

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 JANUARY 19TH 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 the Rev. Peter Hughes

This Morning's Worship is our Covenant Service with Communion

Welcoming you are Pam Bellis and the Miller family

The Vestry Steward is Graham Martin

The Book Stewards are Pam Alexander & Irene Elliott

Our Readers are Peter Barlow & Chris Hickey

The Readings are Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34: John 1: 29 – 42: Romans 12: 1 – 2

The Collect for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

Thursday 23rd January

Special Projects Group **open meeting** at 7.15

Wednesday 29th January

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

Sunday 15th March

Circuit Conversation – see below

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY

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.

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.)

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 18-25 JANUARY - TODAY

“We will be hosting an Ecumenical Service on Sunday 19 January at 4:00pm in St Mary’s Church. The theme for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is ‘***Unusual Kindness***’. Please do come and join us for the service and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. All very welcome.”

ST. MARY’S HAVE ALSO INVITED THE WOMEN’S GUILD

to a lunch in the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will be on Wednesday January 22nd, at 12.30 for 1 pm. For more information, see Doreen Parker.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The collection today is for the Talking Newspaper for the Blind. This organisation provides blind and partially sighted people with local news every week. Nine groups of volunteers meet to read excerpts from a local newspaper which is recorded (there are volunteer technicians too!) and sent out free of charge on a USV stick to anyone who requests it and is registered blind. There is also a group giving Christian news. We have at least three volunteers within our family.

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.

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 will be 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.

SINGLE-USE WASTE PLASTIC, FOR ECO BRICKS

Thank you to all our dedicated donors. Another 4 large bagsful (8 kilos) will be delivered to Princes Park Methodist Church before the end of January. Richard Rees has written to ask us to keep collecting. The initial target is 210 'bricks' to construct a cross on land near the church; so far he has 75. He says: "*I am managing to get from 450gms up to 600gms in one bottle (with time, the technique improves). I have estimated the area of plastic in each bottle to be in the region of 8m². Therefore we already have about 600m² locked away. Around 1800m² by the time we finish the cross (a football pitch is 7140m²). When the cross is finished I intend to carry on until either the source dries up or the Country decides to take recycling or responsible disposal seriously*".

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.

February 9th: 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.

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 26th: Church Anniversary

Minister	Rev. Jacky Embrey	Offertory	Glenys Evans & Mike Hughes
Welcome	Alan Smith	Tea/coffee	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
Steward (V)	Tony Laverty	PowerPoint	Liz Hudson
(W)	Stuart Williams	Music	Peter Bounds
(B)	Graham Martin & Pam Bellis	Flowers	Jennifer Long
Readings	Chris Bennett & Sue Moister	Delivery	
Prayers	Pat Fagan		
Tuesday Coffee January 21st	Jane 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.