

**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 22nd 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** Liz Hudson

**This Morning's Worship is** prepared by the Worship Team and includes the Christingle Ceremony

**Welcoming you are** Irene Elliott and the Dickson family

**The Vestry Steward is** Dave Dickson

**The Book Stewards are** Irene Elliott and Margaret Dee

**Our Readers are** members of the Worship Team

**The Readings are**

**The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent**

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord 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.

### ***FUTURE DA TES***

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January

11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion Service

**10 am Christmas Day Worship**

10.30 Communion Service

Special Projects Committee (see below)

Pastoral Committee

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY MEAL***

As last year, there will be a Christmas meal in St Mary's Parish Hall on Christmas Day, 1-4pm, for anybody who would otherwise be eating alone. Irrespective of religion or income, anyone is welcome; all that is needed is a contact name & number. Also, all volunteers would be gratefully received! You can contact Anita on 0151 428 1108 or 07387576741 or email [anitacarson46@gmail.com](mailto:anitacarson46@gmail.com).

### ***CHRISTMAS TREE***

There is a Christmas Tree in church for anyone who wants to send a single Christmas Greeting to all their church friends and leave something for a charity in lieu of usual card expenses. Greeting tags and hangers are available, or you may prefer to hang your message on a small personal card. If you wish to leave a gift for charity in lieu of buying cards, there is a collecting box and this year we are supporting the Garston Food bank. If you wish to gift aid your donation, envelopes are available and please mark your donation Christmas Tree. Many thanks for all your support.

### ***FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN JANUARY***

Monday Group meeting: 13<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm at 30 Stuart Avenue

Wednesday Group meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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***

The sad news reaches us that Elizabeth died on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Our sympathies go to Joan, Ann, Robert, and all the family.

## **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.

## **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 24th December and 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.

### ***THS EVENING: CAROL SERVICE 6.30 pm***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Liz Hudson
<b>Vestry Steward</b>	Liz Hudson	<b>Music</b>	Peter Bounds & the Music Group
<b>Welcome</b>	Pam Bellis		
<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Pat Fagan & the Dickson family		

### ***CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION 11.30 am***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Welcome</b>	Pam Alexander
<b>Vestry Steward</b>	Irene Elliott	<b>Music</b>	Derek Long
<b>Communion stewards</b>	Sue Moister and Pat Fagan		

### ***CHRISTMAS DAY 10 am***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Welcome</b>	Tony Laverty
<b>Vestry Steward</b>	Dave Dickson	<b>Music</b>	Derek Long
	<i>Collection for Christian Aid</i>		

### ***NEXT SUNDAY December 29th: Holy Communion***

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory</b>	Ray Jennings
<b>Welcome</b>	Ken Davies	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Glenys Evans & Pam Alexander
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Irene Elliott		
<b>(W)</b>	Graham Martin	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Lynne Barker
<b>(B)</b>	Pam Bellis & Steve Elliott	<b>Music</b>	Music Group
		<b>Flowers</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Jane & Tony Laverty	<b>Delivery</b>	Wendy Doig
<b>Prayers</b>	Jan Underwood		
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Jonquil Dickson		
	<i>Benevolent Fund Collection for Christian Aid</i>		

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