

**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 15th - 22nd March 2026

This Week's Collect:

Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth: strengthen us each day, that in joy and sorrow we may know your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 15th March 10.30am - Rev Alan Fretwell, Mothering Sunday

This week's readings:

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Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 22nd March 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion, Passion Sunday

Sunday 29th March 10.30am - Jayne & Andrew McLaren, Palm Sunday

Thursday 2nd April 7.00pm - Rev Peter Hughes, Maundy Thursday

Friday 3rd April 11.00am - Matthew Dyer & Steve Elliott, Good Friday

Sunday 5th April 8.30am - Easter Reflection led by Pam Bellis, Irene Elliott and Pam Alexander followed by breakfast in the church hall at 9:00 am

Sunday 5th April 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes, Easter Service & Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 14th March 10.00am - 12.00pm: Morning Coffee

Wednesday 18th March 7.30pm: Wednesday Fellowship group

Thursday 19th March 9.30am - 11.30am: Morning Coffee

Thursday 19th March 7.45pm: Pastoral Team (in hall)

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.

A time of open worship on the theme of Spring, with contributions from many of those present. Everyone attending is invited to bring a cherished memory, present pleasure, or favourite poem, hymn or reading to share with group. But please just dial in and listen if that feels more comfortable.

Praying for the Growth of our Church

*God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church,
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

Lent Liturgy

Reading: Matthew Chapter 27 verses 27 to 31

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. They spit on him and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, People mocked and abused you. They did not recognise you - the true King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Today in our worship we proclaim you as the Lord of our lives, our Church and the whole world. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Benevolent Fund

As part of St James' mission, you will remember we made a defibrillator and bleed kits available to our community. They are situated on the Church Hall wall on High Street, close to the bus stop.

Although these are fully paid for, thanks to grants we received, there are some ongoing costs: the defibrillator battery and pads and the bleed kits will need to be updated when they reach their expiry date. The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **22 March** will be held towards the cost of these. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Easter Experience School Visit

We are once again delighted to be welcoming Y2 pupils from Woolton Primary School to St James Church on **Tuesday 17th March** to share with them our Easter Experience. As in past years, we will be walking the children through the story from Palm Sunday to Easter Day with a series of tableaux to set the scenes and would ask your help with a few props. We will be setting up the church on Sunday 15th March after the morning service.

If you have any scatter cushions or leafy houseplants in pots, the bigger the better, that we could borrow, we would be very grateful. If you are able to help you can bring them to church on any of the following, or let us know if they need collecting

Thursday coffee morning 11th March before 12 noon

Saturday coffee morning 14th March before 1pm

Sunday morning service 15th March

We will take good care of them and make sure that they are returned safely to you.

Also, if you have any time to spare on Tuesday 17th March and would like to help with the visit, please let me know. We have 2 sessions in the morning and one in the afternoon, any help would be greatly appreciated.

Easter Flowers

We invite your donations towards our Easter flowers. If you would like to donate, please see Jonquil or one of the Stewards on duty.

Easter Breakfast

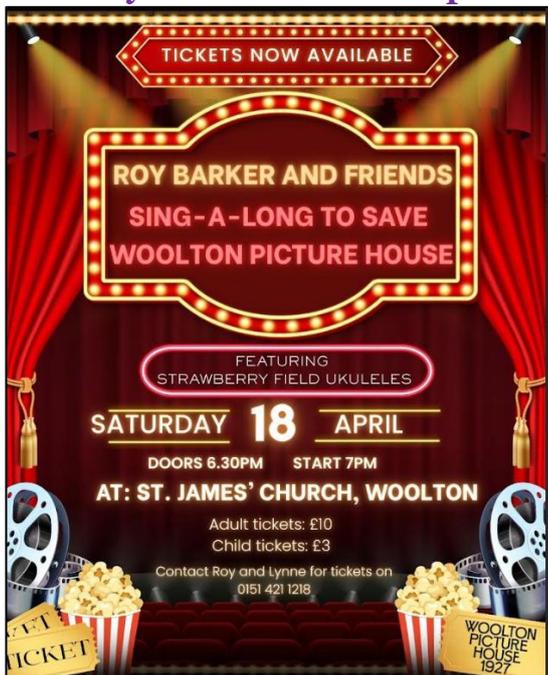
If you would like to join with us before the Easter Service please add your name to the list which is on the table at back of church or contact Jonquil.

LENT FOOD APPEAL

We have been approached by a couple of the organisations we support at Harvest time to ask if we would consider doing another Lent collection this year as they and the families they support find themselves in an ever-deepening food crisis. It seems like a good idea to help if we can, so from this week, and throughout the Sundays of Lent, if you are able to donate a tin or packet of something to feed others there will be a box at the back of church for collecting the items. **Please look out especially for the following most needed items:**

Cereals UHT milk Bottled water Cordial Tea bags Coffee Sugar, Tinned meats - e.g. Curry, chilli Tinned Tuna, Ham, Corned beef. Tinned vegetables Gravy granules Salt and pepper Pot noodles Packets of noodles Rice pulses, Cooking sauces Mayonnaise Red and brown sauce Biscuits Crisps Honey Jam Tinned fruit. Anything our church family can do to help other families around us will be greatly appreciated.

Roy Barker & Friends present "Sing and Save Woolton Picture House"



Featuring Strawberry Field ukuleles on Saturday 18th April at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

This is a fundraiser for Woolton Picture House, all proceeds will go to them.

Come and join us!

Get your tickets now: adults: £10, children: £3.

Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

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.

Prayers

Please keep in our prayers this week all those who are in poor health, either in hospital or at home, and their family and friends and those caring for others.

We also pray for everyone in our Church family who are unable to attend church.

Please pray for those known to us who are in need of our prayers this week.

Next weeks' notice sheet

You can download all notices [from our website](#).

Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices, please email by Thursday evening to:

St.James.notices@gmail.com