

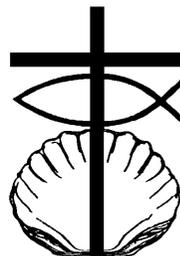
**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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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 December 23rd 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 includes the Christingle ceremony

Our Welcomers are Stuart Williams and Ken Davies

The Vestry Steward is Pam Bellis

The Book Stewards are Carol Skyner and Graham Martin

Our Readers are Sue Moister and Pam Alexander

The Readings are Micah 5: 2 – 5a and Luke 1: 39 – 45



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

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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:

This evening:

Monday January 21st

Wednesday January 23rd

Thursday January 31st

Carol Service at 6.30 pm

Special Projects Meeting at 6.30 pm

Worship Consultation, 30 Stuart Avenue, 7.30 pm

Defibrillator Training in church hall at 7.45 pm

(See notice below)

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

There will be a Buffet Lunch at St. Mary's Church, Woolton on Wednesday 23rd January at 12.30 p.m.

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.**

CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES'

24th 11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion at **Garston Park**

25th 10.30 am **Christmas Day worship:**

Minister: Andy Gillespie

Vestry Steward: Pam Bellis

Welcome: Tony Laverty

Book: Steve Elliott

Andy has asked the congregation, if possible, to bring one of their Christmas presents to this morning's service.

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.

BUON NATALE

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

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.

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 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 .

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 – December 30th: Holy Communion

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Offertory count	Margaret Peacop & Mike Hughes
Welcome	Alan Smith	Tea/coffee	Irene Elliott & Pam Alexander
Steward (V)	Pam Bellis	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
(W)	Liz Hudson	Music	Derek Long
(B)	Dave Dickson & Amy Bates	Flowers	
Readings	Ray Jennings & Pam Bellis	Delivered by	
Prayers	Pat Fagan	Communion steward	Margaret Dee

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO PRINTED NOTICES FOR DECEMBER 30TH



FOR YOUR REFLECTIONS

Yet if his majesty our sovereign lord
Should of his own accord
Friendly himself invite,
And say "I'll be your guest to-morrow night."
How should we stir ourselves, call and command
All hands to work! "Let no man idle stand.

Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall,
See they be fitted all;
Let there be room to eat,
And order taken that there want no meat.
See every sconce and candlestick made bright,
That without tapers they may give a light.

Look to the presence: are the carpets spread,
The dazie o'er the head,
The cushions in the chairs,
And all the candles lighted on the stairs?
Perfume the chambers, and in any case
Let each man give attendance in his place."

Thus if the king were coming would we do,
And 'twere good reason too;
For 'tis a duteous thing
To show all honour to an earthly king,
And after all our travail and our cost,
So he be pleas'd, to think no labour lost.

But at the coming of the King of Heaven
All's set at six and seven:
We wallow in our sin,
Christ cannot find a chamber in the inn.
We entertain him always like a stranger,
And as at first still lodge him in the manger.

Anonymous, 16th century