

**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 11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**This Week's Collect:**

God our Redeemer, through Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in Baptism have made us one in him. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Christ; for he 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 11<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am:** Rev Caroline Ainger, All Age Worship

**This week's readings:**

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, Covenant and Holy Communion

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am:** Steve Elliott, Church Anniversary

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 10.30am:** Pat Cansfield

**Forthcoming events:**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.am – 12.00pm** – Farmers market & Coffee morning

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm** - Safeguarding Meeting

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 11.30am** – Morning Coffee

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 7.30pm** – Wednesday Fellowship Group

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm** – Monday Bible Study Group

**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 Pam Bellis, Speaker: Liz Hudson,**

**Reading: Chris Hickey, Matthew 2:1-12 Prayers: Pam Alexander**

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

### **Praying for the Growth of our Church**

*God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church,  
send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,  
wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship, and power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
in spiritual commitment to you, and in service to our local community,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN*

### **Benevolent Fund**

The charity we shall support at the Communion at the Covenant service on 18<sup>th</sup> January is the Alder Hey Children's Charity. It raises vital funds to help make Alder Hey Children's Hospital a truly world-class, patient-friendly hospital for the 330,000 patients and families it cares for every year. Without the Charity's help, it would not be able to enhance the hospital to give children and families the very best experience.

Children and young people have very different requirements from a hospital than adult patients. The charity recognises this and helps to fund state-of-the-art equipment and a range of activities and projects that are designed to enhance and improve the lives of young patients when they are being treated.

The charity funds specialist medical equipment which ensures the surgeons and clinical staff have the most up-to-date state-of-the-art technology available to them – often equipment that is just not available via the NHS. It will also fund hi-tech distraction equipment proven to reduce pain and anxiety in many patients. Donations help the charity to support a vast range of programmes and special projects such as ward musicians, the on-site magician, and play specialists on every ward. The ground-breaking ward-based chef programme ensures the hospital is delivering healthy and nutritionally balanced food to all patients when they need it most.

In the last few years, donations large and small have enabled it to complete an incredibly important new research and education facility, to fund fully the design and construction of a brand-new bereavement centre on the hospital campus and ensuring the brand-new residential mental health unit functions as a home from home for those young people that need its help the most.

Alder Hey Cardiac Unit look after Jane and Stuart's Granddaughter Delilah's health; she has had several operations two of which have been open heart surgery; and she attends many ongoing check-ups and tests etc. All the staff in this unit from surgeons and nurses are most caring and kind to Kim and Laurence when they have to stay in with Delilah.

### **Wednesday Fellowship Group**

The Wednesday Fellowship group will meet on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30pm** at Irene and Steve Elliot's home.

### **Monday Bible Study**

The Monday Bible Study group will meet on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm**. It is at Doreen Parker's house.

**Roy Barker & Friends (late) Christmas Sing-a-long is on Saturday 24th January at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).**

We unfortunately had to postpone the Sing-a-long but are glad to confirm that, **for those who have tickets**, it will go ahead on 24 January. Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices. **If you are unable to attend, please let us know so that we can give you a refund and the tickets can be passed on to somebody else.**

Proceeds will be split between St James' Church Projects Fund and 'Include Me' CIC. 'Include Me' meet at Strawberry Field and provide an opportunity for people to get together and make friendships.

Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

**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.

**Prayers**

Please keep in our prayers this week all those who are in poor health, either in hospital or at home, and their family and friends and those caring for others.

We also pray for everyone in our Church family who are unable to attend church.

Please pray for those known to us who are in need of our prayers this week.

**Next weeks' notice sheet**

*You can download all notices [from our website](#).*

*Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices, please email by Thursday evening to: [St.James.notices@gmail.com](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)*