

**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 28th April – 5th May 2024

This Week's Collect:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 28th April 10.30am: Rev Noel Sharp, Holy Communion

This week's Readings

TBC

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 5th May 10.30am: Peter Foster (**Coffee Jayne & Andrew*)

Sunday 12th May: Steven Mitchell - All Age Worship (**coffee Jonquil & Dave*)

Forthcoming events:

Monday 29th April 7.00pm – Mission Action Group

Thursday 2nd May 9.30 – 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 Liz Hudson, the speaker is Andy Gillespie,
prayers: Dave Dickson, reading: Melanie Phillips John 15:1-8**

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.

Benevolent Fund

The benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **28 April** will be for **Misión México Family Home**.

In 2000, Alan and Pam Skuse left their home in Australia to volunteer at a children's home in Tapachula, Mexico for one year. Six months later when the organisation suddenly closed, the Skuses had to make a life-changing decision: to return to their life and family in Australia, or to take on the challenge of caring for the remaining seven children full time.

The thought of leaving the children was not an option. So, despite the lack of resources and support, Pam and Alan decided to take on the huge responsibility of opening their own refuge. 'Albergue, Misión México, Dando Amor, Vida y Esperanza' (meaning Refuge, Misión México, Giving Love, Life and Hope) was born, with the all-important dream of creating a loving, family environment with access to education for the children and youth under their care.

With the help of global donors and the local community, Pam and Alan, along with volunteers, built the Misión México Family Home, providing long-term care, stability, and opportunities for up to thirty vulnerable children and youth at any given time.

The Misión México Foundation aims to break cycles of poverty, abuse and inequality; providing opportunities for every child and youth that they care for to succeed. Through long-term solutions like education, practical and emotional care and community development, they provide tools and opportunities for children and youth to advance in every aspect of their lives, becoming the best that they can be.

Their Core Focuses are:

- Education and extra-curricular activities
- A safe home with a family environment
- Health and well-being support
- Community development
- Personal development and life skills

Christian Aid week 12th - 18th May 2024.

Fancy a challenge, goal to work towards, a bit of fun. Then join us for St. James sponsored walk on Sunday 12th May. We will be leaving from Church after the service, 12ish and walking to the Liver buildings (around 6.5 miles).

All you need is a packed lunch, smile and your friends and family to sponsor you. Anyone is welcome, you can do part of the walk and if younger people want to join on their scooter or bikes that's fine. A family day out raising money for a great cause. So put the date in your diary and get some practice in. More details to follow. If you are interested let text **Jane (Laverty)** on 07963961951

If you would like to donate there will be a sponsor form at the back of Church and the following link will take you to the fundraising page.

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2024/st-james-sponsored-walk>

Quiz night:

St Peter's are inviting us to join their quiz night on Friday 17th May for Christian Aid.

Details and tickets in link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-christian-aid-quiz/st-peters-christian-aid-week-quiz-2024/e-obkxqv>

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.

*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*