

**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 May 13th 2018

Welcome to everyone in Church this morning. 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.

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.**

This Morning's Preacher is the Rev. Peter Hughes

This Morning's Service is a service celebration of the Girls' Brigade

Our Welcomers are the Taylor family

The Vestry Steward is Pam Bellis

Our Readers are Brigade members

The Bible Readings are Mark 4 1-9 & 13-20: I Corinthians 3 1-9

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 ASCENSION DAY

Eternal and gracious God, grant that as we believe your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to have ascended with triumph into your kingdom in heaven, so may we also in heart and mind ascend to where he is and with him continually dwell; 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

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, 9.30 – 1.30.
20 May, Sunday	Two Cathedrals Walk at Pentecost, 3-5 pm Harmony Café, 6 for 6.30 pm
28 May, Monday	Family Fun Day at Trinity, 12 – 4 pm – see below
4 June, Monday	Church Council at 7.30 pm
6 June, Wednesday	Property and Finance meeting 7.30.
9 June, Saturday	“Spirituality for Change” at Maghull- see below
11 June, Monday	Special Projects Group meeting at 6.30.

CIRCUIT NEWS: SUPERINTENDENT MINISTER

An invitation to the Circuit has been accepted by the **Rev. Paul Wilson**, subject to ratification by the Advisory Committee. We look forward to welcoming Paul and Karen to the Circuit in September. They are at present living in St Helens.

The Rev. Caroline Ainger has been appointed as Free Church chaplain in a multi-faith team to two hospitals in Manchester. She will work there on Thursdays and Fridays and two Sundays in the month, while continuing to serve this Circuit until September. Please pray for Caroline and her family in this new phase of her ministry.

CHRISTIAN AID – COLLECTORS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Christian Aid week is 13th-19th May. Several loyal collectors feel they can no longer help us. **If you can give up a few hours this week to deliver and collect envelopes it would be much appreciated.** Talk to 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 16 th	Afternoon Tea
May 23 rd	Annual General Meeting

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN MAY

Monday May 14th, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

Thursday May 17th, at St Columba's

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT MAY 15th

We welcome the South Liverpool Orchestra to the church again. The programme is on the notice board. Tickets are £4, and you pay at the door.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2018

When you receive your new Directory please **remember to destroy** the old one. Please see Jennifer if you have not received one yet. A few large print copies are available.

Your forms containing address and other details will be kept securely locked away.

THY KINGDOM COME -

We join with St Peter's and St Mary's:

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

19 May - Morning of prayer at St Peter's:

20th May - Harmony Cafe at St James'.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE SPONSORED WALK;

Rob Swindells is taking part **today** in a sponsored walk of 42.5 miles around the Borough Boundary of St. Helens to raise money for a St. James' Church and Hall Defibrillator. Forms are available at the back of Church for your sponsorship promise. Please do support Rob on this feat of endurance.

SEWING MACHINE SEARCH:

If anyone has a sewing machine that they no longer use or need, please consider donating to a lady from Centre 56 who is desperate for a machine for making clothes for her daughter and herself. Please contact Wendy Doig. (428 7180 or 07867795179)

ST MARY'S CHURCH LISTENING PROJECT

Over the next few weeks St Mary's RC Church in Woolton are involved in a listening project. They want to discover what people think about their Church and its importance in Woolton. They would like help from members of St James' who may be willing to answer three simple questions about what they think of St Mary's Church. Please can YOU help? If you would be willing to spend a few minutes speaking to someone from St Mary's, please contact Richard Benson. His phone number is 0151 428 3289.

SPIRITUALITY FOR CHANGE

Full details can be found on the leaflet in church.

Several workshops:

Art Grandparenting Prayer Illness and Pain
Worship - among others.

This event in Maghull is open to all, but you must book (for lunch!) by June 1st.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK

You may be aware that Dementia Awareness Week this year runs from 21-27 May. In our ongoing efforts to become a Dementia Friendly Parish and to mark Dementia Awareness Week, St Mary's will be hosting an afternoon tea and sing-along on Friday 25 May 2:00pm-4:00pm, and would be delighted to welcome friends from St Peter's and St James' and make it a real community event. This event is open to all and especially to those living with dementia and their carers. If you would like to join us please let Ann know at St Mary's parish office (0151-428-2256).

FULWOOD COURT METHODIST HOME

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Garston Park on June 12 at 2.15 pm: poster and leaflets are available at the back of the church.

FUN DAY AT TRINITY

Please see the poster about this Bank Holiday event, May 28th from 12 noon.

TWO CATHEDRALS WALK

This great demonstration of Christian Unity will again take place next Sunday, Pentecost, beginning at 3 pm at the Anglican Cathedral.

NEXT SUNDAY MAY 20th: Pentecost

Minister	Matthew Dyer	Tea/coffee	Pam Draper & Gwladys Gardner
Welcome	Bates family	PowerPoint	Lynne Barker
Steward (V)	Liz Hudson	Music	Peter Bounds
(W)	Jayne McLaren	Flowers	
(B)	Margaret Dee	Delivered by	Pam Draper
Readings	Amy & George Bates	Tuesday Coffee	Jane Allen & friend
Prayers	Dave Dickson		
Offertory count	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop		
Harmony Café Stewards	Liz Hudson & Pam Bellis		

Notices for next week: please send to dandjlong765@gmail.com or 722 1014 by 9 pm on Wednesday. **PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW ADDRESS!!**