

**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.



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
MAY 2023**

Welcome to our May newsletter.

Email Helen Miller: newsletter@stjameswoolton.org with anything you wish to include or have any suggestions for future editions.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE May 2023:

Hello Everyone.

I hope you are all well and enjoying the longer days and hopefully sunny weather of spring. As we begin May this year we are still in the season of Easter. We celebrate Easter for 50 days - longer than the 40 days of some other Christian seasons (e.g. Christmas/Epiphany and Lent). This is because Easter is the most important season of all. It is because of the risen Jesus that we have hope every day and for all eternity.

Over the last few years, the final 10 days of Easter (following Ascension Day on 18th May) has been celebrated as a period of praying "Thy Kingdom Come". We are all encouraged to pray for 5 friends who we hope will come to know the love of Jesus for themselves. I encourage you (and me!) to do that this year. Research has shown that it is the love and prayers of a friend which often helps to bring a person to become a Christian. We will be reflecting on Thy Kingdom Come in our Circuit Service at Hope University on Sunday 21st May at 11am (there will be no Service at St James that day).

Before that we have Coronation and Eurovision! We pray that the Coronation and Eurovision will go smoothly and safely and that those who visit Liverpool for Eurovision will find our city a place of welcome. Churches Together are arranging a series of events during Eurovision, some of which are taking place at Strawberry Field. These are aimed at showing Liverpool to be a place of Christian welcome and to encourage us to pray for peace in Ukraine, who would have been hosting the event if the war was not taking place.

God Bless
Peter

In case of a medical emergency, St James' Church has a defibrillator situated in the church hall.

Eurovision 2023 IMAGINE: PEACE - 8th -14th May 2023

.... provides the local church with an opportunity to work together in welcoming thousands of visitors to the city and to proclaim the love of God. To facilitate activities several events are to take place and an updated list of activities and events will be available soon.

The following Ecumenical events have been agreed and we look forward to seeing you at these events.

Daily Prayer walks - Tuesday 9th until Friday 12th at 9am meeting at the Pier Head (near the Beatles Statue) - a prayer guide will allow you to explore iconic Liverpool areas to pray for peace and hand out peace postcards promoting the prayer vigils.

Daily Prayer Vigils - Tuesday 9th until Friday 12th 12 noon until 1pm at iconic Liverpool venues.

- Tuesday and Friday at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
- Wednesday at Strawberry Field, Beaconsfield Road and
- Thursday at Liverpool Parish Church "Our Lady and St Nicholas".

Wednesday 10th May - 7pm - An Ecumenical Act of Worship at the Metropolitan Cathedral with contributions from the Salvation Army Brass Band, New Song Wirral Band, and the Joint Choir of Liverpool Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. **This event will be live streamed across the world.**

Various Activities at Strawberry Field, Beaconsfield Road, Liverpool L25 6EJ

Volunteering

Are you interested in being part of the team welcoming and stewarding some of the events happening on behalf of Churches Together in the Merseyside Region? Please use the link below to register and a briefing meeting (zoom) will take place mid-April. You can help facilitate prayer walks, prayer vigils, steward at the Metropolitan Cathedral and be present greeting visitors at Strawberry Field. (*You may still be able to register now*) For all interested in Volunteering please use this following link to register your interest - <https://r1.dotdigital-pages.com/p/BVI-13Y4/volunteer-with-us-at-festivals-and-events?pfredir=1>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Future Services this month at St James':

Sunday 7th May 10.30am - Morning Worship – Revd. Mike Long

Sunday 14th May 10.30am - Morning Worship Mr Murrell (**Irene Elliott and Pam Alexander Coffee*)

Sunday 21st May 11.00am - **No Service at St James** Morning Worship - Circuit Service at Hope

Sunday 28th May 10.30am - Morning Worship – Communion –Revd. Peter Hughes

Other important dates during May 2023:

Thursday 11th May 9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee

Saturday 13th May 10.00am -12.00pm Coffee Morning and Farmer's Market

Monday 15th May 7.30pm Steward/Elders Meeting

Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm Wednesday Fellowship Group

Thursday 18th May 9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee

Monday 22nd May 2.30pm Monday Fellowship at Pam Draper's house

Monday 22nd May 7.30pm Safeguarding Meeting

Thursday 25th May 9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee

Thursday 25th May 7.30pm – Worship consultation meeting – (in Church) all welcome

Fundraising

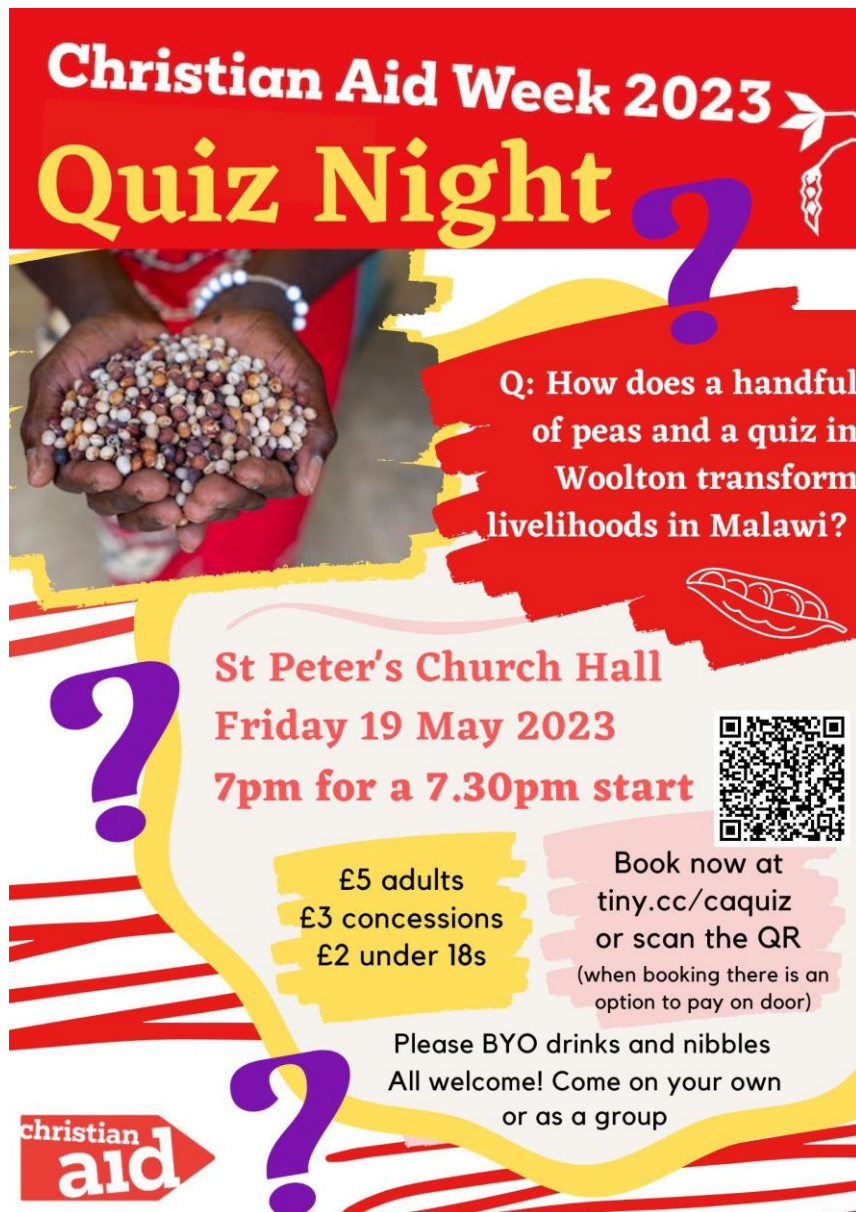
St Peters will be having a quiz on **Friday 19th May** in St Peters Church Hall starting at 7.30pm - bring your own drinks and nibbles.

They will also have a Christian Aid stall at the Farmers market on Saturday 13th May. If anyone from St James would like to help for a couple of hours, it would be appreciated.

Jane Laverty will be doing a sponsored walk from the Toxteth Tabernacle to Christ Church, Lord Street 21.5 miles on Friday 19th May. There will be a sponsor form in Church and a Just Giving Page. You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-laverty-1681661804397?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/jane-laverty-1681661804397&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=d4c632e5a77149009d3ac2549e4e54ef

As always, many thanks for your support and prayers for the work of Christian Aid.



Christian Aid Week 2023
Quiz Night

Q: How does a handful of peas and a quiz in Woolton transform livelihoods in Malawi?

St Peter's Church Hall
Friday 19 May 2023
7pm for a 7.30pm start

£5 adults
£3 concessions
£2 under 18s

Book now at tiny.cc/caquiz or scan the QR
(when booking there is an option to pay on door)

Please BYO drinks and nibbles
All welcome! Come on your own or as a group

christian aid

The poster features a red background with white and yellow text. A central image shows a person's hands holding a handful of multi-colored peas. A large purple question mark is overlaid on the image. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. The Christian Aid logo is in the bottom left corner.

St James' Photo Gallery

St. James was blessed on Sunday 30th April with the baptism of Tom and Natalie's daughter, Evelyn Sharp. The service was taken by Reverend Peter Hughes and Evelyn's Grandad, Reverend Noel Sharp. May the Lord bless you and keep you.



JUST FOR FUN

ANSWERS AT THE END – NO CHEATING!!

KING CHARLES' CORONATION QUICK QUIZ:

1. When was Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation?
2. Who will conduct King Charles' Coronation?
3. How many Coronations have been held at Westminster Abbey?
4. What is Prince William expected to do at King Charles III's Coronation?
5. How many parts does a coronation service fall into?
6. What is the name of the crown placed on the head of Queen Elizabeth II during her Coronation service?
7. When was coronation chicken invented?



EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

These flags all represent countries that have previously won the Eurovision Song Contest. Can you name them all?



ANSWERS:

1. 2nd June 1953
2. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby
3. There have been 39 coronations in Westminster Abbey since 1066
4. Prince William is expected to kneel before the King and kiss him on his right cheek as a sign of respect.
5. The coronation falls into six parts: the recognition, the oath, the anointing, the investiture (which includes the crowning), the enthronement and the homage.
6. The St. Edward's Crown
7. Coronation chicken was created by Le Cordon Bleu London to be served at the Coronation Luncheon in 1953

