

**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 16th 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** Derek Long

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

**Welcoming you are** Jayne McLaren and Dave Dickson

**The Vestry Steward is** Pam Alexander

**The Book Stewards are** Graham Martin and Amy Bates

**Our Readers are** the Dyer family

**The Readings are** Matthew 5:21-37 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**The Collect for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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***

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Worship Consultation
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

### ***FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN FEBRUARY***

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

#### ***DENIS DEE***

With great sadness we record the passing of Denis, one of our oldest and most faithful members, on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers and sympathy to Margaret, Janet, and all the family.

### ***THE WORSHIP CONSULTATION***

Will meet on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 30 Stuart Avenue, 7.30 pm. This meeting is **open to all** and its purpose is to give everybody the opportunity to say what they think about our church's worship. It also considers the audibility of our services, and if you have problems in hearing any part of the service, please talk to the person on the sound desk, or mention it to one of the stewards.

### ***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.

### ***CIRCUIT ENVIRONMENT GROUP***

Philip Lodge is launching 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. A meeting is planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Garston Park.

### ***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.

### ***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 Benevolent Fund collection on Sunday week is for the Fund itself. The Fund is used for St James' to support named charities suggested by members of the congregation, and also to enable the Church to respond to emergency appeals after natural disasters etc, and to offer assistance to individuals in particular need who come to our attention.

## **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.

### **NEW MINISTER AT ST COLUMBA**

Our Friends and neighbours are 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup>; Holy Communion**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory</b>	Chris Hickey & Margaret Peterson
<b>Welcome</b>	Miller family	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Tony Laverty	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Dorothy Peers
<b>(W)</b>	Amy Bates	<b>Music</b>	Peter Bounds
<b>(B)</b>	Liz Hudson & Graham Martin	<b>Flowers</b>	Pat Fagan
<b>Readings</b>	Jennifer & Derek Long	<b>Delivery</b>	Pam Draper
<b>Prayers</b>	Chris Bennett		
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Pat Fagan		

**Tuesday Coffee Morning Feb. 18**

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. If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive the Church notices by email, please give your address to Derek.