

**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 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**This Week's Collect:**

Faithful God, the strength of all who believe and the hope of those who doubt; may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

God of the prophets, you fulfilled your promise that Christ would suffer and rise to glory. Open our minds to understand the scriptures that we may be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**This week's Worship:**

**April 16th 10.30am:** All Age Worship with Dan Holmes led by music group (*\*Coffee: Margaret Peterson and Chris Hickey*)

**April 23rd 10.30am:** Morning Worship AGM & Holy Communion – Revd. Peter Hughes

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am:** Morning Worship and Baptism -Revd. Peter Hughes (*\*Coffee: Wendy Doig and Glenys Evans*)

**Forthcoming events:**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April: 7.00pm** – Dan Holmes in Concert

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm – 9.00pm** Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April - 9.30am-11.30am** Morning Coffee

**The Worship Consultation** meeting scheduled for this Tuesday (18<sup>th</sup> April) has been postponed until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm in Church. All are welcome to attend this open meeting.

**WORSHIPPING BY PHONE**

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

to the live afternoon telephone worship at 2.30 p.m. which lasts 15-20 minutes.

Just dial 0333-006-7775 from your landline telephone between 2.20-2.30pm; then enter the "Pin" number: 08 39 09 01 and say your name when asked to do so. You will be able to chat to everyone else who joins until the service starts. Worship includes an opening prayer, a Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer said together, a short reflection on the reading, prayers of intercession and a blessing before we share the words of The Grace.

**This Sunday the host is Pam Bellis, speaker is Chris Bolton,  
prayers: Chris Bennett, reading: Norma Hannah.**

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



### **Scout Group Open Evening**

St James Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts invite everyone to our open evening; 6.30 to 7.30pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. We will be combining it with short AGM. Also we will be launching "The Big Help Out". This is an initiative linked to the Coronation to encourage people to volunteer to help with charitable activities. We already have a strong team but we can always benefit from a fresh ideas plus we can signpost people to Scout Groups who do not have as many volunteers as ourselves.

### **Christian Aid week is 14th - 20th May 2023.**

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, more details to follow.

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

### **The Benevolent Fund collection at the service of Holy Communion on 23 April 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 health care to people in desperate need.

For over 40 years, Mercy Ships has been working in more than 55 countries, provided services valued at more than £1.3 billion. Mercy Ships follows the model of Jesus by bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor, helping people of all faiths and none. More than 44 percent of the world's population lives within 100 miles of a coast - which is why Mercy Ships uses modern hospital ships to bring world-class volunteer medical professionals directly to many places where they are needed most. The ships are the most efficient way to bring state-of-the-art hospitals to regions where clean water, electricity and medical facilities and personnel are limited or non-existent. They also train local health care providers and help to improve medical infrastructure. And they also have a supply of vehicles which can reach more remote areas.

Their teams of volunteers come from some 40 nations, and include, in addition to medical personnel, cooks, mechanics, cleaners, IT specialists etc.

### **PRAYERS**

We pray for all that need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for Paul Holt, Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Ray Jennings, Delilah Morris who is recovering well, Janet Ireland and her family and friends as she spends her last few weeks being cared for in Marie Curie. Lord, we also bring all that are known to us and needing our prayers at this time.

### **Church Flowers**

If you wish 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.

### Monetary Offerings

Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of St. James Church, please contact Margaret Dee if you would like to change your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope scheme. Also, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid.

### First aid training.

If you are interested in taking part in a first aid course at St. James, please let Jayne McLaren know asap.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Gareth and Laura Barker this week as they were married on Easter Saturday at Bluecoat Chambers.

A beautiful day for a beautiful couple.

May the Lord bless them always.



### The Easter Cross looked beautiful last week:



### NOTICES NEXT WEEK

You can download all weekly notices and newsletters [from our website](#). Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices **for the next 2 weeks** or the monthly newsletter, please email by Thursday evening:  
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