

**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 November 18th 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 Rev. Peter Hughes

**This Morning's Worship** is a Service of Dedication and Communion

**Our Welcomers** are Jayne McLaren & Alan Smith

**The Vestry Steward** is Carol Skyner

**The Book Stewards** are Dave Dickson & Margaret Dee

**Our Readers** are Peter & Geraldine Bounds

**The Readings** are 1 Kings 17: 8 – 16 & Mark 12: 38 - 44

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

**The Collect for the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:**

**NEXT SUNDAY** November 25<sup>th</sup> Circuit Service at Hope University  
**(THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE AT ST JAMES)**.  
December 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Coffee Morning, Fulwood Court; **tickets now available from Jennifer or Derek Long**, at £2.  
Roy Barker & friends Christmas sing-a-long concert, 7 pm  
December 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) South Liverpool Orchestra Concert

**Please see leaflets in church about**

Men's Curry Night, St Peter's, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Bentley Operatic Society's Extravaganza, various dates and venues

African Children's Choir, St Peter's, December 6<sup>th</sup>

### **CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES'**

December 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Parade and Gift Service
23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am Christingle: 6.30 pm Carol Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion <b>at Garston Park</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Christmas Day worship

### **WOMEN'S GUILD**

November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rev. Peter Hughes
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Skyner
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Soup and Sandwiches, and carols
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas meal at Spire

### **CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE 2018: "Christmas Journeys"**

Our Christmas Experience will be taking place between **Monday 10th and Friday 14th December** this year. The children from Woolton Primary School will be visiting us on Thursday 13th December.

If you would be available to lead children through the Christmas Experience that day your help would be much appreciated. Please speak to a member of the Mission Action Group or Peter if you are available to help.

All Church groups are welcome to enjoy the Christmas Experience, so please speak to a member of the Mission Action Group or Peter about a time for your group to visit the Church and be guided through the Experience.

## ***ROY BARKER & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG CONCERT***

**Saturday 1st December**

Come and join us as we kick off the Christmas season with a good old sing and plenty of fun for all ages. We start at 7.00 pm, words are on screen and Christmas hats and outfits are encouraged! Proceeds will be split between Alder Hey Children's Hospital Cardiac Fund and St James' Refurbishment Fund. Tickets: £6 adults, £1 children which includes refreshments - **on sale now**, put the date in your diary!.

## ***RON SWINDELLS' BIG 90TH SHARED BIRTHDAY***

The world is full of characters - not least **Mickey Mouse**, who will be celebrating his 90th birthday next Sunday, the 18th of November. Mickey was born into his first public performance in Steam Boat Willy on this day in 1928.

A more local but also instantly recognisable "Character" AND of small stature with a big heart.....**RON** was born on the same day and, like Mickey, always cheerful, thoughtful and caring, and seems to be liked by all !

Rob, Margaret, Sharon and Alan, together with grandchildren Iain, Robert, Graeme, Adam, Emily and partners, and also Auntie Meryl, wish him a Very Happy and Special Birthday as we celebrate a long Birthday weekend away with him in Lytham St Annes. **Lots of Love and Birthday Wishes.**

## ***SHOW IN A WEEK 2019***

Due to the success of this year's show and high demand for next year, we have announced the dates: show in a week 2019 will be taking place on Monday 19th to Sunday 25th August 2019. Please speak to Amy or Pam Alexander if your child is interested in taking part.

## ***FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN NOVEMBER***

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at 30 Stuart Avenue at 2 pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 4 Warton Close

## ***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. **Learn more at the Christmas Coffee Morning on December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## **GIFT SERVICE DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

We shall be distributing gifts to:

Women and Children's Refuge Centres.  
Whitechapel Centre.

Action for Children.  
Garston Food Bank.

You can offer:

**UNWRAPPED gifts** of children's toys/books/games - ages 2 to teenage.  
Toiletries for men and women and also teenage boys and girls.  
Warm hats, gloves, socks.  
Boxes of festive chocolates, biscuits, items e.g jars of coffee, tinned food,  
Christmas puddings, which could go into food packs.

## **BENEVOLENT FUND**

This morning's offering is for the Royal British Legion.

Please see Peter or Jayne if you would like to nominate a charity for our collections in 2019.



**Be prepared for the adventure.**

**Are you interest in being involved with enabling the Scouting adventure?**

Due to increased demand, Our Beaver, Cub and Scout sections wish to expand their leadership and support teams. You will be helping alongside existing leaders; roles can be hands-on or backroom with flexible time requirements.

For more information, please contact one of our leaders or Colin Howard (Group Scout Leader) at [thehowards@talk21.com](mailto:thehowards@talk21.com).

### **NOT NEXT SUNDAY - December 2<sup>nd</sup>: ADVENT SUNDAY**

Rota information is not yet available: we hope to circulate it during the week.

The preacher is Derek Long.

The readings are       Jeremiah 33 13-16  
                                  Psalm 25 1-10  
                                  Luke 21 25-36

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

Will all contributors please note that there will be

**no Church Notices on November 25<sup>th</sup>**