

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

Web address: <http://stjameswoolton.org>



Weekly Notices 20th – 27th September 2026

This Week's Collect:

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 20th September 10.30am: Dave Bedford

This week's readings:

Exodus 16: 2-15
Matthew 20: 1-16

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 27th September 10.30am: Rev Robert Barthram – Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October 10.30am: Jayne McLaren – Harvest Service

Sunday 11th October – United Service at Hope University (no service at St James')

Sunday 18th October 10.30am: Steve Elliott, Holy Communion.

Sunday 25th October 10.30am: Paul Holt

Forthcoming events:

Monday 21st September 7.00pm – Safeguarding meeting

Thursday 24th September 9.30am – 11.30am: Morning Coffee

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE:

**IF YOU CANNOT COME TO WORSHIP AT ST JAMES IN PERSON WHY NOT
LISTEN IN**

The dial in instructions are as follows:

Between 2.20pm for 2.30pm on Sunday:

1. From your normal "landline" telephone: Dial: 0333-016-0300
2. You will then be asked for your Room number:

Enter 86 10 75 55 followed by the # key

Then when asked, enter the PIN: 2544 followed by the # key

You will then be directly entered into the pre-service "worship chat".

Please say your name so people know you have joined.

**This Sunday the host is Graham Martin, Speaker: Chris Bolton,
Reading: Pam Bellis Matthew 20:1-16, Prayers: Dave Dickson**

Praying for the Growth of our Church

Lord Jesus,

We are sorry that at times we feel like giving up.

Open our eyes to the signs of hope which we often miss.

Thank you for new lives born into our families and born again into your kingdom.

Thank you for the growth we experience in our worship and fellowship.

Open our minds to those with whom we could share our faith this week.

In the name of Jesus, Amen

Harvest Service – 4th October

A box to collect donated tins and packet goods for this year's Harvest Thanksgiving on October 4th, will be available at the back of church from this coming Sunday (September 13th). Everyone is invited to bring something whenever they are able. During the service itself on the 4th, there will also be a cash collection towards the purchase of food vouchers for needy families, in case anyone prefers to offer a gift that way instead (or as well). All your gifts are so welcome and will be gratefully received by the organisations we support at this time of year. Many many thanks.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration Irene & Steve Elliott

To help us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary later this month we would like to invite you to join us in the Church hall following the morning service on **Sunday 27th September** for light refreshments to celebrate this special milestone with us.

Please let us know if you are able to join us by 20th so we can plan the catering. There will be a sheet at the back of Church to leave your names or you can let us know by telephone on 0151 722 0579, or email Irene.Elliott@gmail.com.

We hope as many as possible will be able to join us. No gifts please just your presence with us.

With Love

Irene & Steve Elliott

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **27 September** will be for Mercy Ships.

Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. Mercy Ships doesn't just address the immediate need on the ground, but also works to strengthen the country's healthcare systems and drive policy change. The aim is to tackle the root causes of the problems rather than just the consequences.

The Mercy Ships crew is led by a team of volunteers from up to 40 nations, all of whom give their time and expertise for free. Mercy Ships doesn't just take doctors and nurses – the ship is a small city, with cooks, teachers, receptionists, mechanics, IT specialists, engineers and cleaners.

The Global Mercy is the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world. The 174-metre, 37,000-ton ship has six operating rooms and houses over 600 volunteers from around the globe representing many disciplines including surgeons, maritime crew, cooks, teachers, electricians, the host staff and more. The ship also features a 682-seat auditorium, student academy, café, shop and library – all of which have been designed to accommodate up to 950 crew onboard when docked in port.

Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 55 countries, providing services valued at more than £1.3 billion. By improving healthcare delivery in every country it visits, Mercy Ships is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job. Mercy Ships follows the model of Jesus by “bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor”, helping people of all faiths and none.

Church Flowers

If you would like to donate money for flowers on a particular Sunday - perhaps in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event - please speak to Jonquil Dickson who can add you to the calendar for the months ahead. Also, if you would simply like to donate for flowers so that we can make sure all Sundays are covered, please speak to Jonquil. At present, we have many dates available. We have a box at the back of church for any donations or small change. All donations are gratefully received.

Prayers

Please keep in our prayers this week all those who are in poor health, either in hospital or at home, and their family and friends and those caring for others.

We also pray for everyone in our Church family who are unable to attend church.

Please pray for those known to us who are in need of our prayers this week.

Next weeks' notice sheet

You can download all notices [from our website](#).

Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices, please email by Thursday evening to:

St.James.notices@gmail.com