

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 14th

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 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 16 Jan | Mission Action Group 7.30 pm; see notice below |
| 22 Jan | Special Projects Group, 6.30 for 6.45.
Pastoral Visitors' Meeting, 7.30 pm |
| 28 Jan | Church Anniversary and Covenant Service |
| 1 Feb | Church Council at 7.30 pm |

HARMONY CAFÉ this evening, 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 21st
	JMA	Christian Unity
Minister	Matthew Dyer	Rev. Peter Hughes
Welcome	Cook family	Ken Davies
Steward (V)	Amy Bates	Pam Bellis
(W)	Stuart Williams	Molly Dee
(B)	Margaret Dee	Carol Skyner
Readings	Pat Fagan & Tony Laverty	Irene & Steve Elliott
Prayers	Pam Draper	Graham Martin
Offertory count	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings	Jane Williams & Jayne McLaren
Tea/coffee	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker	Jane Williams & Hannah Cunliffe
PowerPoint	Liz Hudson	Lynne Barker
Music	Roy Barker	Derek Long
Flowers provider		Margaret Dee
Delivered by	Pam Draper	Carol Skyner
This evening	Harmony Café	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pauline Taylor & friend	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig

THE CHURCH AGM

will be held on April 22nd 2018.

The Church Directory will not be published before that date. Meanwhile, please make sure that you are using only the 2017 edition!

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY

Wednesday 17th 7.30 pm, Margaret Dee's

Thursday 18th at St Columba's

MISSION ACTION GROUP

Tuesday 16th January 7.30pm: This meeting will be held in the Church.

This will be an open meeting which Peter will lead and to which ALL are invited and welcome. It will be an opportunity to look forward at mission opportunities over the coming year.

Please come with any ideas and suggestions so that we can move forward together as a whole Church. Anyone who has not been part of this group in the past will be particularly welcome.

BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTION

The collection at our Covenant Service on January 28th will be in aid of Young People's Mental Health.

THE GUILD

Will resume its activities in March with Soup and Sandwiches at 1.30 on Wednesday the 7th. New members will be very warmly welcomed! You are invited to join the fellowship and support our speakers week by week.

CIRCUIT YOUTH BAND

Open to all from 10 to 16, begins on January 28th from 5.30 to 7.

Contact Natasia on 07867 489 463 or halewoodchurchcw@gmail.com. £2 per session.

A few helpers per session will be needed to cook pizzas and prepare drinks for our monthly sessions on Sunday afternoons at EHD 5:30 - 7pm. We will provide all food, so it's just a case of prepping the tables and cooking.

Sessions needing covering are as follows:

28th January	25th February	25th March
22nd April	27th May	24th June

If you could help at just one session that would be amazing and greatly appreciated. Please note that although this is held at Elm Hall Drive it is for children across all churches in the circuit and we would love to connect with other volunteers across the circuit. Please email Natasia or call her directly if you can help.

The Collects for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service, strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS THIS MORNING

1 Samuel 3 1-10

Psalm 139

John 1 43-51

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.

We especially need help with the Tuesday Coffee Morning Rota - at this present time we have only 7 people on the rota, and from April we will be at least one person down. Unless we have extra help it is going to be difficult to cover each week. The coffee morning has developed into a helpful, community event and it would be very sad if we were unable to cover the staffing of this important weekly drop in.

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

DAN HOLMES

Will visit us again in June, with a concert on the 9th and in worship on the 10th.

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.*