

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 26TH 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. Jacky Embrey

This Morning's Worship celebrates our Church Anniversary

Welcoming you are Alan Smith and Stuart Williams

The Vestry Steward is Tony Laverty

The Book Stewards are Graham Martin and Pam Bellis

Our Readers are Chris Bennett & Sue Moister

The Readings are Joshua 24:1-15; Luke 9: 57-62

The Collect for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; 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.

WELCOME

We are happy this morning to welcome the Rev. Jacky Embry, Moderator of this Synod of the United Reformed Church, to lead worship on our Church Anniversary.

FUTURE DATES

Wednesday 29th January Pastoral Committee ***note change of date***
Sunday 15th March Circuit Conversation – see below

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN FEBRUARY

Wednesday Group: February 12th, 7.30 pm

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.)

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 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.

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: February 2nd

Minister	Jean Taylor	Offertory	Chris Hickey & Margaret Peterson
Welcome	Alan Smith	Tea/coffee	Jonquil & Dave Dickson
Steward (V)	Amy Bates	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
(W)	Irene Elliott	Music	Derek Long
(B)	Pam Alexander & Stuart Williams	Flowers	Margaret Dee
Readings	Pam Bellis & Carol Skyner	Delivery	Carol Skyner
Prayers	Long family		
Tuesday Coffee Morning Feb. 4			
Saturday Feb. 8th Men's Coffee Morning			

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.