

**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 29<sup>th</sup> October -5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**This Week's Collect:**

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am** – Revd. Peter Hughes, Pastoral Visitors Dedication and Holy Communion (*\*Coffee Margret Peterson & Chris Hickey*)

**This week's readings:**

Matthew 22: 34 – 39  
John 4: 7 - 21

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am:** Paul Holt

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am:** Remembrance Service, Obeth Thevanesan (*\*coffee in hall – Ste & Helen Miller*)

**Forthcoming events:**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm** – Mission Action Group

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am – 11.30am** – Coffee morning

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am – 12 noon** – Coffee morning and Farmer's market

**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 is Revd. Peter Hughes,  
prayers: Pam Bellis, reading: Chris Bennet: Matthew 28: 16 - 20.**

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.

### St James Memorial Book

We are starting a memorial book to record members of St James who have died. Once all the names we have been given have been entered, the book will be placed on the table in the entrance to the church for anyone who may wish to look at it. If you have a loved one or friend who you would like included in the book would you please email [pambellis@hotmail.com](mailto:pambellis@hotmail.com) with their name and date of death if you know it, but that is not essential, just the name will be enough.

Thank you.

### Benevolent Fund

Our Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **29 October** will be devoted to the Open Table Network. This is a growing partnership of Christian worship communities which welcome and affirm people who are: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA) and their families and friends, and anyone who wants to belong in an accepting, loving community.

The main focus is on enabling LGBTQIA+ people to belong in a faith community, and to be empowered to take an active role in building and leading their community. Others also come to Open Table who feel 'on the edge' of traditional church for other reasons, e.g. divorce, mental distress, neurodiversity, homelessness, seeking asylum. Ages range from 18 to 80+. We sometimes have young people under 18, who usually attend with a friend or carer, and some children of LGBTQIA+ parents.

The name 'Open Table' sums up a Communion in which everyone can take part, without exclusion, judgement or a test of belonging or 'worthiness'. Many LGBTQIA+ people have been excluded, or fear exclusion, from this central act of hospitality of our Christian faith and story. People who belong to Open Table communities say it improves their mental health, and gives them confidence and hope.

You can read more at [www.opentable.lgbt/our-impact](http://www.opentable.lgbt/our-impact) or watch the short film 'Will it be Open Table?' [3 mins], with subtitles if you need them, at [youtu.be/Y7L398VU1ck](https://youtu.be/Y7L398VU1ck)

### Shoe box appeal

Donations for the Shoe Box Appeal is now open and closes on **12th November 2023**.

2023's shoe box appeal 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, we are now only able to give monetary donations and they will pack them and then send direct from their warehouse. To fill the box and including the £3 postage it costs approximately £15/20 per box so all donations will be greatly received. If you wish to donate or for any more details or questions, please speak to me.

Many Thanks,

Jayne McLaren

<https://linktohope.co.uk/>

### 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.

## **Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 18th November. 10.00 until 1.00.**

I hope this date is in your diaries!!!!

This day always creeps up on me very quickly once September is over and in no time at all we will be preparing the hall and looking forward to a visit from Santa.

Any help and support anyone can give will be very welcome. Cake and jam makers please consider helping us. Can I ask that absolutely no nuts are used. A list of ingredients would be most helpful. Thank you. We would like toiletries and gift items. Plants. Boxed gifts you may not have used but are lurking in your cupboards!! Please contact me on 07867795179 if you can help in any way. Wendy Doig.

## **OCTOBER is Black History Month**

Black History Month is a time of celebration, recognition and sombre reflection. Black people from African and Caribbean communities have been an integral part of British history and society for hundreds of years. Despite racism and unfairness, black people continue to break barriers and use creativity and innovation to influence lives today. This year's theme, 'Saluting our Sisters', pays homage to black women who had contributions ignored, ideas appropriated, and voices silenced. READ MORE: [blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

We give thanks for Revd Sonia Hicks, the first Black woman to be President of the Methodist Church in 2021, and Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, the current Moderator of the United Reformed Church, the first Black woman to be elected to this office.

A prayer for Black History Month 2023: [www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/racial-justice/black-history-month-2023/a-prayer-for-the-start-of-black-history-month-2023/](http://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/racial-justice/black-history-month-2023/a-prayer-for-the-start-of-black-history-month-2023/)

**November newsletter next week – thank you for those who have sent contributions so far this week, please send any further announcements, celebrations, photographs etc to be included too, the more the merrier!**

### ***Notices next week:***

*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](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)*

