

**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 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

**This Week's Collect:**

Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light, and so fill our hearts with your glory that we may always acknowledge Jesus as Saviour, and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am** – Geoff Felton

**This week's readings:**

**Habakkuk 3**  
**Romans 5:1-11**

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10.30am** – Peter Lyth

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am** – Revd. Peter Hughes, Pastoral Visitors Dedication and Holy Communion (*\*Coffee Margret Peterson & Chris Hickey*)

**Forthcoming events:**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 10.00am – 12 noon** – Farmers market and coffee morning

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** – Worship consultation (in church)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm** – Wednesday Fellowship Group

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – 11.30am** – Coffee morning

**WORSHIPPING BY PHONE:**

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

**The New 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 is Chris Botlon,**

**prayers: Liz Hudson, reading: TBC Philippians Ch 4, vs 1-9**

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.

### Message from Margaret Dee

Following the passing of my dear sister Janet, she is coming back home this week for her funeral to St James Church on **Monday 16th October at 11.00am**, all are welcome.

Thank you, Margaret Dee.

### Shoe box appeal

This year's shoe box appeal that 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 (5<sup>th</sup> November), we are only able to give monetary donations and I will buy items online on Amazon and have them sent direct or if you want to do this yourself, nearer the time I will provide the link to give donations or choose your own items to send. For any more details or questions please speak to me.

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

Thanks, Jayne McLaren

### Harvest service on 8th October

St. James's harvest service led by Andrew Gillespie was a blessing. Meaningful words, lovely hymns, amazing flowers, lifesize scarecrow and lots of harvest gifts.

All food and donations are going to local homeless charities, women's refuge, Action For Children. Centre 56. Women and Children's Aid at two local Refuge Centres and the YMCA centre in Aintree.

Thank you to Andrew and St James's.



### 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.

## Christmas Fair

**Saturday 18th November. 10.00 until 1.00.**

I hope this date is in your diaries!!!!

This day always creeps up on me very quickly once September is over and in no time at all we will be preparing the hall and looking forward to a visit from Santa.

Any help and support anyone can give will be very welcome. Cake and jam makers please consider helping us. Can I ask that absolutely no nuts are used. A list of ingredients would be most helpful. Thank you. We would like toiletries and gift items. Plants. Boxed gifts you may not have used but are lurking in your cupboards!! Please contact me on 07867795179 if you can help in any way. Wendy Doig.

## Help the Homeless

My son Drew is going to do an overnight sleep out to fundraise for local projects to help the homeless, please keep him in your prayers. I have added his comments about it below and if you would like to sponsor him, the details are below too.

<https://justgiving.com/page/drewbellis> I've nearly fallen asleep at Goodison Park numerous times, but on this occasion, I'm dropping off for a good cause. I'm going to spend a night under the stars in the Park End to partially experience what it's like for homeless folks living out in the elements. I'm raising money for Everton In The Community and its Home Is Where The Heart Is programme which offers young adults who are vulnerable to homelessness a roof over their heads. The money I raise will go towards providing them with access to health and wellbeing support, assistance with education and opportunities for training and employment.

Gwed, stick your hand in your pocket if you can. UTT ❤️

Thank you,  
Pam Bellis

## OCTOBER is Black History Month

Black History Month is a time of celebration, recognition and sombre reflection. Black people from African and Caribbean communities have been an integral part of British history and society for hundreds of years. Despite racism and unfairness, black people continue to break barriers and use creativity and innovation to influence lives today. This year's theme, 'Saluting our Sisters', pays homage to black women who had contributions ignored, ideas appropriated, and voices silenced. READ MORE: [blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

We give thanks for Revd Sonia Hicks, the first Black woman to be President of the Methodist Church in 2021, and Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, the current Moderator of the United Reformed Church, the first Black woman to be elected to this office.

A prayer for Black History Month 2023: [www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/racial-justice/black-history-month-2023/a-prayer-for-the-start-of-black-history-month-2023/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/racial-justice/black-history-month-2023/a-prayer-for-the-start-of-black-history-month-2023/)

## Notices next week:

*You can download all weekly notices **from our website.***

*Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,  
please email by Thursday evening: [St.James.notices@gmail.com](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)*