

**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 28th May – 4th June 2023

**This Week's Collect:
Pentecost**

God, who at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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:

Sunday 28th May 10.30am - Morning Worship – Holy Communion – Revd. Peter Hughes

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 4th June 10.30am – Revd. Kate Gartside

Sunday 11th June 10.30am – Revd. Peter Hughes

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 1st June 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Wednesday 7th June – 7.30pm – Finance and 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 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 Pam Bellis, speaker is Revd. Peter Hughes,
prayers: Dave Dickson, reading: Liz Hudson: Acts 2 v1-12.**

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

PRAYERS

We pray for all that need of our prayers this week. We pray for Alan Smith, Margaret Dee's sister Janet, Norma Hannah, Paul Holt, Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Ray Jennings.

Lord, we bring all that are known to us and needing our prayers at this time.

News from our friends at St Peters Woolton

The following exciting news was read out at Sunday's services at St Peters:

A message from the Acting Archdeacon of Liverpool, Revd Miranda Threlfall-Holmes

"I'm really pleased to commend the Revd Lizzy Holland to you as your next Rector. Lizzy is currently serving as Rector of Allesley in the Diocese of Coventry and will bring with her a wealth of experience in leading a large church, as well as exceptional gifts and experience in ministry with children and young people. She also currently teaches on the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship and Mission and serves on the Vocations Team in Coventry Diocese. I know this process has taken longer than you would have wished, but I'm confident that all your patience has borne fruit in bringing Lizzy to us at the right time for her and her family. Lizzy and her family will be moving into the Rectory in July and she is likely to be licensed to her new ministry among you in late July."

A message from Revd Lizzy Holland:

"Hello to the people of St Peter's! I am so delighted to be joining you to serve as your Rector in a few months' time and am looking forward to getting to know you and journeying with you as we follow the calling of the Lord together to grow in his love and shine his light in the world. I am full of hope and anticipation for the future the Lord is leading us into together and excited to discover what that road will look like.

Please know that I am praying for you and our parish as we prepare to join you and am particularly seeking the Lord's word for this next season for us all.

My family (my husband, Mitch, Miriam (4) and Lydia (3)) are looking forward to being part of the community with you in Woolton and would ask that you would pray for us in this time of transition, particularly for a smooth house move where our girls settle quickly, for a school for Miriam and a pre-school for Lydia. Thank you all and we look forward to getting to know you all throughout the summer and autumn."

Our thoughts and prayers are with Revd Lizzy and the congregation of St Peters as they start a new chapter in the life of St Peters.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

It is Aurora Dickson's 23rd birthday on Sunday 28th May & Mum, Dad, Kieran, Frazer & Humphrey 🐾 🐾 too would like to wish her a really happy birthday & many congratulations on helping to design Beyoncé's outfits for her world tour & also for Dua Lipa's new Barbie video. We are really proud of you lots of love, from us all.

The Benevolent Fund collection at the Communion Service on 28 May is for Smile Train.

Over the world, 1 in 700 babies is born with a cleft lip and/or palate. Many children with clefts will never receive the reconstructive surgery they need. Children with untreated clefts face physical difficulties eating, breathing, hearing and speaking, and are the object of discrimination and hostility.

Cleft treatment alleviates many of these difficulties, ultimately enabling the children to thrive. Reconstructive surgery has evolved over more than half a century, and today the surgery is simple and the transformation immediate.

Smile Train is the world's largest cleft focused organisation, with a sustainable and local model of supporting surgery and other forms of essential care. Over the last 20 or so years, they have supported safe and quality cleft care for more than 1.5m children. They also provide training and financial support for the treatment of clefts, empowering medical professionals around the world to treat cleft patients with life-changing surgery, and also provide other essential care, such as speech therapy, emotional support, nutrition services and orthodontic care.

Wesley Day

24th May 2023 marks the 285th anniversary of John Wesley's evangelical conversion, sometimes this is known as Wesley day.

A special choral evensong at St Pauls Cathedral, for Wesley day will be broadcast live on Radio 3 on Wednesday 24th May, at 4pm, and repeated on Sunday 28th May at 3pm. Thereafter, available for about a month on BBC Sounds.

Refuge Centre Request

The refuge centre we support in the Kirkdale area have a family who have secured a new home but have nothing at all to put in it. If anyone can offer any of the following, would you please contact Wendy Doig on 07867795179. Thank you: Dining table and chairs. Single, double bed and cot. Sofa. Coffee table. Curtains. Rugs. Lamp (s). Iron. Mirror. Any other household items.

The **Whitechapel Centre** are running short of toiletries for people using the shower facilities they provide. Food items (tinned or packet foods). Our donation box is placed to the left of the glass doors as you come into church. If you are able, would you please consider bringing items for this. Perhaps you could consider one item per week? Every donation is very much appreciated. The centre distributes over a 100 food parcels every week to those in great need, single men and women but also families with children who are in difficulties.

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.

June newsletter

The June newsletter will be compiled this week. Helen would welcome your contributions to share about events, news, fundraising, photos and celebrations to include in the newsletter – the more the merrier! The email address is below.

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:*

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