

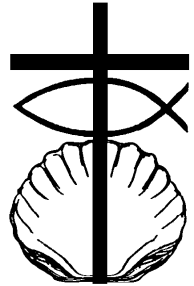
**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 8th 2019**

***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. Peter Hughes

**This Morning's Worship is** a Gift Service and Parade

**Welcoming you are** Tony Laverty and the Cook family

**The Vestry Steward is** Liz Hudson

**The Book Stewards are** Pam Bellis and Margaret Dee

**Our Readers are** from the Brigades

**The Readings are** Isaiah 11 1-5 and 2 Corinthians 9 11-15

**The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent**

God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. 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.

***Offeritory 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.

### ***FUTURE DATES IN DECEMBER***

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Christmas Experience, open to all
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning in church: carol singing at the Market
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am Christingle Service 6.30 pm Candle-lit Carol Service
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>10 am</u> Christmas Day Worship</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 Communion Service

### ***READERS NEEDED!***

We will need extra readers for our Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm, Christmas Eve Communion at 11.30pm, and Christmas Day Worship at **10am**. It would be great if our normal faithful team of readers could be expanded with some extra volunteers. If you are a regular or "extra" and you would like to read at any of these Christmas Services please contact Peter as soon as possible, letting him know which Services you would be available for.

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL***

As last year, there will be a Christmas meal in St Mary's Parish Hall on Christmas Day, 1-4pm, for anybody who would otherwise be eating alone. Irrespective of religion or income, anyone is welcome; all that is needed is a contact name & number. Also, all volunteers would be gratefully received! You can contact Anita on 0151 428 1108 or 07387576741 or email [anitacarson46@gmail.com](mailto:anitacarson46@gmail.com).

### ***CHRISTMAS TREE***

There is a Christmas Tree in church for anyone who wants to send a single Christmas Greeting to all their church friends and leave something for a charity in lieu of usual card expenses. Greeting tags and hangers are available, or you may prefer to hang your message on a small personal card.

### ***FELLOWSHIP GROUP***

The Wednesday Group will meet on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Sue Moister's.

### ***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.

### ***BEAVERS, CUBS & SCOUTS***

Copies of our AGM reports are available at the back of the Church.

### ***A MESSAGE FROM DOREEN BANKS***

Thank you for all your lovely cards, flowers, and visits, and for remembering me in your prayers following my recent accident. I am slowly improving and look forward to seeing you all.

God bless you all.

### ***SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP***

Next meeting: Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 7.15. This is an **open** meeting and we welcome anyone with an interest in fund raising.

### ***CIRCUIT PRAYERS –***

Rev. Paul Wilson now hopes to return to work in January. 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.

### ***STEVE AND CAROL SKYNER***

and all the Skyner family would like to thank all at St. James' for their prayers and support and the many cards of condolences on the sad passing of Steve's father - now gone to Glory in the safe arms of our Lord.

***CHRISTMAS FAIR.*** We raised a total of £1578. Many thanks to everyone for their help and support.

### ***TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING***

will be CLOSED on Tuesday 24th December and Tuesday 31st December. We shall return bright and bushy tailed on January 7th 2020!

## **ITEMS FROM THE MISSION ACTION GROUP**

**ECO-BRICKS** are large plastic bottles packed full of single-use, non-recyclable plastic waste. They are used in community art and small construction projects. Our sister church in Liverpool 8 has committed to producing over 300 eco bricks, but they are a very small congregation. Many of St James' youth groups have already signed up to help them collect plastic. What can we as a Sunday congregation contribute? just bring any **ANY clean dry crinkly, scrunchy or soft waste plastic** - things like: crinkly foil crisp/snack bags, chocolate and sweet wrappers, outer packaging /film from biscuits, tea bag and coffee packets, multipack plastic packaging from items like toilet rolls, or thin plastic and bags that fruit and vegetables are packed in. There will be a bin to put it in. **BUT PLEASE** – *nothing wet or sticky that will contaminate the rest of the waste.*

There's so much single-use plastic around. It all goes in the bin. With Christmas coming up, there will be even more. Let's try and save some of it from becoming landfill and help the church family at Princes Park.

**CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE 2019** – If you haven't yet signed up as a Story-teller, Timekeeper, Welcomer or Helper to help share the Christmas Story with 200 local children – now is your chance. We are particularly in need of some extra hands and friendly faces on Tuesday evening December 10<sup>th</sup> between 5-8pm; and any time – morning, afternoon or - on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>. You may never have done this before, but it really is a good experience for everyone. Don't be afraid to dip your toe in the water, you won't regret it. Please talk to Liz Hudson or anyone in the Mission Action Group.

### ***NEXT SUNDAY December 15th***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory</b>	Mike Hughes & Glenys Evans
<b>Welcome</b>	Alan Smith		
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Pam Alexander	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Jonquil Dickson & Pat Fagan
<b>(W)</b>	Jayne McLaren		
<b>(B)</b>	Tony Laverty & Dave Dickson	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Lynne Barker
		<b>Music</b>	Peter Bounds
<b>Readings</b>	Pam Bellis & Jayne McLaren	<b>Flowers</b>	
		<b>Delivery</b>	Carol Skyner
<b>Prayers</b>	Derek Long		

**Tuesday Coffee December 17<sup>th</sup>** Jane Allen and Norma

***Notices for next week*** – Please send any messages to Derek Long at [dandjlong765@gmail.com](mailto:dandjlong765@gmail.com) or on 722 1014