

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, JANUARY 7th 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.

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 JANUARY DATES

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| 10 Jan | Worship Consultation 7.30 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue |
| 16 Jan | Mission Action Group 7.30 pm at 88 Vale Road |
| 22 Jan | Special Projects Group, 6.30 for 6.45.
Pastoral Visitors' Meeting, 7.30 pm |
| 28 Jan | Church Anniversary and Covenant Service |

HARMONY CAFÉ on Sunday 14th January, from 6.00 pm for a 6.30 pm start. Come and share some worship songs, both old and new, and enjoy tea, coffee and cake in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.

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

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY JAN 14th
	Epiphany	
Minister	Steve Elliott	Matthew Dyer
Welcome	Miller family	Cook family
Steward (V)	Ian Taylor	Amy Bates
(W)	Pat Fagan	Stuart Williams
(B)	Jayne McLaren	Margaret Dee
Readings	Ray Jennings & Sue Moister	Pat Fagan & Tony Laverty
Prayers	Long family	Pam Draper
Offertory count	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacock	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings
Tea/coffee	Irene Elliott & Pat Fagan	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
PowerPoint	Lynne Barker	Liz Hudson
Music	Peter Bounds	Roy Barker
Flowers provider	Maureen Sorfleet	
Delivered by	Jennifer Long	Pam Draper
This evening	no service	Harmony Café
Tuesday Coffee	Wendy Doig & Eileen Curphey	Pauline Taylor & friend
Saturday Coffee	Jan 13th: Women's Guild	

CIRCUIT STATIONING

We are currently seeking a Superintendent Minister for the Liverpool (South) Circuit who will serve at Elm Hall Drive Methodist and Trinity Page Moss LEP. We were recently matched with a minister who visited on December 11 and 12. I am grateful to all those who assisted with this and to the members of the Circuit Invitation Committee for their discernment. On this occasion, we concluded that an invitation should not be offered and therefore we shall proceed to round three of Stationing in the new year. Please continue to pray for all involved in this process and particularly that we may know and do God's will.

Rev Caroline

Circuit Superintendent Minister

RYAN MILLER

would like to thank everyone who has helped him raise funds over the last 12 months for his World Challenge trip to Africa in 2018. Everyone who gave him jobs to do or donated has helped boost his funds immensely, and we are very grateful to you all for your generosity. He is now well on the way to the target of £4000.

THE CHURCH AGM

will be held on April 22nd 2018. This means that **the 2018 edition of the Church Directory will not be published** until after that date.

Please **do not** use any copies earlier than 2017!

THANK YOU FROM ACTION FOR CHILDREN

The following note was written to Wendy after the toys and gifts were delivered: 'To everyone at St. James', wishing you all a very merry Christmas, and a big thank you for all your kindness in providing the children with such generous gifts. These gifts make such a difference to the families, many of whom really struggle to provide their children with Christmas presents. How wonderful that they will wake up on Christmas morning with gifts. Thank you from all at Action for Children.'

THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE were delighted to receive the warm gifts, shampoos, shaving foam, soap, etc. They were also thrilled with a large container of lollipops (!) and the sweets and biscuits delivered to them.

THE REFUGE CENTRES for women and children received some lovely toys and also we left toiletry sets and other goodies so that the women will also have a bag of presents on Christmas Day.

STAMPS AT CHRISTMAS

Please remember to save any postage stamps – various charities are glad to use them. Please try to keep a good margin of paper around them! The recycling box is on the table at the back of the church.

(Lots of other things can be recycled there too . . .)

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY

Monday 8 th	2pm, 30 Stuart Avenue
Tuesday 9 th	8pm, 89 Kings Drive
Wednesday 17 th	7.30pm, Margaret Dee's
Thursday 18 th	at St Columba's

CONGRATULATIONS

To Margaret and Eric Peacop on the birth of their twenty-second great-grandchild!

The Collect for The Epiphany

Eternal God, by a star you led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may see 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.

Sunday after Epiphany and the First Sunday in Ordinary Time

God our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in Baptism have made us one in him. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Christ; for he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY TODAY!

- if you are a Russian Orthodox Christian using the Julian Calendar. A Happy Christmas to any Russians among our readers, or anyone else who missed it a fortnight ago.

CHURCH NOTICES BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive this leaflet in advance by email (and help to save paper and printing) please tell any steward-elder or me as below. Also, of course, if you don't want it any more.

*Notices for next week: please send to **derek.long2@tesco.net** or **722 1014**
by 9 pm on Wednesday.*