

**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.

Weekly Notices 12th – 19th November 2023

This Week's Collect:

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 12th November 10.30am: Remembrance Service, Obeth Thevanesan (**coffee in hall – Ste & Helen Miller*)

This week's readings:

Psalm 70: 1 – 5
Mathew 25: 1 – 13

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 19th November 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes

Sunday 26th November 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes, Holy Communion (**Coffee Glenys Evans & Gill McIntyre*)

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 15th November 7.45pm - Wednesday Fellowship Group

Thursday 16th November 9.30am – 11.30am – Coffee morning

Thursday 16th / 17th November 2.00pm – 2.00am – Church open for peace vigil

Saturday 18th November 10.00am – Christmas Fair

Monday 20th November 10.00am – 3.30pm – EDI Training (St James)

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 Pam Bellis speaker is Andy Gillespie

prayers: Liz Hudson, reading: Peter Bounds Matthew 25 v1-13.

Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.

Prayers

We keep in our prayers all those who are poorly, their family and friends and those caring for others.

We also pray for everyone in our Church family and those known to us who are in need of our prayers this week.

St James Memorial Book

We are starting a memorial book to record members of St James who have died. Once all the names we have been given have been entered, the book will be placed on the table in the entrance to the church for anyone who may wish to look at it. If you have a loved one or friend who was a member of regular worshipper at St James, and who you would like included in the book would you please email pambellis@hotmail.com with their name and date of death if you know it, but that is not essential, just the name will be enough. Thank you.

Shoe box appeal

Donations for the Shoe Box Appeal is now open and closes on **12th November 2023**. 2023's shoe box appeal St. James is supporting is called 'Link to Hope'. It supports families and the Elderly in places like Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria. As we are so close to their closing date for this year, we are now only able to give monetary donations and they will pack them and then send direct from their warehouse. To fill the box and including the £3 postage it costs approximately £15/20 per box so all donations will be greatly received. If you wish to donate or for any more details or questions, please speak to me.

Many Thanks,

Jayne McLaren

<https://linktohope.co.uk/>

Christmas Fair

Christmas Fair 18th November 10.00 until 1.00 - **ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO!!!** Santa will arrive at 11.00 am. There will be raffles for Christmas Hamper and a Christmas Cake. Other prizes too. Fancy Goods and Toiletries, buy your stocking filler presents. Homemade cakes and jams. Plants. Colouring Competition for children. Come and have a snack in the dining areas: tea, coffee, hot chocolate, bacon batches, homemade soup, baked potatoes, hot dogs, toasted items. Mince pie and cream, ice cream. If you have any items for the stalls, please bring on Friday 17th between 2.00 and 8.00.p.m. or on Saturday before 10.00 please. Ring Wendy on 07867795179 if you need to have them collected.

The Fair is not only a fun time for us all to get together but also to raise funds for the general maintenance of our buildings. Eg central heating maintenance and service, fire alarm maintenance, fire extinguisher maintenance and service, gutter cleaning! We have had ingress of water over these last weeks of rain and there is roof repair work to be done on the hall roof over the stage. Not to mention general odd jobs which occur in any home or place of work or worship to keep our buildings safe, clean and a happy place to meet in. We look forward to seeing you.

Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-a-long is on Saturday 2nd December at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices. Proceeds will be split between St James' Church Projects Fund and the Steps to Work programme at Strawberry Field. Strawberry Field continues the legacy of caring for young people in the local community as a safe, calm and spiritual home for trainees. The Steps to Work programme empowers young adults aged 18 – 25 with learning difficulties, who are neurodivergent or have barriers to employment into paid work.

Get your tickets now: adults: £6, children: £1. Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

Peace vigil at St James

On November 16th from 2pm till 2am we are holding a peace vigil at St James. The church will offer a quiet space and invite all those who wish to support, reflect, pray for all men, women and children affected by the current crisis in Palestine and Israel. All are welcome, please invite any family, friends and neighbours.

Celebrating Christmas with Strawberry Field

St Georges Hall, Sunday 26th November 4.00pm.
Tickets are £20 for adults; Concessions £18; Children under 16 £12
Full details in flyer attached.

Monday House Fellowship

The November Meeting of the Monday House group will be on **Monday 27th November at 2.30pm** in the home of Pam Draper.

Harvest Gifts – THANK YOU

The monetary donations given at this service amounted to £240.00. This amount was put into Gift Voucher form and shared between Centre 56. Action for Children and Grace House, Refuge for Women and Children fleeing from abuse. The food donations went to Whitechapel Centre, whose service provision is for those who are single and homeless but also for families who have found themselves in this situation and to a Refuge Family Centre. All units have expressed sincere gratitude for your generosity.

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.

Notices next week:

*You can download all notices **from our website.**
Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,
please email by Thursday evening: **St.James.notices@gmail.com***

Saturday, 2nd December 2023 at 7.00 p.m.

Roy Barker & friends Christmas Sing-a-long

in aid of

St. James' Church Projects Fund

and

Strawberry Field

Steps to Work programme



Tickets:
Adults
£6.00

Children
£1.00

Venue:
St. James' Church,
Church Road South,
Woolton, Liverpool
L25 7RJ

Call Roy on
0151 421 1218
for tickets

Doors open at
6.30 p.m.

STRAWBERRY
FIELD

Celebrating Christmas with Strawberry Field

at St George's Hall
Sunday 26th November 4pm



Kick off your festive season at our concert featuring a host of special guests and readings that celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

Enjoy music from the *Liverpool Walton Salvation Army Band*, singer *Asa Murphy* and Britain's Got Talent semi-finalist *Charlie Green*, as well as *Liverpool Lighthouse choir*. BBC Radio Merseyside's *Paul Beesley* will comperé the evening.

Raising funds together for families and young people across Liverpool


This year, The Salvation Army's Strawberry Field is collaborating with St George's Hall Charitable Trust to bring the spirit of Christmas to the Great Hall of St George's Hall. Proceeds will support the two charities to help with their work supporting families and young people across Liverpool City Region.


BOOK YOUR TICKETS


Adults £20 | Concessions: £18 | Children (under 16) £12

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