

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

Web address: <http://stjameswoolton.org>



Weekly Notices 18th October – 1st November 2026

This Week's Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 18th October 10.30am: Steve Elliott, Holy Communion

This week's readings:

Matthew 16 v 13 – 20

Psalm 23 v 1 – 6

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 25th October 10.30am: Paul Holt

Sunday 1st November 10.30am: Steward Elders arrangement

Sunday 8th November 10.30am: Rev Robert Barthram, Remembrance Service

Sunday 15th November 10.30am: Rev Alan Fretwell

Sunday 22nd November 10.30am: Rev Alan Crump; Holy Communion; United Service

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 21st October 7.30pm – Wednesday Fellowship Group at Irene & Steve Elliott's house.

Thursday 22nd October 9.30am – 11.30am - Morning Coffee

Saturday 14th November 10.am – 1.30pm – "Seasonal Special" Coffee morning

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 Graham Martin, Speaker: Steve Elliott,
Reading: Liz Hudson Matthew 16 verses 13 - 20, Prayers: Irene Elliott**

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

Harvest Gifts

Many thanks to those who donated food items over the last few weeks. We had a wonderful collection and these items have been delivered/shared between: Centre 56. South Liverpool Food Bank. The two refuge accommodation centres for women and children we support. The Whitechapel Centre. The accommodation centre in Leeds Street (YMCA centre). We are also very grateful for the cash donations made at our Harvest Service on 4th October. The total collected was an amazing £500. This has been used to provide food vouchers for the family and children centres. The reaction of staff at all these centres has been of great appreciation for the generosity and kindness shown for their clients.

Monday Mix-up

An intergenerational “mix up” that promotes discipleship through games, food, drama, crafts, music, sports and much more!

**This event is being held at St. James, in the church, this Monday 19th October.
5.30pm until 7.00pm
All are welcome!!**

Ever Joyful - a patchwork banner to celebrate the URC

The URC want all their congregations to help them celebrate the wonderful diversity of the whole church by creating a quilted banner. The banner will be made up of all the squares being put together to create 15 panels that will come together at the General Assembly in 2027. After the assembly it will be separated and gifted across the church to be displayed as individual panels.

As a church we are being invited to decorate a square of fabric depicting what makes us joyful in the life of our congregation. The size of the design is 10cm x 10cm.

St James' LEP will be celebrating 40 years in 2027 and I think it would be lovely for our congregation to submit a decorated patch for this project.

Can you come up with ideas, suggestions and descriptions of what makes you joyful within St James? If you do, please speak to me, email me, text me and we'll see what we can create.

We don't have a lot of time, the completed square needs to be received in their office by Tuesday 1st December, so please get your thinking caps on!!

Thanks, Pam Bellis

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.

**ST JAMES
WINTER FAYRE
& GIFT WEEKEND**

A 'Seasonal Special' Coffee Morning

here in church on

**Saturday November 14th
from 10 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.**

with coffee, tasty snacks and light lunches
available during the morning.

**Christmas will still be a few weeks away,
but there will be stalls selling
beautiful hand-crafted Christmas items,
books, cakes and jams, etc.**

**PLUS A GUEST APPEARANCE FROM
FATHER CHRISTMAS AT 11 A.M.
IN OUR NEW POP-UP GROTTTO**

Drop in for coffee, or stay a little longer than usual,
to enjoy all the treats on offer including good company
cheerful chat, seasonal music
and the usual, warm St James Welcome

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