

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

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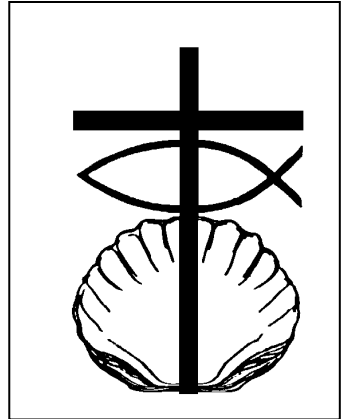
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Friday is Peter's day off and if possible people should not contact him on that day.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8th

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 require any assistance, 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.

DIARY DATES

October	30th Monday	Light Night Party, Trinity Church
November	13th Monday	Special Projects Group at 6.30 pm
	18th Saturday	Christmas Fair

The church is open for coffee every Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 12.30

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS THIS WEEK

Monday 9th: 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue
Tuesday 10th: 8 pm at 89 Kings Drive
Wednesday 11th: 7.30 pm at 84 Woollacombe Road
Thursday 12th: 2 pm at St Columba's

****HARMONY CAFÉ***

The next Harmony Café will be on **November 19th**.

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY October 15th
	Harvest	
Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Rev. Dr Kathy White
Welcome	Bates family	Cook family
Steward (V)	Pat Fagan	Pat Fagan
(W)	Pam Alexander & Pam Bellis	Pauline Taylor
(B)	Margaret Dee	Carol Skyner
Readings	GB	Jane Laverty & Hilary Hopkin
Prayers	Long family	Pam Draper
Offertory count	Margaret Peacop & Jane Williams	Peter Barlow & Ray Jennings
Tea/coffee	Pauline Taylor & friend	Jane & Hannah Williams
PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers	Liz Hudson
Music	Kathryn Norton	Derek Long
Flowers provider	Liz Hudson	Judy Barlow
Delivered by	Carol Skyner	Wendy Doig
This evening	no service	no service
Cleaning		Margaret Dee & Kay Whittaker
Tuesday Coffee	Jane Allen & friend	Wendy Doig & Eileen Curphey
Saturday Coffee	October 14th Junior Church	

FAMILY CRAFT EVENT

Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church, L18 1LF: Saturday 14 October 4.00 pm
0151 734 4540 E:ehdchurch@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you would like a copy of the annual daily bible readings "Fresh From The Word 2018" (price £9.95) issued by International Bible Reading Association, please order from Richard Thwaite. This year, the IBRA have also issued a sample Three Month's Bible Readings, A Celebration Edition for £1. Order from Richard any time in October for both copies.

THE ROUND POUND

Will not be legal after October 15! If you have jars or boxes, please hunt out the old coins, or you may have trouble. And please don't put them in the collection plate!

FOURTH DIMENSION TRUST

On Thursday 19th October at 7pm in St Gabriel's Huyton, Ellis Ashton St L36 9AT, The Fourth Dimension Trust, the Huyton Churches' Charity Shop (aka The Church Shop) invites you to 'Celebrate Care' as it presents its £10,000 profits for 2016-17 to charities local and international. We would be delighted if you could come and share the evening and refreshments with us.

CHRISTMAS FAIR:

The date will be here in just SIX weeks! Please will you all put the date in your diary. We are always looking for volunteers to help. Please start saving items for stalls – Cakes, books in good condition. Toys, games, jigsaws in good condition and boxes complete please. Toiletries, stationery, plants. Handbags and Gladrags and any items for a ‘Loved but no longer wanted Item’. Morning coffee and lunches will be served. Santa will be paying us a visit too. Any offers of help or for collection of items please contact Wendy on 0151 428 7180 or 0786 7795179.

Women’s Guild Programme

October 11 th	Harvest: Liz Hudson
18 th	Gillian McDonald: Talking about Feet
25 th	Rev. Peter Hughes
November 1 st	Soup & Sandwiches, 1.30 pm

ANNUAL WEEKEND AWAY

Another year, and another great time was enjoyed by all: a time together where everyone enjoyed real fellowship, friendship, happiness, love, involvement, relaxation, laughter, caring, memories, sharing and worship. It was really nice to share and enjoy time with new friends, and we were especially pleased that Peter and Anne, our new Minister and his wife, were able to be with us. It was lovely to have so many children with us and for them to enjoy their activities and take part in the entertainment.

Ron Swindells

CIRCUIT NEWS

As already announced, Rev. Caroline Ainger will conclude her appointment in the summer of 2018, having served in the Circuit for a total of eleven years.

An extension of four years to Deacon Michaela's ministry was sought at an extra Circuit Meeting on Sept 20. This was unanimously supported by the Circuit Invitation Committee and upheld by the Circuit Meeting, and therefore Deacon Michaela's appointment has been extended to 2022.

At Trinity Page Moss we have been much blessed by the ministry of Lay Pastor John Crawford. John's contract, already extended, will conclude at the end of this year. We take this opportunity to give thanks to John for who he is and for what he has done, both at Trinity and in Page Moss, and to assure him of our prayers and support as he moves into a new phase of his ministry.

UPRIGHT PIANO

We have an upright piano available to anyone who may want to give it a happy home. Please see Wendy Doig or Steve Skyner.

BENEVOLENT FUND COLLECTIONS

If you know of a charity you would like us to support through the monthly collection at Communion, please tell Jayne. Those we can pay in sterling will be favoured – payment in other currencies or other countries presents problems!

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF BROKEN PROMISES

Saturday 21st October 2017 10am - 4.15pm (arrive from 9.30am)

This free conference in the heart of Liverpool will explore the history and lasting legacy of Britain's role in Palestine / Israel since the Balfour Declaration of 1917. It will be for all those who would like to know more about Britain's role, both in its promised support for a national home for Jews on land belonging to the Palestinian people, and in how we arrived at the current tragic situation. Everyone is welcome.

Venue: Quaker Meeting House School Lane, L1 3BT (Tel: 0151 709 5957)

There will be a bookstall courtesy of News from Nowhere and other stalls.

Coffee, tea, biscuits and lunch provided for which donations will be welcome.

Please book free tickets at Eventbrite.

The Collects for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law. Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we make our prayer. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Notices for next week - please send to **Derek Long at derek.long2@tesco.net** or on **722 1014** by 9 pm on Wednesday.*