

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

Web address: <http://stjameswoolton.org>



Weekly Notices 27th September – 4th October 2026

This Week's Collect:

Gracious God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always turn to you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 27th September 10.30am: Rev Robert Barthram – Holy Communion

This week's readings:

Ezekiel 18: 1 - 4
Philippians 2: 1 - 11

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 4th October 10.30am: Jayne McLaren – Harvest Service

Sunday 11th October – United Service at Hope University (no service at St James')

Sunday 18th October 10.30am: Steve Elliott, Holy Communion.

Sunday 25th October 10.30am: Paul Holt

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 1st October 9.30am – 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 Pam Bellis, Speaker: Paul Holt,

Reading: Chris Bennett Psalm 46, Prayers: Pam Bellis

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 Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **27 September** 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 healthcare to people in desperate need. Mercy Ships doesn't just address the immediate need on the ground, but also works to strengthen the country's healthcare systems and drive policy change. The aim is to tackle the root causes of the problems rather than just the consequences.

The Mercy Ships crew is led by a team of volunteers from up to 40 nations, all of whom give their time and expertise for free. Mercy Ships doesn't just take doctors and nurses – the ship is a small city, with cooks, teachers, receptionists, mechanics, IT specialists, engineers and cleaners.

The Global Mercy is the largest charity-run hospital ship in the world. The 174-metre, 37,000-ton ship has six operating rooms and houses over 600 volunteers from around the globe representing many disciplines including surgeons, maritime crew, cooks, teachers, electricians, the host staff and more. The ship also features a 682-seat auditorium, student academy, café, shop and library – all of which have been designed to accommodate up to 950 crew onboard when docked in port.

Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 55 countries, providing services valued at more than £1.3 billion. By improving healthcare delivery in every country it visits, Mercy Ships is working to eradicate the diseases of poverty and effectively do itself out of a job. Mercy Ships follows the model of Jesus by “bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor”, helping people of all faiths and none.

Update

The Steward Elders have recently met with the URC Moderator, Geoff Felton, to begin the process of our church being 'In Vacancy.' The first part of this process is for the Synod to appoint an Interim Moderator.

I am happy to inform you that Tim Meadows, who many of you may know, has agreed to become our Interim Moderator until a new minister is appointed. We are now waiting for the Pastorate Committee to decide which churches we will be grouped together with to form a pastorate, after which Tim will meet with us to discuss the next part of the process. We will of course keep you all updated with any further news. Please keep praying for all involved in the process and that someone will answer the call to become our minister.

Pam Alexander Senior Steward Elder

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