

**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.



**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
August 2023**

**Welcome to our August newsletter.**

**Email Helen Miller: [st.james.notices@gmail.com](mailto:st.james.notices@gmail.com) with anything you wish to include or have any suggestions for future editions.**

**MINISTER'S MESSAGE August 2023**

It looks like summer has been and gone, so I hope you managed to enjoy it before the thunder and the rain started!

I am sure you are aware that our Church is currently working hard to make sure that we are truly welcoming to all people. Partly this is because the Methodist Church has been developing a policy known as "Justice, Dignity and Solidarity". It is also inspired by the United Reformed Church's work on "Radical Welcome". We want to do all we can to ensure that everyone is accepted and affirmed whoever they are and including whatever aspects of their lives may seem different or unusual to others.

We are inviting everyone to join us on Saturday mornings 7th October and Saturday 28th October so that we can learn more about what we can do to move forward in these areas. That may seem a while off, but please put the dates in your diary before they get filled up with other things.

The time when I felt most left out and not included was when I went on a weekend for people interested in Films and theology. I soon became aware that most of the people on that weekend had been coming to the same event for many years and they all knew each other. I felt that as a newcomer I was regarded with some suspicion, and I didn't feel they wanted me there. However, as the weekend went on, an effort was made to include me. On the Saturday evening, which was counted as free time, a small group invited me to go in the car with them to watch a film at a cinema a few miles away. It was a good evening, and I began to get to know people and feel at home. It reminds me that small positive steps can make all the difference.

The reason we are doing all this as a Church is because we know that God welcomes and accepts each one of us through Jesus. The Holy Spirit binds us together in love. We are called to move with the Spirit in reaching out in love to all people.

God Bless  
Peter

**In case of a medical emergency, St James' Church has a defibrillator situated in the church hall.**

**St James Sponsored Organ Day**

**Saturday 30th September 10am - 5pm**

Our Organ will be played for a whole day by:  
Melanie Philips, Peter Bounds & Peter Hughes.

Please pop in during the day to listen/sponsor/support as we make music and raise money for St James Church funds.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

We will give a rough programme of who is playing what and when nearer the time. In the meantime, if you would like to request a piece please speak to Peter, Melanie or Peter by 15th August.

We will try to respond to all reasonable requests, but we do need to know in plenty of time!



**♥ Sunday 13th August ♥**

We are celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary by renewing our vows in the service and would like everyone to join us afterwards in the Church Hall for coffee/tea and cake.

Andrew and Jayne McLaren

**FARMER'S MARKETS**

**ALLERTON HALL FARM in Clarke's Gardens**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of August, October, and December from 11.00am

**WOOLTON VILLAGE**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday monthly from 10.00am

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Future Services this month at St James':**

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am:** Yvonne Campbell

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am:** Revd. Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am:** Dave Bedford and the Worship Consultation Group

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am:** Paul Holt

**Other events during August 2023:**

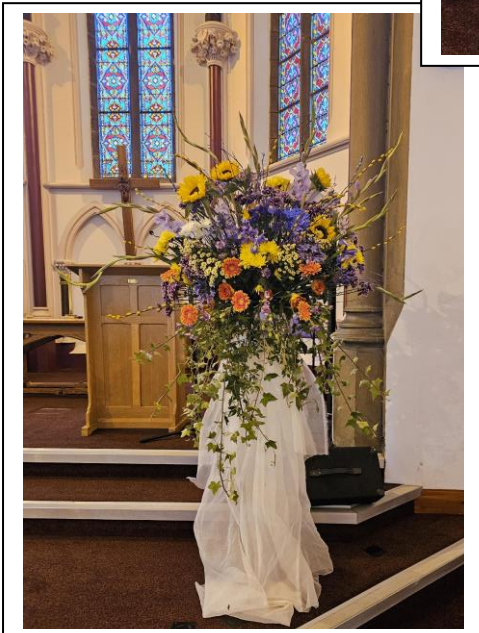
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 11.00am – Allerton Hall Farmer's market**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am – 11.30am:** Morning Coffee

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 12.30pm:** Summer Coffee Morning and Farmer's market

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> August 9.30am – 11.30am - Morning Coffee**

## RECENT FLOWER DISPLAYS FROM OUR CHURCH



# St James' Pre-School



At St James' we offer high quality care and education for children aged from 2 to 5.

Term time 9.15 am - 12.15pm

Places available for September

**Nursery funding available for all  
3 and 4 years olds and  
eligible 2 year olds**

For more information please

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You can also visit our website at:-

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## SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday August 12th 2023  
10.00-12.30 in the church hall,  
with tables outside (weather permitting)

Tea, coffee and cold drinks

Toasted tea cakes

Home made soup and crusty bread

Bacon batches

Homemade cakes and jams

Bring-and-Buy and Books

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