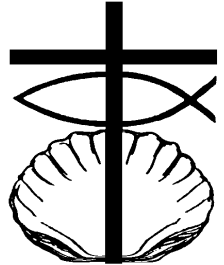


**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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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 JANUARY 5TH 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 Rev. Bob Andrews

This Morning's Worship is a service of the Word

Welcoming you are Liz Hudson and Jayne McLaren

The Vestry Steward is Stuart Williams

The Book Stewards are Tony Laverty and Dave Dickson

Our Readers are Ray Jennings and Margaret Peterson

The Readings are

The Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you; fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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.

Offeratory 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.

REV. BOB ANDREWS

We are very happy to welcome Bob Andrews again as our preacher this morning. Bob was minister of this church from 1995 to 2001.

FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 7th January

Mission Action Group meeting 7.30

Thursday 23rd January

Special Projects Group **open meeting** at 7.15

Wednesday 29th January

Pastoral Committee ***note change of date***

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY

Monday Group meeting: 13th, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

Wednesday Group meeting: 22nd, 7.30 pm at 84 Woolacombe Road

CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Philip Lodge is hoping to launch a new Circuit Environment Group. If you would be interested in being a part of it or would like more information, please contact Philip on philip.enid@googlemail.com.

ELIZABETH HARDMAN

We offer our love and sympathy to all the family of our old friend Elizabeth Hardman who passed to glory on December 16th. **Her funeral will be in Hale Parish Church on Thursday 9th January at 1 pm.**

COMMUNITY CHOIR

Would you like to be part of the Strawberry Field Community Choir? From Monday January 20th, you can join us every other week from 5.30 to 8.30 for tea and coffee and singing together. Book your place by contacting Louise Brown on louise.brown@salvationarmy.org.uk or on 0151 252 6130. Anyone is welcome to join in and make music together.

CIRCUIT PRAYERS –

Rev. Paul Wilson now hopes to return to work this month. Please continue to pray for Paul, Karen, and the family at this difficult time. Please remember too the Rev. Sally Binyamin, whose husband is still very ill, and all the family.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

It is planned to hold a service at St Mary's on Sunday January 19th 2020 at 4pm and offering tea and cakes in the hall afterwards.

USED STAMPS FOR RNIB:

Thank you for continuing to put your used stamps into the box provided. A reminder and check list of how to prepare your stamps!

- Stamps should be trimmed with approximately one centimetre of paper around the edges (not just ripped off the envelope).
- Please make sure there are no large Post Office printed labels or pre-printed postage - these have no value to RNIB.
- Please separate into British and Overseas (Channel Islands and Isle of Man count as foreign). Perhaps put them into separate envelopes before you pop them in the box.

ECO-BRICKS

are large plastic bottles packed full of single-use, non-recyclable plastic waste, used in community art and small construction projects. We are about to deliver **more than 7lbs** of crinkly plastic to Princes Park ...and that is a colossal amount as each individual piece weighs almost nothing at all. We'll keep collecting over the Christmas and New Year period and then see how much more they can use. A big thank you to everyone who is helping.

We can all help by bringing any **ANY clean dry crinkly, scrunchy or soft waste plastic** - things like: crinkly foil crisp/snack bags, chocolate and sweet wrappers, packaging from biscuits, tea bag and coffee packets, from items like toilet rolls, or thin plastic and bags that fruit and vegetables are packed in. There is a bin at the church door. *BUT PLEASE – nothing wet or sticky that will contaminate the rest of the waste.*

ANOTHER WARM INVITATION

The Christmas decorations in church will be removed after this morning's service. You will be very welcome if you can join in.

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.

This month: 12th January- hats, scarves, gloves.

If you miss a collection you can still make a donation the next week. For any more information please speak to Jayne McLaren.

REFILL

The church is now registered as a place where water bottles may freely be refilled; the times when we can be accessed can be found via the app: <https://refill.org.uk/get-the-refill-app>. As the scheme gets better known it may be that we will see some people use us.

NEXT SUNDAY: January 12th: all age JMA service

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| Minister | Rev. Peter Hughes | Offertory | Chris Hickey & Margaret Peterson |
| Welcome | Pat Fagan | | |
| Steward (V) | Irene Elliott | Tea/coffee | Pam Draper & Gwladys Gardner |
| (W) | Pam Alexander | | |
| (B) | Margaret Dee & Steve Elliott | PowerPoint | Lynne Barker |
| Readings | Brigades | Music | Music Group |
| Prayers | Chris Bennett | Flowers | |
| | | Delivery | Jennifer Long |
| Tuesday Coffee January 7th | | | Wendy Doig and Glenys Evans |
| Saturday Coffee January 11th | | | |

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