday	Food Hygiene Course
4 June, Monday	Church Council
6 June, Wednesday	Property and Finance meeting 7.30.
11 June, Monday	Special Projects Group meeting at 6.30.

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.

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid week is 13th-19th May. A big thank you to the loyal volunteers that give up their time each year. I will be contacting you over the next couple of weeks. If there is anyone else that can give up a few hours that week to deliver and collect envelopes it would be much appreciated. Jane Laverty 0151 428 5037.

Jane, Tony and her colleagues from work are walking 30 miles from Woolton to Southport on 13th July. The walk is to raise money for UNICEF. Sponsorship forms will be available if anyone would like to offer their support.

THE GUILD

May 2 nd	Soup and Sandwiches
May 9 th	Joyce Bullen
May 16 th	Afternoon Tea
May 23 rd	Annual General Meeting

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

THY KINGDOM COME Thursday 10th May

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement and the Methodist Church and the URC invite all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to know Jesus. Like last year, two acts of worship are planned by the URC Mersey Synod to launch 'Thy Kingdom Come'. The morning service will be accompanied with tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches and the evening with tea and cake.

Morning Service: Heswall URC, Telegraph Road, CH60 7SE 10.30am

Evening Service: Allerton URC, Mather Avenue, Liverpool L18 7HD 7.30pm

Here in Woolton we will come together with St Peter's and St Mary's over this period:

Thurs 10th May 8 - 9 pm - a time of worship and prayer at St Peter's Church, Centenary Room

11th - 18th May - weekday mornings, drop-in prayer stations at The Simon Peter Centre

19 May - Morning of prayer at St Peter's

20th May - Harmony Cafe at St James'

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.

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.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

forms for ordering plants, hanging baskets, tubs, etc. are now available and the collection date for the orders is to be SATURDAY 19TH MAY between 2.00 and 5.00 p.m. Forms are available at the back of church or from Jonquil Dickson giving full details of how to place an order. The plants have been supplied by the same provider for many years now and have proved to be of extremely good quality. Please do consider ordering some for your garden, tell your family and friends and neighbours too!

THE BOYS' BRIGADE SPONSORED WALK;

Rob Swindells the Officer in Charge of our BB Company at St. James' (Liverpool 26th) is to take part in a sponsored walk of 42.5 miles around the Borough Boundary of St. Helens on Sunday 13th May. He will be raising money for a St. James' Church and Hall Defibrillator. This is the chosen fund-raiser of the GB and BB for 2018. Forms are available at the back of Church for your sponsorship promise. Please do support the Brigades and in particular Rob on this feat of endurance.

HELP NEEDED!

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

- *Stand at the door on Sunday 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 MAY 6th: Easter 6

Minister	Deacon Michaela Doherty	Tea/coffee	Helen & Steve Miller
Welcome	Dickson family	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
Steward (V)	Jayne McLaren	Music	Kathryn Norton
(W)	Pat Fagan	Flowers	
(B)	Amy Bates	Delivered by	Jonquil Dickson
Readings	Pat Fagan & Sue Moister	Prayers	Graham Martin
Offertory count	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings		
Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor and 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!!