

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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** the Rev. Kate Gartside

**This Morning's Worship** is a service of the Word

**Welcoming you are** Irene Elliott and Ray Jennings

**The Vestry Steward is** Liz Hudson

**The Book Stewards are** Pam Bellis and Pam Alexander

**Our Readers are** Ray Jennings and Sue Moister

**The Readings are** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7: and Matthew 4:1-11

**The Collect for the First Sunday in Lent**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your church is open for coffee n 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***

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Church Council, 7.30 pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Circuit Conversation – see below

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Family Quiz Evening – see below

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Annual Church Meeting

### ***WELCOME***

Our worship this morning is led by the Rev. Kate Gartside, a URC minister from Warrington. We offer her our warmest greetings, and look forward to hearing her message.

### ***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). The visit can take place at any time to suit, so is very flexible. All that would be required is to chat and maybe have a cuppa. Could you help?

More information can be found on our website [wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk](http://wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk) [1] or, if you prefer to have a very informal chat, please call 07490 572344 or email [info@wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk](mailto:info@wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk)

Woolton Community Life Befriending Service:

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

### ***CRINKLY PLASTIC COLLECTION UPDATE***

Your continued support for the weekly crinkly plastic collection is very much appreciated. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE pre-formed plastic trays of any kind. Most of these are now re-cyclable (look for the little triangle mark stamped into the plastic); the products contained in them tend to leave a residue which contaminates the other waste; and they are too firm to go into the bottles which make eco-bricks. Many thanks.

### ***FAMILY QUIZ EVENING –***

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March starting at 7.00. £5 adult, young people £2. For tickets contact 07867795179, or available Tuesday and Sunday mornings when church is open. Light refreshments available. Raffle.

## ***MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>: DYDD DEWI***

A special greeting to all our Welsh friends on St David's Day.

## ***CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENT GROUP***

Philip Lodge is launching a new Circuit Environment Group. If you would be interested, please contact Philip on philip.enid@googlemail.com. A meeting is planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Garston Park, 7 pm for 7.30.

### ***WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME***

Guild resumes activities this week with:

March 4	Soup and Sandwiches
11	Rev. Peter Hughes
18	Visit to Strawberry Field
25	Steve Skyner

## ***CIRCUIT CONVERSATION***

The Methodist Conference this summer will be asked to make very significant decisions relating to issues including Same Sex Marriages and Cohabitation. Each Synod will be asked to vote during the spring in advance of the Conference. All of us are challenged to think and pray about these issues. We are encouraged to read the report "God in love unites us" which is available online at: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/12606/3240-10-amended-marriage-and-relationships-report.pdf>. **Limited numbers are now available in Church.**

An opportunity to listen and share views will be taking place in our Circuit on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March** 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.

## ***SHOW IN A WEEK 2020***

We are pleased to announce that to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Show in a Week at St James' this year we will rehearsing and performing Madagascar Jr! Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: more details will be announced soon.

## ***COMMUNITY CHOIR***

Would you like to be part of the Strawberry Field Community Choir? From Monday January 20<sup>th</sup>, you can join us every other week from 6.30 to 8.30 for tea and coffee and singing together. Book your place by contacting Louise Brown on [louise.brown@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:louise.brown@salvationarmy.org.uk) or on 0151 252 6130. Anyone is welcome to join in and make music together. (NB: the timing has been corrected.

## ***BENEVOLENT FUND***

The collection on Sunday for St James Benevolent Fund totalled £188.27 before the addition of gift aid contributions. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to those who gift aided their donation.

## ***HOUSEGROUPS***

Monday Group: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

The Wednesday housegroup will be meeting weekly during Lent, from 4 March – 1 April inclusive. The meeting on 4 March will be at Steve and Irene Elliott's.

## ***REPORTS TO ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING***

A reminder to all group leaders, meeting secretaries, and other office holders: your reports may be sent to Derek as soon as is possible! Email is the most convenient way to do this, and you are encouraged to be as brief as you can.

## ***SAMARITAN'S PURSE- OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2020***

To continue the success of our lunch/shoe box packing event in October we are carrying this on through 2020. We invite you to spread your giving throughout the year, as we ask for 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.

**8th March- active play- skipping ropes, balls, yo-yos etc.** If you miss a collection you can still make a donation the next week. For any more information please speak to Jayne McLaren.

### ***NEXT SUNDAY: March 8<sup>th</sup>: all age Parade service***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory</b>	Mike Hughes & Ray Jennings
<b>Welcome</b>	Dickson family	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Pam Bellis	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Dorothy Peers
<b>(W)</b>	Stuart Williams	<b>Music</b>	Music group
<b>(B)</b>	Margaret Dee	<b>Flowers</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Brigades	<b>Delivery</b>	Carol Skyner
<b>Prayers</b>	Dave Dickson		

**Tuesday Coffee Morning March 3<sup>rd</sup>** Wendy Doig & Glenys Evans

***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.