

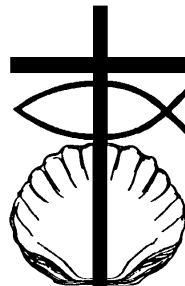
**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 15th 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 for the third Sunday of Advent

Welcoming you are Stuart Williams and Alan Smith

The Vestry Steward is Pam Alexander

The Book Stewards are Tony Laverty and Dave Dickson

Our Readers are Pam Bellis and Jayne McLaren

The Readings are Isaiah 35: 1 - 10 and Matthew 11: 2 - 11

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we wait and watch, you sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of the Messiah. Inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you; that, when Christ shall come again in glory to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before him, 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.

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.

FUTURE DATES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 22 nd	10.30 am Christingle Service 6.30 pm Candle-lit Carol Service
Tuesday 24 th	11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service
Wednesday 25 th	<u>10 am</u> Christmas Day Worship
Sunday 29 th	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.

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. If you wish to leave a gift for charity in lieu of buying cards, there is a collecting box and this year we are supporting the Garston Food bank. If you wish to gift aid your donation, envelopes are available and please mark your donation Christmas Tree. Many thanks for all your support.

THIS AFTERNOON

Carol service and treats at Somewhere Else, 96 Bold Street, 2.30 for 3 pm.

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.

CAROL SINGING

All are welcome to join us as we sing around Woolton Village on Tuesday 17th December.

4.00 – 4.45 pm	Meet at Tesco
5.00 – 5.45 pm	Meet at Sainsbury's
6.00 pm	back to St James' for a cuppa/bring your own food if you wish to eat
7.00 pm	Meet at Marie Curie

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.**

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!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY December 22nd: Christingle: Advent 4

Minister	Liz Hudson & the Worship Team	Offertory	Chris Hickey & Margaret Peterson
Welcome	Dickson family	Tea/coffee	Pam Draper & Gwladys Gardner
Steward (V)	Dave Dickson	PowerPoint	Liz Hudson
(W)	Pam Alexander	Music	Music Group
(B)	Irene Elliott & Margaret Dee	Flowers	Sue Moister & Sharon Bates
Readings	Worship Team	Delivery	Jonquil Dickson
Prayers	Worship Team		

CAROL SERVICE 6.30 pm

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	PowerPoint	Liz Hudson
Vestry Steward	Liz Hudson	Music	Peter Bounds & the Music Group
Welcome	Pam Bellis		
Tea/coffee	Pat Fagan & the Dickson family		

Tuesday Coffee December 17th Jane Allen and Norma

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION 11.30 am

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Welcome	Pam Alexander
Vestry Steward	Irene Elliott	Music	Derek Long
Communion stewards	Sue Moister and Pat Fagan		

CHRISTMAS DAY 10 am

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Welcome	Tony Laverty
Vestry Steward	Dave Dickson	Music	Derek Long

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