

**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 29th 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 Rev. Peter Hughes

This Morning's Worship includes the sacrament of Holy Communion

Welcoming you are Ken Davies and Graham Martin

The Vestry Steward is Irene Elliott

The Book Stewards are Pam Bellis & Steve Elliott

Our Readers are Jane & Tony Lavery

The Readings are Isaiah 63 7-9, Hebrews 1 1-4, and Matthew 2 1-12

The Collect for the First Sunday of Christmas

God of glory, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share in the life of his divinity; 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.

Offeratory 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.

REV. BOB ANDREWS

Next Sunday, January 5th, we shall be delighted to welcome Bob Andrews again as our preacher. Bob was minister of this church from 1995 to 2001.

FUTURE DATES

Tuesday 7 th January	Mission Action Group meeting (see below)
Thursday 23 rd January	Special Projects Committee (see below)
Wednesday 29 th January	Pastoral Committee *note change of date*

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY

Monday Group meeting: 13th, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Natasia (Circuit Youth Worker) & Tim (Steward at Elm Hall Drive) Bullock, who had a baby girl on 11th December.

ELIZABETH HARDMAN

We offer our love and sympathy to all the family of our old friend Elizabeth Hardman who passed to glory on December 16th. **Her funeral will be in Hale on Thursday 9th January at 1 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

it is planned to hold a service at St Mary's on Sunday January 19th 2020 at 4pm and offering tea and cakes in the hall afterwards.

MISSION ACTION GROUP

the date of our next meeting is Tuesday 7th January at 7.30 pm in the Upper Room.

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 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.

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 5th

Minister Rev. Bob Andrews

Welcome Cook family

Steward (V) Stuart Williams

(W) Liz Hudson

(B) Tony Laverty &

Dave Dickson

Readings Ray Jennings &

Margaret Peterson

Prayers Dave Dickson

Offertory Mike Hughes &

Glenys Evans

Tea/coffee Jonquil Dickson

& Pat Fagan

PowerPoint Dorothy Peers

Music Peter Bounds

Flowers

Delivery Pam Draper

Tuesday Coffee January 7th

Saturday Coffee January 11th

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