

**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 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**This Week's Collect:**

God our Redeemer, you chose the Virgin Mary, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour. Fill us with your grace that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; 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.

**This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, Christingle and Carol Service

**This week's readings:**

**Isaiah 9 verses 2, 6 & 7**  
**Luke 1 verses 26 to 38**  
**Luke 2 verses 1 to 7**  
**Luke 2 verses 8 – 16**  
**John 1 verses 1 to 14**

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm:** Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am:** Matthew Dwyer  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion  
**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am:** Rev Geoff Felton

**Forthcoming events:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 11.30am** – Morning Coffee  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.am – 12.00pm** – Farmers market & Coffee morning

**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, Speaker: Rev John Lansley,**

**Reading: Matthew 1: 18-25, Prayers: Pam Alexander**

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

**Please note that telephone worship will not be held on 28th December.**

### **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*

### **Advent Liturgy**

The first three candles have reminded us of the call to hope, of the prophets, and of John the Baptist. Today we give thanks for Mary, who simply and gladly responded to the call of God.

Bible Reading: Luke Chapter 1, verses 46 to 55



### **Benevolent Fund**

**The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on 28<sup>th</sup> December will be in support of Christian Aid.**

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For 80 years, this truth has inspired Christian Aid to stand in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. It seeks to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, it amplifies its voice to speak truth to power and to create lasting change.

In particular, Christian Aid fights global poverty and injustice by partnering with local organizations to empower communities, provide emergency aid, campaign for rights, and build resilience against climate change, focusing on dignity, equality, and sustainable solutions for a more just world.

It supports people in claiming rights to healthcare, education and fair livelihoods, helps communities recover from disasters, and advocates for systemic change, believing local expertise is key to ending poverty.

### **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)