

**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 23rd April – 7th May 2023

**This Week's Collect:
Third Sunday of Easter**

God of life and love, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open our eyes that we may see him in his redeeming work; 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:

23rd April 10.30am: Morning Worship AGM & Holy Communion – Revd. Peter Hughes

30th April 10.30am: Morning Worship and Baptism -Revd. Peter Hughes (**Coffee: Wendy Doig and Glenys Evans*)

Forthcoming services at St James':

7th May 10.30am: Morning Worship - Revd. Mike Long

14th May 10.30am: All age worship – Mr Daren Murrell

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 19th April – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

Thursday 27th April - 9.30am-11.30am Morning Coffee

Saturday 29th April – Time TBC Autism training

Tuesday 2nd May – 7.00pm Mission action

Thursday 4th May – 9.30am – 11.30am Morning Coffee

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 and say your name when asked to do so. 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 Graham Martin, speaker is Kieran Bohan,
prayers: Paul Holt, reading: Pam Bellis Luke 24:13-35.**

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

Website

Due to the migration of our Church website last month, which was beyond our control, it is currently not able to be updated. We are continuing to chase up the hosting company and hopefully they will correct the error asap.

Scout Group Open Evening

St James Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts invite everyone to our open evening; 6.30 to 7.30pm on Monday 24th April. We will be combining it with short AGM. Also we will be launching "The Big Help Out". This is an initiative linked to the Coronation to encourage people to volunteer to help with charitable activities. We already have a strong team but we can always benefit from a fresh ideas plus we can signpost people to Scout Groups who do not have as many volunteers as ourselves.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who donated chocolate eggs or cash for the children at Centre 56 and Refuge Centre. Cash donations were sent to Centre 56 and the chocolate eggs taken to the Refuge Centre here in south Liverpool. The staff at the Refuge accommodation centre were so pleased to have these eggs as they had no funds to buy any for the children. They send many thanks to you all. The following thanks come from Centre 56.:

Dear members of St. James Church.

I am writing to you all today to say a huge thank you for the £70 cash donation received before Easter. The cash has been used to purchase Easter chocolate eggs and were distributed to the children on roll in Nursery and Afternoon Club. Our families are really struggling through these difficult times and your support helps to make life so much easier for them as well as bringing a smile to the children's faces at Easter time, knowing the Easter Bunny also visited them too! Myself and the team at Centre 56 cannot thank you all enough for your continued and ongoing support.

Thank you Best wishes. Paula and Team

We have also received thanks from Open Doors UK and Ireland for the donation recently sent to them of £210.00. They thank us for our prayers and support.

From Woolton Community Life - Befriending Service - volunteers wanted

Woolton Community Life have recently had an influx of local residents who are lonely and would like a visitor for an hour or so each week (if possible). The visit can take place at any time to suit so is very flexible. All that would be required is to chat and maybe have a cuppa. **Could you help?** More information can be found on our website; wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk or, if you prefer to have an informal chat, please call 07490 572344 or email info@wooltoncommunitylife.org.uk

PRAYERS

We pray for all that need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for Norma Hannah who is doing well in hospital after her fall and broken hip, Paul Holt, Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Ray Jennings, Delilah Morris who is recovering well, Janet Ireland and her family and friends as she spends her last few weeks being cared for in Marie Curie. Lord, we also bring all that are known to us and needing our prayers at this time.

Christian Aid week is 14th - 20th May 2023.

St Peters will be having a quiz on Friday 19th May in St Peters Church Hall starting at 7.30pm - bring your own drinks and nibbles, more details to follow.

They will also have a Christian Aid stall at the Farmers market on Saturday 13th May. If anyone from St James would like to help for a couple of hours it would be appreciated.

Jane Laverty will be doing a sponsored walk from the Toxteth Tabernacle to Christ Church, Lord Street 21.5 miles on Friday 19th May. There will be a sponsor form in Church and a Just Giving Page. You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here

https://www.justgiving.com/page/jane-laverty-1681661804397?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/jane-laverty-1681661804397&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=d4c632e5a77149009d3ac2549e4e54ef

As always, many thanks for your support and prayers for the work of Christian Aid.

The Benevolent Fund collection at the service of Holy Communion on 23 April will be for Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships is a faith-based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free health care to people in desperate need.

For over 40 years, Mercy Ships has been working in more than 55 countries, provided services valued at more than £1.3 billion. Mercy Ships follows the model of Jesus by bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor, helping people of all faiths and none.

More than 44 percent of the world's population lives within 100 miles of a coast - which is why Mercy Ships uses modern hospital ships to bring world-class volunteer medical professionals directly to many places where they are needed most. The ships are the most efficient way to bring state-of-the-art hospitals to regions where clean water, electricity and medical facilities and personnel are limited or non-existent. They also train local health care providers and help to improve medical infrastructure. And they also have a supply of vehicles which can reach more remote areas.

Their teams of volunteers come from some 40 nations, and include, in addition to medical personnel, cooks, mechanics, cleaners, IT specialists etc.

Church Flowers

If you wish 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.

First aid training.

If you are interested in taking part in a first aid course at St. James, please let Jayne McLaren know asap.

Monetary Offerings

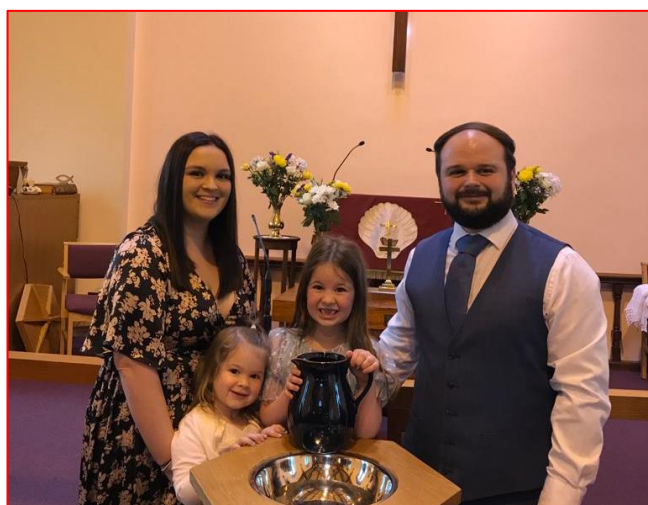
Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of St. James Church, please contact Margaret Dee if you would like to change your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope scheme. Also, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ron Swindells and Family.

Ron's great granddaughter, Charlotte Grace Swindells was baptised on Sunday 16th April at St. James Church in Rainhill.

God bless you and keep you always.



NOTICES NEXT WEEK

Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices for 7th May or the monthly newsletter, please email by Thursday evening 4th May: newsletter@stjameswoolton.org