

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 21st

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

22 Jan Special Projects Group, 6.30 for 6.45.

The Pastoral Visitors' Meeting is cancelled: see below

28 Jan Church Anniversary and Covenant Service

1 Feb Church Council at **7.30 pm**

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

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January: **the ladies of the Guild are invited to St Mary's for lunch at 12.30 on Wednesday, and Peter Hughes will be the speaker.**

SERVING	TODAY Christian Unity	NEXT SUNDAY JAN 28th Church Anniversary/Covenant Sunday
Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Rev. Peter Hughes
Welcome	Ken Davies	Bates family
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	Pat Fagan
(W)	Margaret Dee	Pauline Taylor
(B)	Carol Skyner	Ian Taylor
Readings	Irene & Steve Elliott	Amy & George Bates
Prayers	Graham Martin	Laverty family
Offertory count	Jane Williams & Jayne McLaren	Mike Hughes & Margaret Peacop
Tea/coffee	Jane Williams & Hannah Cunliffe	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
PowerPoint	Lynne Barker	Dorothy Peers
Music	Derek Long	Kathryn Norton
Flowers	Molly Dee	Margaret Dee
Delivered by	Carol Skyner	Wendy Doig
This evening	no service	no service
Tuesday Coffee	Pat Fagan & Wendy Doig	Jane Allen & friend

PASTORAL VISITORS' MEETING

Has been postponed since the Church is needed for the Circuit Safeguarding Training. The Meeting **will now be held on March 19th**.

MINISTERIAL STATIONING

From the Superintendent Minister:

The third round of stationing took place last week but we were not matched with a minister.

The current Superintendent and Circuit Stewards will seek a conversation with the District Chair, Rev Dr Sheryl Anderson, as we consider our options. My thanks to Sheryl and to the Circuit Invitation Committee for their work in this area.

Please continue to pray for all involved and affected.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

There will be sessions on Monday 22nd January at St James' (for those who haven't completed any training) and Thursday 1st February at St Mary's Church, Halewood, (for those who have completed the Foundation Module within the last 5 years) both at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start, finishing at 9.30 pm. If you need to take part in either of these, please contact Lee Phillips, the Circuit Office Manager, on 0151 345 4324, Tuesday – Thursday 12:00 - 16:00.

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

Monday 22nd 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue.

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.

MAY ALLEN

Has moved to a rest home. She would welcome visitors: please ask Carol Skyner for the address.

DAN HOLMES

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

THIS MORNING'S BIBLE READINGS

Jonah 3: 1-5 and 10

Mark 1: 14-20

The Collects for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew all your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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.

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.*