

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 June 3rd 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 Liz Harris

This Morning's Service is a service of ninth Sunday in ordinary time

Our Welcomers are Jayne McLaren and The Miller family

The Vestry Steward is Pam Bellis

The Book Steward is Margaret Dee

Our Readers are Margaret Peacock & Graham Martin

The Bible readings are 2 Corinthians 4 verse 5 – 12 & Mark 2 verse 23 - 36

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.

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty God you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

Today

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 Dan Holmes in concert*
11 June, Monday	Special Projects Group meeting at 6.30.

DAN HOLMES

Christian singer/songwriter and recording artist, **Dan Holmes**, will be coming to St. James' Church to entertain us in concert on **Saturday 9th June at 7.00 pm**. Dan Holmes is an acoustic guitar player who brings a gentle Christian message to his music. He sings about the events and experiences that happen along life's way. Dan has a gift for reaching and moving people with his down-to-earth Christian message and his unique blend of musical styles.

Tickets: £6 adults, £1 children (includes refreshments) from Lynne Barker or Alan Smith 0151 421 1218. Please join us for this very special event.

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2018

These are now held by the church stewards; please ask if you need a copy. Large print copies are also available.

CHURCH WEEKEND

The forms for this Year's Church Weekend are now available and can be found on the table at the Back of the church. Any completed forms can be handed to Irene Elliott while I am away. Thank you. Carol Skyner.

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. 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.

FULWOOD COURT METHODIST HOME

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

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JUNE

Monday 4th - 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

Tuesday 12th - 8 pm at 89 Kings Drive

Wednesday 13th - TBA

Thursday 21st at St Columba's

INVITATION

Reading of St. Mark's Gospel

There will be a complete reading (16 chapters) of St. Mark's Gospel. A great chance to hear the life and teachings of Jesus from the earliest and shortest written record. **Everyone is welcome.**

Refreshments available from 6 p.m. Readings from 6.30pm Sunday 17th June. We expect the event to last 90 minutes.

Enquiries - Rev. Peter Hughes peter.hughes@methodist.org.uk

Or Mr Graham Martin gimartin@blueyonder.co.uk tel. 01512225832

SYRIA

Compassionate God, who cares for every created being, having even numbered the hairs on our heads, we pray now for each person in Syria. In these dark days, may decisions be made that honour the sanctity of life created by you; may wise and far-sighted counsel prevail that seeks the well-being of all humanity. **Prince of Peace**, we open our hearts to you and confess our willingness to seek easy responses that require others to pay a hard price;

We open our reason to you and pledge our commitment to hear your words of compassion and peace.

Lover of Concord, let your love shine through those who bring aid and solace in the land of Syria, those who choose between violence and peace, Those who influence opinions in words and tweets.

Creator God, hear our cry and help us work together to seek peace and pursue it. *Amen.*

DR ELIZABETH HARRIS

This will be our last chance to welcome Liz as our preacher, before she leaves us to live in Birmingham. Good luck from your St James' Family.

REMINDER

The smooth running of the church in all its aspects depends at present on a small number of volunteers. Please consider joining them if you could read the lesson, weed the gardens, provide or distribute the flowers, offer prayers, or simply welcome people at the door.

NEXT SUNDAY June 10th			
Minister	Worship Team with Dan Holmes	Tea/coffee	TBA
Welcome Steward	(V) Carol Skyner (W) Pat Fagan (B) Pam Bellis	Communion Steward	
Readings	Worship Team	PowerPoint	Lynne Barker
Prayers	Laverty Family	Music	Roy Barker
Offertory	Ray Jennings	Flowers	
count	Margaret Peacop	Delivered by	
		Tuesday Coffee	Wendy Doig & Irene Taylor
		Saturday Coffee June 9th	Boys' Brigade

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. The Wavertree School for the Blind no longer have anyone to take on the task of collecting and sorting so I decided to look further at who to collect for and had hoped to do so for Hearing Dogs. However they have now stopped collecting so our next mission is the RNIB. 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.

TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING

We especially need help with the Tuesday Coffee Morning Rota - at this present time we have only a few people on the rota, and from June we will be at least two people down.

Please consider giving your time, once a month at the most, to helping. Speak to Wendy Doig for information: 0151 428 7180 or 07867795179.

Notices for next week: please send to

Jayne McLaren, at jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk