

**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 December 2023 - 7th January 2024

**This Week's Collect:
First Sunday of Christmas**

God of glory, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share in the life of his divinity; 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 31st December 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes - Communion Service

This week's readings:

John 1: 1 – 14
Galatians 4: 4 – 7

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 7th January 10.30am: Mr Kieran Bohan, Morning Worship
Sunday 14th January 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes, All Age Worship

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 4th January 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning coffee and taking down decorations.
Monday 8th January 7.00pm – Safeguarding meeting
Thursday 11th January 9.30am-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 Pam Bellis, the speaker is Revd. Peter Hughes,
prayers: Liz Hudson, reading: Melanie Philips: John 1 vs 1-14**

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 collection at the communion service on 31 December will be for **Christian Aid**.

Christian Aid is a partnership of people, churches and local organisations committed to ending poverty worldwide.

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.

For over 70 years, Christian Aid has been standing with the poorest of our neighbours. They work in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice.

‘Together we can create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Our voices and actions are stronger together. And with your help, we can make an even bigger difference.’

Their aims are:

- to expose poverty throughout the world
 - to help in practical ways to end it
- to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

‘We believe in life before death.’

Tea and coffee after services

The arrangements for tea and coffee after the morning services has changed. Tea and coffee will now be served on the first and second Sunday each month.

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*