

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**This Week's Collect:**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

**This week's Worship:**

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm: Maundy Thursday** - Rev Peter Hughes; Holy Communion  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am: Good Friday** – Dave Bedford  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 8.30am:** A short Service led by Pam Alexander and Irene Elliott  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am: Easter Sunday** - Rev Peter Hughes – Holy Communion

**This week's Readings (Sunday 10.30am):**

**John 20: 1 – 18**  
**1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 8**

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am:** Liz Hudson (*coffee: Irene & Pam*)  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, all age worship (*coffee: Chris & Margaret*)

**Forthcoming events:**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 9.30 – 11.30am** - Morning Coffee  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm** – Steward/Elders meeting

**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, the speaker is Peter Hughes,  
prayers: Pam Bellis, reading: Peter Bounds**

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

### **Transforming the Lenten Cross with flowers:**

This annual tradition will form part of the service at **10.30 on Easter Sunday Morning**, and everyone is invited to bring a few flowers with them next week to decorate the cross and help it blossom into colourful new life. Come and join the joyful celebration.

### **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.

### **Message from Steve Skyner**

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR AMAZING ST JAMES' CHURCH FELLOWSHIP FOR THE POWER OF LOVE , FAITH and PRAYERS TOGETHER WITH YOUR KINDNESS and SUPPORT FOR BOTH MYSELF AND MY FAMILY .

I HAVE BEEN OFFERED SURGERY IN THE NEXT 3 WEEKS AND HOPEFUL FOR A FULL RECOVERY.

We have all been humbled and overwhelmed by the messages of support and inspiration from you all throughout this difficult time .



WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE YOU BY OUR SIDE.

Thank you

To GOD BE THE GLORY

### **Monday House group**

#### **April Meeting**

This will take place on Monday 8th April at 2.30pm at the home of Pam Draper.

All welcome, including newcomers!

You will be made very welcome.

### **Monetary Offerings**

Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of Your Church & we thank you for your continued and generous support to St James' Church.

If you are not already doing so, perhaps you would like to consider changing your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope Scheme. If you are a UK Taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid, as the Church can claim 25% from the Government at no addition cost to you (e.g. for every £10 donated, the Church will receive an additional £2.50).

The new Weekly Envelopes for existing contributors are now available.

**For further information please speak to Margaret Dee (428 3356) or Andrew McLaren (07859882827).**

## **The Benevolent Fund**

The benevolent fund collection at the Holy Communion service on **Easter Day, 31 March**, will be for the Methodist World Mission Fund.

The Methodist Way of Life commitments include 'We will care for ourselves and people around us'. And as we are part of a global Methodist community this particular commitment allows us to think about caring for people around us, globally.

The World Mission Fund (WMF) is able to support 107 partner churches and organisations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific in their mission and ministry, to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. They do this through evangelism, mission work, schools, hospitals, environmental projects, emergency situations, administration, training and much more.

The WMF supports the following programmes which are currently administered through Global Relationships:

- Nationals in mission appointments
- Mission partners
- Scholarship and leadership training
- Grants to partner churches:
  - enabling the partner church to decide its own priorities for the work of the Kingdom;
  - or to a partner who is facing particularly difficult circumstances or an emergency situation;
  - or to enable partner churches to strategically build their capacity and resources to become self sustaining; and
- Supporting the World Mission Fund.

**SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2024**

**In-Coffee Morning / Fundraiser for Church Funds**

Coffee and toasted tea cakes from 10.00am

**PLUS:**

Homemade Cakes to eat in or take away

**AND**

**Light Lunches:** soup and filled rolls served between **11.30a.m. and 1.00p.m.**

Gift Aid donations will be very gratefully received.

Please come and support us and enjoy a chat amongst friends.

We would be very grateful for donations of home-made cakes/scones/biscuits for this event.

May we ask that you provide a list of ingredients. Many thanks.

## **Easter Experience school visit**

The year 2 pupils from Woolton Primary School will be visiting us again on Monday 22nd April when we will be sharing the Easter story with them. Mike, our Circuit Youth Worker, will be leading the event with Rev Peter and helped by volunteers from St James. We will be telling the story through six stations set up around the church and we will be setting these up after the service on Sunday 21st April. For two of the stations, the garden and the tomb, we will be using house plants for the greenery and would like to ask if any members of the congregation have any large leafy potted houseplants that they would be willing to loan us for the event. If you can help and have a plant or plants we can borrow, please bring it / them to church, clearly labelled with your name, any time up to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, we promise to take good care of them. Thank you for your support and please keep the leaders and helpers in your prayers as we prepare to share the Easter story with the children.

### **Fundraising**

I am taking part in the Cancer Research UK 'Walk All Over Cancer' sponsored walk. During the month of March, I will walk a minimum of 10,000 steps a day, 310,000 in the month. If you would like to sponsor me, I will have my sponsor form in church each Sunday. Alternatively, you can donate online via my giving page on Facebook. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this very worthy cause. **Pam Alexander**

### **Christian Aid week 12th - 18th May 2024.**

Fancy a challenge, goal to work towards, a bit of fun. Then join us for St. James sponsored walk on Sunday 12th May. We will be leaving from Church after the service, 12ish and walking to the Liver buildings (around 6.5 miles).

All you need is a packed lunch, smile and your friends and family to sponsor you. Anyone is welcome, you can do part of the walk and if younger people want to join on their scooter or bikes that's fine. A family day out raising money for a great cause. So put the date in your diary and get some practice in. More details to follow. If you are interested let text **Jane (Lavery)** on 07963961951

**Rachael Skyner will be running The London Marathon on Sunday April 21st** in Aid of Claire House Children's Hospice, if you would like to sponsor her there is a form at the back of the church... Thank you.

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

