

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 FEBRUARY 9th 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 Graham Martin

This Morning's Worship is a Parade Service, all-age worship

Welcoming you are Ken Davies and Dave Dickson

The Vestry Steward is Pam Bellis

The Book Stewards are Margaret Dee & Tony Laverty

Our Readers are from the Brigades

The Readings are

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may truly serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; 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

Sunday 15th March

Circuit Conversation – see below

Sunday 29th March

Annual Church Meeting

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday Group: February 12th, 7.30 pm at 17 The Firs, New Hawthorne Gdns

Monday Group: February 24th (**later than usual**) 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

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.

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 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 or on 0151 252 6130. Anyone is welcome to join in and make music together. (NB: the timing has been corrected.)

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SWINDELLS FAMILY

on the arrival of Charlotte Grace, born on Jan 28th, to Adam and Helen, sister to Sophie, second great-grandchild (in a year) for Ron, 1st Grandchild for Rob and Sharon.

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.

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 15th 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.

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.

Today: small cuddly toys.

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

NEW MINISTER AT ST COLUMBA

The church is delighted that the Revd. Catherine McFie will be inducted to the joint pastorate of St George's, Maghull and St Columba, Hunts Cross, on **Saturday 21st March at 2.00pm**. The Induction Service at St Columba will be followed by refreshments.

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: February 16th

Minister	Derek Long	Offertory	Mike Hughes & Glenys Evans
Welcome	Jayne McLaren	Tea/coffee	Jonquil Dickson & Pat Fagan
Steward (V)	Pam Alexander	PowerPoint	Liz Hudson
(W)	Dave Dickson	Music	Peter Bounds
(B)	Graham Martin & Amy Bates	Flowers	
Readings	Dyer family	Delivery	Jennifer Long
Prayers	Dave Dickson		

Tuesday Coffee Morning Feb. 4 Jane Allen and 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.