

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**This Week's Collect:**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Minister's Message: March 2024**

Dear Friends

As we begin March we are now in the second part of Lent, which includes Mothering Sunday and then leads us through Passion Sunday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week to Easter Sunday on 31st. We will be following our usual pattern of Services through this time, including the Lent Cross, distribution of Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday and gathering with our friends from other churches in the village around the cross on Good Friday.

It is all too easy for these things to be simply a familiar routine and for them to lose some of their impact as the years go by. I hope and pray that, for you and I, something new, fresh, inspiring and challenging will be experienced this year. I hope that in some way you will experience these events in a deeper way, coming closer to God and reaching out to share the message of Jesus with others.

I am always moved by Vicky Beeching's Hymn "O Precious Sight" (Singing the Faith 279) and especially the words "May I never lose the wonder, the wonder of the cross. May I see it like the first time, standing as a sinner lost. Undone my mercy and left speechless, watching wide eyed at the cost. May I never lose the wonder, the wonder of the cross".

God Bless, Peter

**Revd Alan Crump**

This week, Revd Alan Crump retires from ministry to begin a new chapter of life. We wish him and Shelley all our love, support and prayers as they move away from their current home in Knaresborough. Their current two churches have given them such love filled send offs and they will leave huge holes in their community.

All our love, St James!

### **This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 3rd March 10.30am:** Obeth Thevanesan - All Age Worship *\*Coffee Ste & Helen*  
**Sunday 3rd March 3.00pm:** Marie Curie Service at St James'

### **This week's Readings:**

**Mark 15: 9 – 15**

**John 2:13-22**

### **Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes - All Age Worship Mothering Sunday  
*\*Coffee Chris and Margaret*

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am:** Rev David Goodwin

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes; Baptism

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm:** Maundy Thursday - Rev Peter Hughes; Holy Communion

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11.00am:** Good Friday – Dave Bedford

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 8.30am:** A short Service led by Pam Alexander and Irene Elliott

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am:** Easter Sunday - Rev Peter Hughes – Holy Communion

### **Forthcoming events:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm** – Wednesday Fellowship group – weekly in Lent

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am – 11.30am** – Morning Coffee

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm** – Finance & Property meeting

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am – 12.00pm** – Coffee morning & Farmer's Market

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm** – Steward / Elders meeting

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm** – Wednesday Fellowship group – weekly in Lent

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30am** - Morning Coffee

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2.30pm** – House group at Pam Draper's house

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.15pm** - Wednesday Fellowship group – weekly in Lent

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30am** - Morning Coffee

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30am** - Morning Coffee (Maundy Thursday)

### **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, the speaker is Rev John Lansley, prayers: Liz Hudson, reading: Melanie Phillips: Luke 9 vs.28-43**

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.

### **Monday House group**

The next meeting of Monday House group at Pam Draper's will be on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.**

### **Benevolent Fund**

The benevolent fund collection from 25<sup>th</sup> February for St James's Pre-School amounted to £125.80 plus gift aid. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

### **Church repairs**

Church loft roof repairs - Work will be starting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to carry out the required repairs to the church extension loft roof; it is expected that the work will take about 3 weeks to complete. While the work is taking place the church toilets will not be available and will be screened off to secure the work site. For the Sundays **10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March**, if you need to use the toilets, either before or during the church service, a steward will be available to take you across the road to use the toilets in the church hall. Church roof repairs - we are still awaiting to hear when the repairs to the missing ridge tiles and slates will start. This work will require scaffolding to be erected at the side of the church and until the work has been completed, the path down the side of the church will remain closed. Thank you for your support in these matters and I do hope that this will not cause too much inconvenience to everyone. Pam Bellis, Chair of Finance and Property

### **Liverpool Dementia Information Day**

14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 10.00am – 5.00pm

Liverpool Central Library

William Brown Street L3 8EW

A FREE drop-in event for:

- People living with dementia and their carers;
  - Organisations working with and for people with dementia;
  - Anyone interested in finding out more about the condition.
- Exhibition area, talks, activities, guidance and support and lots more.

For full details contact [Idaa@dementiaactionliverpool.com](mailto:Idaa@dementiaactionliverpool.com)

### **Garston Park Church Plant Sale**

Garston Park Church are having their annual plant sale in May and orders need to be in as soon as possible.

There are forms at the back of Church and the official closing date is TODAY.

If you would like to make an order, please take a form this morning and when you have completed it, please ring Shirley Banks at the number on the form to let her know that you have an order.

### **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](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)*