

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED
CHURCH**

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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



Sunday January 6th 2019

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. Dr John Lansley

This Morning's Worship is a service of the word for Epiphany Sunday

Our Welcomers are Tony Laverty and the Dickson family

The Vestry Steward is Liz Hudson

The Book Stewards are Carol Skyner and Dave Dickson

Our Readers are Derek and Jennifer Long

The Readings are Isaiah 60: 1-6 and Matthew 2: 1-12

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

God of beauty and light, with the appearing of your Son you have brought us into your new creation. Renew in us your image and likeness that our lives may reflect your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 an offering by standing order, please take a card from the table at the back of the church to place on the plate to represent your gift.

DATES TO NOTICE:

Sunday January 20 th	JMA Sunday
Monday January 21 st	Special Projects Meeting at 6.30 pm
Wednesday January 23 rd	Worship Consultation, 30 Stuart Avenue, 7.30 pm
Sunday January 27 th	Annual Covenant Service
Thursday January 31 st	*Defibrillator Training in church hall at 7.45 pm* (See notice below)
Sunday February 3 rd	6.30 pm Café Worship: the Beatles in harmony

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a Buffet Lunch at St. Mary's Church, Woolton on Wednesday 23rd January at 12.30 p.m.

FULWOOD COURT METHODIST HOME

Every Tuesday, two volunteers operate a small shop table which offers small items for sale to residents - biscuits, sweets, toiletries, etc.

There is now an urgent need for more volunteers.

If you could offer up to an hour and a half on a Tuesday morning, on dates to suit you - it could be one morning every two months - your help would be greatly appreciated.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION

We are now the proud owners of a defibrillator.

A training session on the use of the machine is planned for Thursday, 31st January at 7.45 in the church hall, and this will be presented by the Foundation. The session will run for approximately an hour and a half. If you would like to attend there will be a list to sign placed on the information table in church: or email: Wendy Doig on wdoig45@gmail.com .

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. Please cut the stamp from envelope leaving 1cm of paper around the stamp. Foreign stamps should go in a separate envelope.

NEXT SUNDAY – January 13th

Minister	Linda White	Offertory count	Glenys Evans & Ray Jennings
Welcome	Bates family	Tea/coffee	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
Steward (V)	Tony Laverty	PowerPoint	Lynne Barker
(W)	Margaret Dee	Music	Peter Bounds
(B)	Graham Martin & Amy Bates	Flowers	
Readings	Jayne McLaren & Wendy Doig	Delivered by	Wendy Doig
Prayers	Long family		

Saturday Coffee Morning January 12th: Women's Guild

EPIPHANY

The word means *appearance*, or *revelation*, and most people take it to refer to the wise men from the East (representing the Gentile races) being given the sight of the Redeemer of all. But in fact what many Christians on Epiphany celebrate is Jesus' baptism, the beginning of his ministry, and some even celebrate his birth at the same time, rather than in December. In many parts of the Christian world, today is the day for giving and receiving presents, rather than Christmas Day.

*Notices for next week - please send to **Derek Long at**
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