

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 MARCH 15th 2020



Welcome to everyone this morning:

and 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. If you need any help, please ask a steward.

This Morning's Preacher is Liz Hudson

This Morning's Worship is a service of the Word

Welcoming you are Pam Bellis and the Miller family

The Vestry Steward is Irene Elliott

The Book Stewards are Pam Alexander and Amy Bates

Our Readers are Margaret Peterson and Chris Hickey

The Readings are

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your church is open for coffee on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 to 12.00

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 contribute 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.
Standing: if you have a problem with standing during worship, please feel free to remain seated – you will not be alone.
Communion bread is all gluten-free.

FUTURE DATES

Saturday 21st March Family Quiz Evening – see below
Sunday 29th March Annual Church Meeting

BEFRIENDING SERVICE - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Woolton Community Life have recently had an influx of local residents who are lonely and would like a visitor for an hour or so each week (if possible). Could you help? More information can be found on our website wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk [1] or, if you prefer to have a very informal chat, please call 07490 572344 or email info@wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk
Woolton Community Life Befriending Service: **bringing people together.**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

As part of our data collection last year many of you gave us an emergency contact number to be used in the event of your being unwell whilst at Church. The Steward Elders have these contact details and will act on them if an emergency takes place while you are at Church. If you have not provided emergency contact details or need to update them, please speak to Dorothy Peers

PASTORAL VISITORS

Everyone who is a Church Member, and some people who are regular attenders, are allocated a Pastoral Visitor. If you know of someone who needs pastoral care at a particular time (bereavement, illness, hospital etc) please alert the Steward Elders who have a list of each person's Pastoral Visitor. They will ask the Pastoral Visitor to offer help and support to the person.

FAMILY QUIZ EVENING –

Saturday 21st March starting at 7.00. £5 adult, young people £2. For tickets contact 07867795179, or available Tuesday and Sunday mornings when church is open. These evenings are a chance to pit your wits against Richard, our Quiz Master. There are light refreshments available all evening and there will be a Raffle with lots of great prizes. Please come along.

AN INVITATION FROM ST MARY'S

All will be welcome at these events during Lent:

The Folly of God: The Journey of the Cross, a Path to Light: (Art and Inspiration of Sieger Koder): Wednesday 18th March, 7pm in St Mary's Church

A Woman's Way of the Cross: Wednesday 1st April, 7pm in St Mary's Church

Prayers at the Foot of the Cross: Good Friday (Friday 10th April), 7pm in St Mary's Church: Reflections, Music and Meditations

WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME

March	18	Visit to Strawberry Field
	25	Steve Skyner
April	1	Soup and Sandwiches
	8	Easter Communion

CIRCUIT CONVERSATION

The Methodist Conference this summer will be asked to make very significant decisions relating to issues including Same Sex Marriages and Cohabitation. All of us are challenged to think and pray about these issues.

An opportunity to listen and share views will be taking place **today** at 2pm at Trinity Church, Page Moss. Please read the report and come along to the meeting so that your views will be heard by those who will be voting at Synod and Conference.

CHRISTIAN AID

are moving some of the Supporter Engagement Team from London to the office in Warrington. This means that there are a few jobs going! For all the information and job specification etc. please see

<https://jobs.christianaid.org.uk/vacancy/central-supporter-engagement-coordinator--2736-warrington/2754/description>. Please get in touch with Helen Parker-Jervis as below on Monday and Tuesday this week if you have any questions. **The closing date is March 22nd**.

caid.org.uk/01925582818 or 07778110125/hparker-jervis@christian-aid.org

MARIE CURIE DAFFODIL CAMPAIGN

Volunteers are needed at the Retail Park on March 19th, 20th, and 21st: time slots are 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, and 4-6 pm. Please ring Pat Fagan on 07832 348509 or Marie Curie on 0151 801 1405, 1412, or 1416. Thank you!

TWO MESSAGES OF THANKS

FROM MARGARET DEE:

On behalf of Janet, all the family & myself, thanks for all the prayers, messages, cards & flowers that we received following Dad's passing.

FROM JOAN GREENALL:

Thanks to so many friends from St James' for all cards, flowers, and prayers, following the death of her brother.

HOUSEGROUPS

The Monday Group will meet weekly up to March 30th, and then on April 20th. We shall celebrate Communion on the 23rd, and the meeting on the 30th will be at 105 [Childwall](#) Park Avenue.

The Wednesday housegroup will also be meeting weekly, up to 1 April. This week's meeting will be at Margaret Dee's, and a Communion service will be held on the 25th at Sue Moister's. All are welcome to these meetings.

THE NEW WEEKLY ENVELOPES

are now available at the back of Church for collecting. If you would like to join the scheme or like to start contributing by Standing Order please speak to Margaret Dee 0151 428 3356".

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020

To continue the success of our shoe box campaign we invite you to donate various items on every second Sunday of each month. Please remember the gifts have to fit in the shoe boxes. No items are allowed with batteries or liquids, and no sweets or chocolate.

12th April- flannel, soap, toothbrushes etc – but **not** toothpaste, deodorant, talcum powder or creams/lotions. If you miss a collection you can still make a donation the next week. For more information please speak to Jayne McLaren.

MORE SAD NEWS

We are informed of the death on Tuesday of the Rev. Keith Briddock, supernumerary minister in the North Central Circuit, and also of Alan Cant, formerly headteacher in Halewood. A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Alan Cant will be held on Thursday 19 March at 12.15pm at Formby Methodist Church. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Hall. Our thoughts are with Alan's daughter, Eve, at this time.

NEW MINISTER AT ST COLUMBA

A reminder that all are welcome at the induction of the Rev. Catherine McFie on March 21st at 2 pm.

Commented [O1]:

STEWARD ELDER NOMINATION

An important part of our Annual Church Meeting is to elect new Steward-Elders. Forms for this are out on Saturday 14th March and are due back by Sunday 22nd March. Nomination can be returned to Jayne McLaren by ballot form, text 07859062692 or email jayniemac@hotmail.co.uk.

FIRST AID

If anyone holds a current first aid or paediatric first aid certificate and would be willing to be a named responder in our Church please can you let Jayne McLaren know as soon as possible. Thank you.

FAMILY FILM EVENING

Saturday 4th April. Doors open 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. start. *The Greatest Showman* is coming to St. James. There will be prop bags and we would love you to come in a circus-related outfit. Lots of fun. There will be refreshments available and donations will be gratefully received for our ongoing special projects funding.

CRINKLY PLASTIC COLLECTION

The congregation at Princes Park, with help from many friends and other Churches, have now filled 100 eco-bricks with single use plastic (about 50kg) which they intend to build into the garden adjacent the Church in the form of a Cross, planted with wild and insect loving flowers. Please keep up the good work and bring your plastic wrappings to the bin at the entrance to the church.

NEXT SUNDAY: March 22nd

Minister	Stephen Sutcliffe	Offertory	Margaret Peterson & Chris Hickey
Welcome	Pam Bellis	Tea/coffee	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
Steward (V)	Amy Bates	PowerPoint	Lynne Barker
(W)	Pam Alexander	Music	Peter Bounds
(B)	Tony Laverty & Graham Martin	Flowers	Pam Draper
Readings	Peter Barlow & Pam Alexander	Delivery	Wendy Doig
Prayers	Ray Jennings		
Tuesday Coffee	March 17th	Jane Allen & Norma	

Notices for next week – Please send any messages to Derek Long at dandjlong765@gmail.com or on 722 1014.

If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive the Church notices by email, please give your address to Derek.