

**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 24th – 31st March 2024

This Week's Collect:

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

24th March 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes; Baptism

This week's Readings:

Mark 11: 1 – 10

Mark 14: 43 – 52

Forthcoming services at St James':

Thurs 28th March 7.00pm: Maundy Thursday - Rev Peter Hughes; Holy Communion

Friday 29th March 11.00am: Good Friday – Dave Bedford

Sunday 31st March 8.30am: A short Service led by Pam Alexander and Irene Elliott

Sunday 31st March 10.30am: Easter Sunday - Rev Peter Hughes – Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 28th March 9.30 – 11.30am - Morning Coffee

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 Liz Hudson,
prayers: Dave Dickson, reading: Chris Bennett Mark 11:1-11**

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.

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.

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



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*