

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

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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 13th 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 Kathy White

This Morning's Worship is a service of the word

Our Welcomers are Margaret Dee and the Bates family

The Vestry Steward is Tony Laverty

The Book Stewards are Graham Martin and Amy Bates

Our Readers are Jayne McLaren and Wendy Doig

The Readings are Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The Collect for 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.

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.

WELCOME

We are glad to welcome again Dr Kathy White from the Northern College as our preacher this morning.

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
Tuesday 5th February	Church Council will meet at 7.30pm. (This is a change from the previously arranged date of Monday 4th February).

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We have received letters of thanks from the two Domestic Abuse Service Centres we support, thanking everyone for the gifts received. They say that the children had a lovely Christmas, thanks to you: your kindness and support is greatly appreciated and both staff and families send their thanks.

Action for Children thanked us at the Gift Service and were thrilled and overcome with the gifts when delivered.

White Chapel Centre send their best wishes and grateful appreciation.

Centre 56 children enjoyed sweets and gifts at their Christmas Party thanks to you.

The Food Bank serviced from Garston Park received bags of food for Christmas Hamper donations.

Many, many thanks to you all.

PETER & ANNE HUGHES

are proud to announce the birth of their first grandchild, a little girl, to their daughter Kate and Josh. She was born at 12.30pm (lunchtime) on Tuesday 8th and weighs 9lbs. Names still under discussion. Thanks to everyone for your love and prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish **May Kelly** a very happy 90th birthday on Saturday 12 January, hoping she enjoys her celebrations with family and friends.

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.

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.

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 .

WORSHIP CONSULTATION

This meeting is **open to everybody**, and gives members of the congregation an opportunity to talk about their experience of Sunday worship. If you have comments or complaints – can you hear clearly? Do you like the music? Are there things that disturb you? What could we do better? – do come along and make your thoughts known. The meeting will be on **January 23rd**.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY

Monday January 14th, 2pm, at 30 Stuart Avenue.

Tuesday 15th, at 89 Kings Drive, 8pm.

EVIDENCE FOR JESUS

For more information about this, Dave Bedford has set up a website with articles to read and download. It is at www.evidenceforjesus.co.uk

He also has a new book out now: www.thefourthbeatle.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 20th: JMA Sunday

Minister	Matthew Dyer	Offertory count	Margaret Peacop & Mike Hughes
Welcome	Pat Fagan		
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Tea/coffee	Pam Alexander & Irene Elliott
(W)	Jayne McLaren		
(B)	Margaret Dee & Stuart Williams	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
		Music	Music group
Readings	Peter & Geraldine	Flowers	Maureen Sorfleet
	Bounds	Delivered by	Pam Draper
Prayers	Ray Jennings		

Tuesday Coffee Morning January 22nd: Glenys Evans and another

BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection on December 30th totalled £115.13.

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