

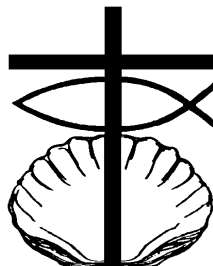
ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.

SUNDAY JANUARY 12TH 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 JMA Anniversary and Parade

Welcoming you are Pam Alexander and Pat Fagan

The Vestry Steward is Pam Bellis

The Book Stewards are Margaret Dee & Steve Elliott

Our Readers are from the Brigades

The Readings are Isaiah 49: 7 – 13 and Matthew 3: 13- 17

The Collect for the First Sunday in Ordinary Time

God our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in Baptism have made us one in him. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Christ; for he 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

Thursday 23rd January

Special Projects Group **open meeting** at 7.15

Wednesday 29th 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.

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

“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.

REV. KEN RENOUF

Ken's death is reported by the *Methodist Recorder*, though with no date or further information. Our prayers and sympathy are with Jean and the family. Ken was the much-loved minister at St James' from 1972 to 1977.

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.

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.*

ORDINARY TIME

Christmas is officially over, and we are now in Ordinary Time until the beginning of Lent – the next festival of the Church.

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.

TODAY - hats, scarves, gloves.

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 19th: Covenant Sunday

Minister	Rev. Peter Hughes	Offertory	Ray Jennings & Mike Hughes
Welcome	Miller family		
Steward (V)	Graham Martin	Tea/coffee	Karen Skyner & Kay Whittaker
(W)	Pam Bellis		
(B)	Pam Alexander & Irene Elliott	PowerPoint	Dorothy Peers
Readings	Peter Barlow & Chris Hickey	Music	Peter Bounds
Prayers	Pam Draper	Flowers	
Communion Steward	Margaret Dee	Delivery	Carol Skyner

Tuesday Coffee January 14th Wendy Doig and Glenys Evans

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.