

**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 23rd 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 a celebration of Holy Communion

**Welcoming you are** Amy Bates and the Miller family

**The Vestry Steward is** Tony Laverty

**The Book Stewards are** Liz Hudson and Graham Martin

**Our Readers are** Jennifer and Derek Long

**The Readings are** Luke 11 1-13 and 1 Timothy 2 1-8

**The Collect for the Sunday before Lent**

God of life and light, your Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross. Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to follow him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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**

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**

Monday Group:

**now postponed until March 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2 pm**  
at 30 Stuart Avenue

#### **DENNIS DEE**

The Committal will take place at Springwood **tomorrow**, Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 am. This will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for Dennis's life and witness, at St James' at 12.15 pm.

### **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.

## ***WOMEN'S GUILD PROGRAMME***

Guild resumes activities with:

March 4	Soup and Sandwiches
11	Rev. Peter Hughes
18	Visit to Strawberry Field
25	Steve Skyner

## ***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.

## ***SHOW IN A WEEK 2020***

We are pleased to announce that to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Show in a Week at St James' this year we will be rehearsing and performing Madagascar Jr! Monday 24th to Sunday 30th August: more details will be announced soon.

## ***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 today 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.

## **REPORTS TO ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

A reminder to all group leaders, meeting secretaries, and other office holders: your reports may be sent to Derek as soon as is possible! Email is the most convenient way to do this, and you are encouraged to be as brief as you can.

## **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.

### **NEXT SUNDAY: March 1st**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Kate Gartside	<b>Offertory</b>	Margaret Peterson & Chris Hickey
<b>Welcome</b>	Ray Jennings	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Jonquil, Dave, & Pat
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Liz Hudson	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Lynne Barker
<b>(W)</b>	Irene Elliott	<b>Music</b>	Peter Bounds
<b>(B)</b>	Pam Alexander & Pam Bellis	<b>Flowers</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Ray Jennings & Sue Moister	<b>Delivery</b>	Jennifer Long
<b>Prayers</b>	Laverty family		

**Tuesday Coffee Morning Feb. 25**

Wendy Doig and team

**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.