

**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 17th – 24th September 2023

This Week's Collect:

God our Redeemer, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 17th September 10.30am – Revd. John Lansley

This week's readings:

Romans: 14: 1-12
Matthew: 18: 21-35

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 24th September 10.30am – Revd. Peter Hughes, Holy Communion (**Jayne & Andrew McLaren*)

Sunday 1st October 11.00am – Circuit Service – Liverpool Hope

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 21st September 9.30am – 11.30am – Coffee morning

Thursday 21st September 7.30pm - Finance & Property 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 Kate Cook, speaker is Jayne McLaren, prayers: Jamie Cook, reading: Pam Alexander Romans 8:28

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.

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 Presbyterian.

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

Our 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. We will give a rough programme of who is playing what and when nearer the time. 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.

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 Gardens

Can you spare an hour to keep our church grounds looking beautiful? If so, please join our 'weeding party' on **Wednesday 20th September from 5:30 pm**. Looking forward to seeing you there!



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.

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Hayden Cook as he begins his first week of Agricultural College this week (12th Sept). He will be studying Agricultural Engineering. Hayden, we are immensely proud of you and wish you every bit of luck and success in your new adventures.

Lots of love Mum, Dad, Verity-Rose and Betsy xxxx

We as a family would also like to thank everyone who has sent cards or messages of good luck. We feel truly blessed to be surrounded by so much love.

Kate and Jamie xx



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, chilli. 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.

Methodist Prayer Handbook

There are a few copies of the 2023/24 Methodist Prayer Handbook available free - first come first served - please take one from the back of Church if you would like a copy.

Autumn Creation Walk (from St Mary's Church)

Saturday 23rd September 2.00pm

Childwall woods – meet at the main gates on Childwall Abbey Road next to the lodge.

If possible, to help with planning, please register your interest at

LiveSimplyBEandStM@rcaol.or.uk

First Aid Course

We still have a few places left on the first aid course at St. James Church on **Saturday 23rd September 2023 9.30am-12.30pm**, please let Jayne McLaren know asap if you'd like to attend. Thank you.

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