

**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 22nd February – 1st March 2026

This Week's Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 22nd February 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

This week's readings:

Romans 1: 18 - 23

Romans 3: 21 - 26

Romans 5: 6 - 11

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 1st March 10.30am - Rev Dr Andrew Cheatle

Sunday 8th March 10.30am - Rev Patrick Evans

Sunday 15th March 10.30am - Rev Alan Fretwell, Mothering Sunday

Sunday 22nd March 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion, Passion Sunday

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 25th February 7.30pm: Wednesday Fellowship group

Thursday 26th February 9.30am – 11.30am: Morning Coffee

Monday 9th March 7.30pm – Steward/Elders meeting

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 Liz Hudson, Speaker: Liz Hudson,

Reading: Kate & Jamie Cook, Prayers: Chris Hickey

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*

Lent Liturgy

Reading Matthew chapter 26 verses 26 to 29

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Prayer: Lord Jesus,

We thank you for the sacrifice you made for us.
Thank you for the bread and the wine which remind
us of your love.
Thank you that because of your death we can know
forgiveness and new life.
In the name of Jesus.
Amen

LENT FOOD APPEAL

We have been approached by a couple of the organisations we support at Harvest time to ask if we would consider doing another Lent collection this year as they and the families they support find themselves in an ever-deepening food crisis.

It seems like a good idea to help if we can, so from this week, and throughout the Sundays of Lent, if you are able to donate a tin or packet of something to feed others there will be a box at the back of church for collecting the items.

Please look out especially for the following most needed items:

Cereals UHT milk Bottled water Cordial Tea bags Coffee Sugar
Tinned meats - e.g. Curry, chilli Tinned Tuna, Ham, Corned beef.
Tinned vegetables Gravy granules Salt and pepper
Pot noodles Packets of noodles Rice pulses
Cooking sauces Mayonnaise Red and brown sauce
Biscuits Crisps Honey Jam Tinned fruit
anything our church family can do to help other families around us will be greatly appreciated.

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.

Benevolent Fund

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on 22 February will be in support of **The Brain Charity**.

Our most precious memories, hidden dreams and the thousands of subtle differences that make us who we are, are all housed in one amazing, unique and fascinating place. The human brain is the most complex structure in the universe, and the most important part of who we are. It runs our whole world, moves our body, makes our decisions and even tells us when to smile.

For someone newly diagnosed with a neurological condition (a condition affecting the brain, spinal cord or nervous system), life may become very lonely and frightening. People can lose control of their lives and many face unemployment, poverty and social isolation.

There are more than 600 different neurological conditions.

The Brain Charity is the only charity in the UK to be here for every single one of them. It champions neurodiversity and helps anyone affected by a neurological condition to rebuild their lives and achieve their potential – and supports family, friends, and carers too. It provides practical help, emotional support, and social activities to thousands of people from all over the UK.

Currently, about 40% of its staff members have a neurological condition or are neurodivergent. It is really important to the Charity that the lived experience of its client group is reflected in its employee team.

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