

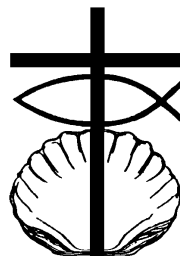
**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

**Web address:** <http://stjameswoolton.org>

**MINISTER:** *Rev. Peter Hughes*

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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 December 16th 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 the Rev. Peter Hughes

**This Morning's Worship** is a service of the Word

**Our Welcomers** are Jayne McLaren and the Cook family

**The Vestry Steward** is Dave Dickson

**The Book Stewards** are Margaret Dee and Liz Hudson

**Our Readers** are Emma and Carol Skyner

**The Readings** are Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20 and Luke 3: 7 – 18

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

**The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent**

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of the Messiah. Inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you; that, when Christ shall come again in glory to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before him, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**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:**

Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>

Property and Finance Committee at 7.30 pm

Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>

Special Projects Meeting at 6.30 pm

Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worship Consultation, 30 Stuart Avenue, 7.30 pm

Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>

\*Defibrillator Training in church hall at 7.45 pm\*

(See notice below)

**CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES'**

December 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 am Christingle: 6.30 pm Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion at **Garston Park**

25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Christmas Day worship

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS NOTICE**

Please do not let the circulated leaflet deceive you into thinking there would be a Coffee Morning on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. **There won't.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To the Cunliffe family on the birth of Lucas William last Monday evening. Hannah and the baby are both said to be doing well.

**CAROL SINGING**

Our next session is on **Tuesday 18th December** starting at Tesco at 4pm and then Sainsbury's at 5 pm, St James' for a cuppa or to eat their tea for those who want it, then on to Marie Curie at 7 pm. All are welcome to join us as always.

**THE POSADA**

Mary, Joseph, and the wonky donkey are on their travels again, and if you would like to help them on their way please speak to Kate or Jamie Cook on 0151 2221671 or 07514 409604. or any of the stewards.

**THE CHRISTMAS SINGALONG**

Raised an amazing £1,112, which with matching funding means that the Alder Hey Children's Cardiac Fund will receive £1,056.

**SANTA STEVE**

and family raised some £700 on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Toilet Twinning Project.

## ***BUON NATALE***

Rosy Vicenzi in Naples sends greetings: her letter and a card are on the board at the back of the church.

## ***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.

The Coffee Morning held on December 1<sup>st</sup> raised £700.

## ***CHRISTMAS CARD TREE***

We have a Christmas card tree this year, on which people could write a message to all their friends in church, and leave a donation in favour of the Alder Hey Cardiac Unit in lieu of postage etc..

\*The ladies from the Tuesday Coffee Morning have suggested that instead of sending each other Christmas Cards in Church this year they will make a donation to a charity (still to be decided). There is a tin at the back of the church every Sunday and Tuesday from now until Christmas for those who wish to take part.

## ***DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION***

We are now the proud owners of a defibrillator thanks to the fund raising walk by Rob Swindells of the BB with help from Amy and team in the GB. This machine was purchased from the Oliver King Foundation and is now fitted in the front entrance of the Church Hall.

To find out more about the Oliver King Foundation contact:

Web: [www.theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk)

Email: [info@theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk)

Twitter @TheOKFoundation Tel 0151 728 3470

Or look at one of the booklets placed on the information table in church.

**A training session** on the use of the machine is planned for Thursday, 31st January at 7.45 in the church hall which is to 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](mailto:wdoig45@gmail.com) .

## ***BENEVOLENT FUND***

Please see Peter or Jayne if you would like to nominate a charity for our collections in 2019. The collection on December 30 will be for Christian Aid.

### **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. 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! Foreign stamps should go in a separate envelope.

<b>NEXT SUNDAY – December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30 Christingle, 6.30 Carol Service</b>			
<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory count</b>	Glenys Evans &
<b>Welcome</b>	Ken Davies		Ray Jennings
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Pam Bellis	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Kay Whittaker &
<b>(W)</b>	Stuart Williams		Karen Skyner
<b>(B)</b>	Carol Skyner &	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Liz Hudson
	Graham Martin	<b>Music</b>	Derek Long
<b>Readings</b>	Sue Moister & Pam	<b>Flowers</b>	Sue Moister &
	Alexander		Sharon Bates
<b>Prayers</b>	Jan Underwood	<b>Delivered by</b>	Carol Skyner
<b>Carol Service:</b> (V) Pam Bellis, (W) Graham Martin, (B) Carol Skyner			
PowerPoint: Liz Hudson; Music: Peter Bounds			

### **AND FINALLY**

Parking Wardens appeared on the morning of Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> and seemed to have a very successful time in the vicinity of the church. You have been warned!

**Notices for next week:** please send to Derek Long at [dandjlong765@gmail.com](mailto:dandjlong765@gmail.com) or on 722 1014.