

**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 28th December 2025 – 4th January 2026

This Week's Collect:

God of glory, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us in your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share in the life of his divinity; 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 28th December 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

This week's readings:

John 1: 1 – 14
Titus 2: 11 – 3: 7

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 4th January 10.30am: Rev Geoff Felton

Sunday 11th January 10.30am: Rev Caroline Ainger, All Age Worship

Sunday 18th January 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, Covenant and Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 8th January 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Saturday 10th January 10.am – 12.00pm – Farmers market & Coffee morning

Monday 12th January 7.00pm - Safeguarding Meeting

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE:

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

Praying for the Growth of our Church

Lord Jesus, We thank you for the signs of growth in our Church.

We rejoice in welcoming those who join us for the first time.

Thank you for those who are exploring commitment.

Thank you for those times when we grow in our own understanding and commitment to you.

We celebrate the ways in which, as individuals and a Church, we are able to serve others.

We ask you to fill us again with your Spirit and to encourage us in our mission.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen

Benevolent Fund

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on 28th 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