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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 24th September – 1st October 2023

This Week’s Collect:
Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week’s Worship:
Sunday 24th September 10.30am – Revd. Peter Hughes, Baptism & Holy Communion
("Jayne & Andrew McLaren")

This week’s reading:
Matthew 20: 1 – 16

Forthcoming services at St James’:
Sunday 1st October 11.00am – Circuit Service – Liverpool Hope (NO SERVICE AT ST JAMES’)
Sunday 8th October 10.30am – Harvest - Andrew Gillespie

Forthcoming events:
Wednesday 27th September 7.45pm – Wednesday Fellowship group.
Thursday 28th September 9.30am – 11.30am – Coffee morning
Tuesday 3rd October 7.30pm – Pastoral meeting

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE: IF YOU CANNOT COME TO WORSHIP AT ST JAMES IN PERSON WHY NOT LISTEN IN
to the live afternoon telephone worship at 2.30 p.m. which lasts 15-20 minutes.
Just dial 0333-006-7775 from your landline telephone between 2.20-2.30pm; then enter the “Pin” number: 08 39 09 01. The system no longer asks for – or announces – peoples’ names. It tells the first person to join that they are first, but everyone else now joins silently. So please, when you are connected, please introduce yourself. You will be able to chat to everyone else who joins until the service starts. Worship includes an opening prayer, a Bible reading, the Lord’s Prayer said together, a short reflection on the reading, prayers of intercession and a blessing before we share the words of The Grace.

This Sunday the host is Pam Bellis, speaker is Revd. Peter Hughes, prayers: Roy / Lynne Barker, reading: Roy / Lynne Barker
Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.
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.

Monday, 25 September 6.30pm – 7.40pm
Storm in a Teacup Theatre Performance (St Mary’s Woolton)
Storm in a Teacup is a life affirming musical comedy that tells the story of the O’Brien’s - looking back on their childhoods in the 70’s.
To book tickets, click here:

Woolton Primary School Visit to St James
We are hoping to welcome children from Woolton Primary School to St James for an Advent visit on Tuesday 5th December.
For this to happen we need plenty of volunteers who are able to help out in different ways on that day. If you are willing and able to help, please let Rev Peter know as soon as possible so that we can confirm our invitation to the school. Ideally, we need volunteers who are DBS checked and have attended a Safeguarding training course. Welcoming the children to our Church always been an exciting and rewarding experience so if you can help, please sign up!

Shoe box appeal
This year’s shoe box appeal that St. James is supporting is called 'Link to Hope'. It supports families and the Elderly in places like Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.
As we are so close to their closing date for this year (5th November), we are only able to give monetary donations and I will buy items online on Amazon and have them sent direct or if you want to do this yourself, nearer the time I will provide the link to give donations or choose your own items to send. For any more details or questions please speak to me.
https://linktohope.co.uk/
Thanks, Jayne McLaren

👶 Baby Congratulations 🎖
Congratulations Jan Underwood and family, her Son Patrik and Ashleigh welcomed Sonny John James on Sunday 17th September weighing 6lb 15oz.

Congratulations to Chris Hickey and family, her son Steven and Rhos welcomed Robin George on Tuesday 19th September weighing 7lb 15oz.

Dot Woods
Dot is recovering well from her recent stay in hospital and enjoying respite care.
For details of the nursing home please contact Jayne McLaren
Obeth Thevanesan
Over the next few weeks Obeth Thevanesan will be joining us at Church as part of his training as a Methodist Minister. Obeth Thevanesan is just beginning his training and will be "shadowing" me for the next year. This will mean that Obeth will often be present with me in the months ahead. I know that I can rely on you to make Obeth welcome and to support him on his journey towards ordination as a Methodist Presbyter.
Obeth is living with his family in a Methodist Manse in Crosby provided by the Liverpool North & South Sefton Circuit which will be his base during his training. I am delighted to have Obeth alongside me during this time and I am sure that we will learn from each other.

Benevolent Fund
Little Hearts Matter is the charity to whom our Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on 24 September will be devoted. Little Hearts Matter is a charity that offers support to anyone affected by the diagnosis of a single ventricle heart condition, half a working heart. Most families first find Little Hearts Matter just after they have learnt that their unborn baby has half a working heart.
The charity team helps make the diagnosis and treatment information easier to understand, and always tries to help new families cope with the emotional choices needed during pregnancy. They offer support and information to the whole family, parents, siblings, grandparents and the diagnosed child. They create a community of families and people going through similar situations and help bring people together for extra support.

Future Benevolent Fund Collections
We are looking for charities to support with our Benevolent Fund collections for 2024. If you would like to nominate a charity, please let me know. To ensure we can pass the donations on, we will need full contact details for each charity. Many thanks. Pam Alexander.

St James Organ Playing Day Saturday 30th September 10am - 4pm
A 'last call' and reminder that our Church organ will be played for a whole day by: Melanie Phillips, Peter Bounds & Peter Hughes. Please pop in during the day to listen and support us as we make music and raise funds (donations requested) for St James Church projects. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.
Our programme will include: Music written for organ from Bach and his contemporaries to the present day. Music from other sources, e.g., Orchestral and choral works, popular songs. Hymn tunes, well known and less well known, including a 'name that tune' competition! Melodies of stage and screen.
We hope to include something for everyone and look forward to seeing you!

Monday Fellowship
The Monday Fellowship will meet on Monday 9th October at 2.30pm. We will meet at the home of Pam Draper. All are welcome - especially if you would like to join us for the first time.

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.
INCLUSIVE CHURCH: RADICAL WELCOME

Radical Welcome is a programme from the educational charity Inclusive Church aimed at helping churches begin to look at what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive - to be radically welcoming.

We are running the course for members of St. James congregation on two mornings in October: Saturday 7th and Saturday 28th, 9.30 – 1 pm @ St James’. You’re more than welcome to join us! Refreshments (probably including bacon/veggie sausage butties!) will be provided.

If you are interested, please sign up on the form at the back of church after Sunday worship, or email stjameswoolton@gmail.com giving your name, and anyone else coming with you. Please include any dietary requirements.

Thank you. We hope to see you there.

Donations please

The YMCA accommodation unit we support are looking for foot spas to start up a relaxing weekly time when residents can have some pampering!! If anyone has one put away in a cupboard and would like to donate, please ring Wendy on 07867795179. These will be PAT tested on site. Thank you.

The Whitechapel Centre are in need of socks for men and women. New packs please. These are the main items constantly asked for and keeping up with demand is not easy!! Please consider picking up a pack when next out shopping and popping in the box at back of church or ring Wendy on the above number, I can collect! Please support their Socktober Campaign if you can. Thank you.

Harvest Service Sunday 8th October.

We will again be supporting; Action For Children. Centre 56. Women and Children’s Aid at two local Refuge Centres and the YMCA centre in Aintree. We would be delighted to receive food items and the following are most acceptable: Cereal and UHT milk. Bottled water. Cordial. Coffee. Tea bags. Sugar. Tinned meals eg.: curry, chili. Tinned tuna, ham, corned beef, vegetables. Microwave meals. Pot noodles. Noodles, rice and pulses. Cooking sauces. Biscuits. Honey. Jam. Tinned fruit. Gravy granules. Salt and pepper. All the units are constantly being asked for food items and run out on a daily basis. Monetary gifts will also be collected during the service or can be sent/given to our treasurer, Andrew McLaren, before or after the service. These gifts will be converted into food vouchers and given to families who find themselves in desperate need of food day by day, by the centre key workers.

Thank you.

October newsletter next weekend – all contributions welcome this week.

Notices next week:

You can download all weekly notices and newsletters from our website. Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices, or the monthly newsletter, please email by Thursday evening:

St.James.notices@gmail.com