

**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 26th March – 2nd April 2023

This Week's Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Fifth Sunday Lent:

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

March 26th 10.30am: Stuart Radcliffe – Passion Sunday

Forthcoming services at St James':

April 2nd 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes – Palm Sunday

Thursday 6th April 7pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday 7th April 11am: Good Friday Service

April 9th 8.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes - Easter Communion

April 9th 10.30am: Revd. John Lansley Easter Sunday & Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Monday 27th March – 7.30pm Finance and Property meeting

Wednesday 29th March – 7.30pm-9.00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (in Church)

Thursday 30th March - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

There will **not** be a Coffee Morning on Easter Saturday 8th April. We will return on Saturday 13th May.

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 Graham Martin, prayers Liz Hudson, reading Chris Hickey.

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

LENT COURSE: RADICAL WELCOME

Radical Welcome is a four-session 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. The Wednesday fellowship group will run this course on 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th March 7.30-9pm @ St James'. Matthew Dyer will run this course on 6th, 13th, 27th March and 3rd April 8-9.30pm @ 93 Waylands Drive, L25 0LX. You're more than welcome to join us! To join, or find out more, please email Kieran: kieran.bohan@yahoo.co.uk

PRAYERS

We pray for all that are in need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for Reverend Peter Hughes, Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Ray Jennings and Amy Bates' cousin- Claire, Dot Woods and family on the passing of Edie Lane and Bob Andrews.

Reverend David Goodwin is gradually returning to work on a part-time basis and anticipates that this will continue until at least mid April. Kay is still in hospital following her stem cell transplant. David and Kay continue to be grateful for all of the prayers, support that they have received.

Easter Egg Help! Centre 56 and one of the Refuge Centres for women and children both of which we support are struggling to find enough Easter eggs for the children. Please would you consider a small donation or supermarket voucher or donate a small chocolate egg? You can bring to church and place in donation box or ring Wendy on 07867795179 before 5th April. Thank you.

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.

The Benevolent Fund collection on Sunday 19 March for Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes was £152.76, plus gift aid. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Dan Holmes in Concert at St James'

We are delighted to be welcoming Dan and Sue Holmes back to St James' on the weekend of 15th and 16th April. Come and join us for a relaxed evening as Dan shares his beautiful self-penned songs about the events and experiences that happen along life's way. Doors open at 6.30 pm, concert starting at 7.00 pm on Saturday 15th April.

Tickets from Lynne Barker: £6 adults, £1 children or pay at the door. Proceeds in aid of St James' Development Fund.

First aid training.

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

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.

NOTICES NEXT WEEK

April newsletter will be issued – please email anything to be included.

You can download all weekly notices and newsletters [from our website](http://www.stjameswoolton.org).

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