

**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.



NEWS FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 24th 2020

Dear friends – Derek is spending much of this week having an apparently unending series of tests at the Royal. He hopes very much to resume normal service next week.

The Collect for Ascension Day

Eternal and gracious God, grant that as we believe your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to have ascended with triumph into your kingdom in heaven, so may we also in heart and mind ascend to where he is and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday in Ascensiontide)

Lord of Hosts, purify our hearts that the King of Glory may come in, even your Son, Jesus our Redeemer; for he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

NEWS

DAVE & MADGE TILLEY would like to thank everyone at St James' for all the cards, phone calls, thoughts and prayers following the sad loss of their daughter Lynne, whose funeral is on tWed 20th May.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ray Jennings, who celebrated his 75th birthday this week.

REV. JOHN TAYLOR the death is reported of the Rev. John Taylor, former Chair of the Liverpool District. John had been in poor health for some time, and our sympathy goes to Margaret and all the family.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH PRAYER CIRCLE ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE We have promoted this in our notices on occasion for anyone to join in but just want to make everyone aware what it actually is. The people who are in this prayer circle share and pray for anyone or any situation that is in need of our collective prayers. It is not exclusive; anyone who has access to a mobile phone and has an app called 'WhatsApp' on it is very welcome to join us in our growing list of 'prayerees'. It is a lovely way to prayerfully keep in touch and to combine our prayers. For more help or information please contact Jayne McLaren.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Jane Laverty is delighted to report that the e-envelope raised £450.

CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE Our church Facebook page which Amy keeps updated daily is accessible to anyone who has access to the internet (you don't have to have Facebook). If you have access to the internet, go to the church website <https://www.stjameswoolton.org/> and in the bottom left hand corner; there is a Facebook symbol, click on that and you can see all that is shared.

Amy started "sing together A worship song a day" when lockdown began. Every day she uploads a song (a mix of traditional and new) that people have sent her for everyone to sing along to- if you would like to nominate a worship song/hymn please get in touch via mobile, email or social media. We may not be able to be together but we can still sing together (albeit in our own homes).

CAN YOU BE KIND?

KIND distributed over three hundred Easter Food Packs for families across Merseyside, paid for by a very generous local trust. As a result of the conversations with various referrers, KIND has begun a twelve-week Crisis Food Programme, committed to providing a minimum of 150 large family-sized food hampers, which will be delivered to vulnerable/disadvantaged families across our Merseyside community.

Providing 150 hampers over twelve weeks will cost £54,000.00. KIND have begun approaching numerous trusts, individuals and funds to see if they can support this local initiative. If you, your friends and contacts are willing support this local initiative, please make a donation directly into KIND's account:

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