

**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 31st August – 7th September 2025

This Week's Collect:

God of all creation, you call all peoples of the earth into your kingdom. Grant that we, with young and old of all nations, may boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise, now and for ever.

Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 31st August 10.30am: Rev John Lansley

This week's readings:

Jeremiah 29: 4-7

Luke 10:25-37

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 7th September 10.30am: Daren Murrall

Sunday 14th September 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes (details below)

Sunday 21st September 10.30am: Local Arrangement Service at St James'

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 4th September 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Wednesday 17th September 7.15pm: Wednesday Fellowship Group

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, Speaker: Christine Bolton,
Reading: Chris Bennett Luke 13:10-17, Prayers: Chris Hickey**

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

Sunday 14th September: All Age Communion & Worship Consultation Service

Our Morning Service on 14th September will include the opportunity for us all to share ideas about our worship at St James. Our regular Worship Consultation meetings on weeknights have been poorly attended for a number of years. We want everyone to have their say and to be involved in developing our Worship. During the All Age Communion Service on 14th September there will be the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of worship and how we can grow together as we praise God and share fellowship each week and on special occasions.

Last reminder for Obeth's Service of Welcome on August 31st 2025

The Welcome Service for Revd Obeth Thevanesan (and Revd Jo Milliner) will take place at 4pm at St Stephen's Methodist Church, Gainsborough Road, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 7JX. Free car parking will be available at Ruskin Community High School (Ruskin Road, Crewe CW2 7JT) - a 3-minute walk away, as parking at the church and in surrounding streets is very limited.

Please remember Obeth and his family especially, as Obeth starts his presbyteral ministry, either by being there in person or through your prayers for them all at this time.

If you are planning to attend with a number of others, and haven't already let Liz Hudson know (on 07866213330) please could you do so, to help the church family at St Stephen's with catering for the refreshment afterwards. Many thanks to those who have already been in touch.

Church Defibrillator

As you know Roy and Lynne have been working with our local councillor Malcom Kelly to secure funding to purchase and install the external defibrillator cabinet and the external stab kit cabinet, both of which are now in place and we are grateful for the time and effort this took to make things happen!

The current defibrillator was obtained from the Oliver King Foundation about 10 - 12 years ago and requires new pads and batteries every 2 years to ensure the machine is viable; our current machine requires adult and child pads and they are out of date and need to be replaced, together with the battery. Roy contacted Oliver King and the cost was £312 which would last 2 years. However, Roy was also informed that our machine is now obsolete and in 2 years pads and battery will not be available and we will have to buy a new machine. Roy asked the cost of a new machine and was told £1,000+ and subsequently rang me to let me know the situation.

I suggested contacting London Hearts, a charity organisation and suggested Roy look at those prices. London Hearts support new purchases with a charity grant towards the total cost and the cost of a new one from them was £660, but the grant funding is on a first come first served basis until the next grant phase is available. The new one only requires one set of pads which last 3 / 4 years and will be cheaper to replace and the battery lasts 5 years.

Roy, Lynne and I chatted over the options at length and financially it did not seem the best option to pay £312 now and have to pay £1000 + in 2 years time and a new London Hearts defib seemed the sensible option. However, I explained to them that our finances are stretched at the moment and we would not be able to purchase a replacement immediately. I felt that we should ask the youth organisations if they could make a donation or arrange a fundraising event in their activities towards the cost of a new one and I also thought we could ask if anyone from the congregation wished to make a specific donation towards this, or organise a fund raising event, but obviously this will take time. Roy and Lynne, in order to help, then offered to purchase it now on behalf of the church and receive payment back once we had raised the money back. I felt this was a very generous offer on their behalf and thanked them both very much. Roy has also contacted our councillor Malcolm again and explained the situation. Malcolm asked Roy to send him an email requesting financial support so we will wait and see if that is successful too.

If you feel you would like to make a donation towards the new church defibrillator, please speak to me, to Andrew McLaren our church treasurer or to any of the stewards. Many thanks for your continuing support for our church
Pam Bellis, Chair of Finance and Property

Saturday 11th October

We will be holding an extended coffee morning on this day, in the church hall, to celebrate the Harvest season. 10.00.am until 1.00. p.m. Coffee, toasted tea cakes, cake, homemade soup and filled rolls and more! Watch this space.

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.

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

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