

**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 21st – 28th April 2024

This Week's Collect:

God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant: make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; 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 21st April 10.30am: Rev Kate Gartside

This week's Readings

Reading 1: Psalm 23
Reading 2: John 10: 11-18

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 28th April 10.30am: Rev Noel Sharp, Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May 10.30am: Peter Foster (**Coffee Jayne & Andrew*)

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 24th April 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship group

Thursday 25th April 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Monday 29th April 7.00pm – Mission Action 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, the speaker is Liz Hudson,
prayers: Jayne McLaren, reading: Peter Bounds - Acts 4:5-12**

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

Prayers

We keep in our prayers all those who are poorly, their family and friends and those caring for others.

We also pray for everyone in our Church family and those known to us who are in need of our prayers this week.

Easter Experience school visit

The year 2 pupils from Woolton Primary School will be visiting us again on **Monday 22nd April** when we will be sharing the Easter story with them. Mike, our Circuit Youth Worker, will be leading the event with Rev Peter and helped by volunteers from St James. We will be telling the story through six stations set up around the church and we will be setting these up after the service on Sunday 21st April. For two of the stations, the garden and the tomb, we will be using house plants for the greenery and would like to ask if any members of the congregation have any large leafy potted houseplants that they would be willing to loan us for the event. If you can help and have a plant or plants we can borrow, please bring it / them to church, clearly labelled with your name, any time up to Sunday 21st April, we promise to take good care of them. Thank you for your support and please keep the leaders and helpers in your prayers as we prepare to share the Easter story with the children.

Benevolent Fund

The benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **28 April** will be for **Misión México Family Home**.

In 2000, Alan and Pam Skuse left their home in Australia to volunteer at a children's home in Tapachula, Mexico for one year. Six months later when the organisation suddenly closed, the Skuses had to make a life-changing decision: to return to their life and family in Australia, or to take on the challenge of caring for the remaining seven children full time.

The thought of leaving the children was not an option. So, despite the lack of resources and support, Pam and Alan decided to take on the huge responsibility of opening their own refuge. 'Albergue, Misión México, Dando Amor, Vida y Esperanza' (meaning Refuge, Misión México, Giving Love, Life and Hope) was born, with the all-important dream of creating a loving, family environment with access to education for the children and youth under their care.

With the help of global donors and the local community, Pam and Alan, along with volunteers, built the Misión México Family Home, providing long-term care, stability, and opportunities for up to thirty vulnerable children and youth at any given time.

The Misión México Foundation aims to break cycles of poverty, abuse and inequality; providing opportunities for every child and youth that they care for to succeed. Through long-term solutions like education, practical and emotional care and community development, they provide tools and opportunities for children and youth to advance in every aspect of their lives, becoming the best that they can be.

Their Core Focuses are:

- Education and extra-curricular activities
- A safe home with a family environment
- Health and well-being support
- Community development
- Personal development and life skills

Christian Aid week 12th - 18th May 2024.

Fancy a challenge, goal to work towards, a bit of fun. Then join us for St. James sponsored walk on Sunday 12th May. We will be leaving from Church after the service, 12ish and walking to the Liver buildings (around 6.5 miles).

All you need is a packed lunch, smile and your friends and family to sponsor you. Anyone is welcome, you can do part of the walk and if younger people want to join on their scooter or bikes that's fine. A family day out raising money for a great cause. So put the date in your diary and get some practice in. More details to follow. If you are interested let text **Jane (Laverty)** on 07963961951

If you would like to donate there will be a sponsor form at the back of Church and the following link will take you to the fundraising page.

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2024/st-james-sponsored-walk>

Ann Fleetwood

Some of you may have known Ann who used to be a member at Childwall and then latterly at Court Hey. Ann, who died suddenly about 10 days ago, was a regular member of our Sunday afternoon telephone worship and very much valued the fellowship, as we did having her with us each week. Ann's funeral has been arranged for Tuesday April 30th at 1.30p.m. at Court Hey, followed by a burial at Springwood Cemetery at 2.30p.m.

SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING 13th April

We had a happy morning last Saturday and welcomed a number of visitors who came in and enjoyed coffee, cakes and soup with yummy filled rolls at lunchtime. We raised £373.00 and there will be Gift Aid to add to this amount. We hope to hold another coffee and lunch day during the summer.

Saturday coffee mornings continue on the second Saturday of each month.

We also have a coffee, tea cake and chat drop in every Thursday 9.30 until 11.30.

Inclusive Church

St James' Woolton is now on the Inclusive Church directory!

Inclusive Church is an educational charity working with churches of different denominations encouraging them to explore ways in which they may become more inclusive, and celebrate the ways they are already inclusive.

The directory enables people to search for a church within 25 miles of where they live:
www.inclusive-church.org/church-directory.

Here is St James' entry: www.inclusive-church.org/place/st-jamess-woolton-liverpool

Each church in the directory is invited to display a poster which says:

'We believe in inclusive church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.'

The benevolent fund collection on Sunday 26th May will be to support the Inclusive Church charity.

Thank you for all you are already doing to make St James' a welcoming, inclusive and loving community!

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.

*You can download all notices [from our website](#).
Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,
please email by Thursday evening: St.James.notices@gmail.com*



**In aid of
CAFOD**



**A Nearly New
Fashion Show
Saturday 27th April
2—4pm**

St Mary's parish hall, Woolton

Tickets only £5 (£5.20 online)

Including Sparkling cream tea

Donations of nearly new clothes are welcome.

To buy a ticket or to volunteer to help or model

contact Mary at stmaryswithyoualways@gmail.com or 07798581390

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QR code

