

**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 29th March – 5th April 2026

This Week's Collect:

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 29th March 10.30am – Jayne McLaren, Palm Sunday

This week's readings:

Psalm 118:1-2 and 19-29 NIV

Forthcoming services at St James':

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

Sunday 12th April 10.30am - Rev Robert Barthram, Holy Communion

Sunday 19th April 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 2nd April 9.30am – 11.30am: Morning Coffee

Monday 13th April 7.30pm – Steward/Elders meeting

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,

Reading: Kate & Jamie Cook John 13:1-10, Prayers: Pam Bellis

Praying for the Growth of our Church

Lord Jesus,

We are sorry that at times we feel like giving up.

Open our eyes to the signs of hope which we often miss.

Thank you for new lives born into our families and born again into your kingdom.

Thank you for the growth we experience in our worship and fellowship.

Open our minds to those with whom we could share our faith this week.

In the name of Jesus, Amen

Lent Liturgy

Reading: Matthew Chapter 21 verses 1 to 9

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: 'Say to Daughter Zion,

"See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!' 'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, Today we join with your people around the world to welcome you as King. With the people in Jerusalem we praise you and say, "Hosanna in the highest".

We remember that you came humbly, riding on a donkey. Help us to be humble and obey you even when it is hard to be a Christian. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **22 March** towards the defibrillator raised £223.85, plus gift aid. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **Easter Day, 5 April**, is the World Mission Fund (WMF) - a joint fund of the Methodist Church in Britain and the Methodist Church in Ireland.

The Methodist Way of Life commitments include "We will care for ourselves and people around us". And as we are part of a global community, this particular commitment allows us to think about caring for people around us, globally.

We believe in learning and caring as part of our discipleship and there are plenty of opportunities for us to support the Church whether that's in prayer, the giving of our time or the giving of our money.

Through our global relationships in the Methodist Church, the WMF is able to support over 100 partner churches and organisations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific in their mission and ministry, to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. They do this through evangelism, mission work, schools, hospitals, environmental projects, emergency situations, administration, training and much more.

The WMF supports projects and individuals around the world and this work is only made possible by your kind donations.

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 Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this collection so far. There is still time, and next week, on Palm Sunday, all the gifts received will be blessed as part of the offering during the service. They will then be distributed to the various centres we support in time for Easter.

ON PALM SUNDAY ESPECIALLY - if anyone would like to make a cash donation instead of food, the money will enable the various centres to buy food vouchers so that some families can choose the things they need personally. There will be collection boxes in church in the usual place.

Thank you again for sharing and caring.

Monetary Offerings

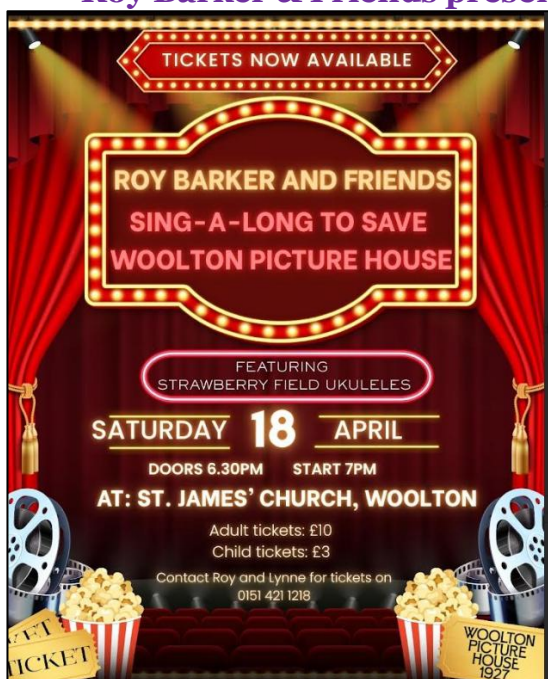
Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of Your Church & we thank you for your continued and generous support to St James' Church. If you are not already doing so, perhaps you would like to consider giving by a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope Scheme.

If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid, as the Church can claim 25% from the Government at no addition cost to you (e.g. for every £10 donated, the Church will receive an additional £2.50).

If you already Gift Aid & have changed your address during the last twelve months please speak to Margaret as a new Gift Aid Form will need to be sign.

For further information please speak to Margaret Dee (428 3356) or Andrew McLaren (07859882827).

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

Saturday 9th May at 7pm

Anita and friends

A night of Irish Music



Come and join us for a night of your favourite Irish music and some Ceili dancing

At St James' Church, Woolton, L25 7RJ

Adult tickets £10

Child tickets £3

Tickets are available from Jane on 079630961951
or Wendy on 07867795179

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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.

EASTER SERVICES 2026

PALM SUNDAY March 29th - 10.30a.m.

led by Jayne and Andrew McLaren

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2nd – 7.00p.m. HOLY COMMUNION

led by Revd Peter Hughes

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd – 11.00a.m.

led by Matthew Dyer & Steve Elliott

This will be followed by a short act of Community Worship with St Mary's
and St Peter's Churches, in the centre of the village at 12 noon

EASTER SUNDAY - April 5th

8.30 a.m EASTER REFLECTION

led by Pam Alexander, Pam Bellis and Irene Elliott followed by BREAKFAST from 9.00 a.m.

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10.30 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd Peter Hughes

Everyone is welcome

AT ALL SERVICES

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TO BREAKFAST AT 9 A.M. ON EASTER SUNDAY

*(but please tell us you are coming by calling Jonquil or leaving a message on the 'contact'
option of the Church website)*

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TO BRING A FEW SMALL FLOWERS TO HELP TRANSFORM THE LENT CROSS
DURING THE 10.30M SERVICE

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