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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 20th – 27th August 2023

This Week’s Collect:
God of the nations, to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger: hear the cries of the hungry and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This week’s Worship:
Sunday 20th August 10.30am – Dave Bedford and the Worship Consultation Group.

This week’s readings:
Jeremiah 1: 4-8
1 Corinthians 12: 12-27
Matthew 25: 34-40

Forthcoming services at St James’:
Sunday 27th August 10.30am – Paul Holt
Sunday 3rd September 10.30am – Revd. Alison Hall

Forthcoming events:
Thursday 24th August 9.30am-11.30am – Morning Coffee

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

IF YOU CANNOT COME TO WORSHIP AT ST JAMES IN PERSON WHY NOT LISTEN IN
to the live afternoon telephone worship at 2.30 p.m. which lasts 15-20 minutes.
Just dial 0333-006-7775 from your landline telephone between 2.20-2.30pm; then enter the “Pin” number: 08 39 09 01 and say your name when asked to do so. You will be able to chat to everyone else who joins until the service starts. Worship includes an opening prayer, a Bible reading, the Lord’s Prayer said together, a short reflection on the reading, prayers of intercession and a blessing before we share the words of The Grace.

This Sunday the host is Graham Martin, speaker is Revd. Peter Hughes, prayers: Kate Cook, reading: Chris Bennett: Psalm 34 vs:1-3; 15-22
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.
Summer Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning on Saturday 12th August raised £305. Thanks to everyone who supported us and to all of those who helped on the day.

The Coffee Morning usually held on the second Saturday of the month will **NOT** be held on Saturday 9th September due to staff Food Hygiene Training Session being held that morning. We WILL BE BACK on Saturday 14TH October.

Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on 13th August for the **Demelza Childrens Hospice** was £200 plus gift aid.

Wanted!!

Spare knitting wool for Residents in the YMCA unit we support in Aintree. Please ring Wendy on 07867795179 if you have any for collection or bring to church and leave in the donation box at the back of church. Thank you.

Message from St Mary’s – The Gift of Water

Join us for an evening to celebrate The Gift of Water **Tuesday 22nd August from 7.15pm** at the Fisher-More Hall, Bishop Eton. A guest speaker from WaterAid will open the evening. Donations and proceeds from raffles are in aid of WaterAid Everybody welcome! Your donations to CAFOD already provided a sustainable water supply to 2 places.

What can we do at home to preserve water? How can we help WaterAid? How can our parishes make better use of water? Come along and share your ideas!

Baby Swindells 💙

Congratulations to Emily Swindells and Kate Reynolds on the birth of their son Jude.

Born 9th August weighing 6lb 8oz.

Congratulations to all the Swindells family 💖

St James Organ Day Saturday 30th September 10am - 4pm

Our Organ will be played for a whole day by: Melanie Phillips, Peter Bounds & Peter Hughes. Please pop in during the day to listen and support us as we make music and raise funds (donations requested) for St James Church projects.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

We will give a rough programme of who is playing what and when nearer the time. Our programme will include: Music written for organ from Bach and his contemporaries to the present day. Music from other sources, e.g., Orchestral and choral works, popular songs. Hymn tunes, well known and less well known, including a 'name that tune' competition! Melodies of stage and screen.

In the meantime, if you would like to request an item please contact Peter, Peter or Melanie. We will do our utmost to play them, but please let us know as soon as possible.
We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our special day last Sunday, it was a blessing to share it with our family and friends. Thank you for the lovely messages and gifts and a huge thank you to Jonquil for the beautiful flower displays.

God bless, Jayne and Andrew

Pat Fagan

Today (18th August) was a sad day at St. James, saying goodbye to one of our own is never easy.

We gave thanks to God, for guiding you to us Pat and being blessed to be able to share in your mission journey to be a faithful servant. We celebrated your life and reflected on all you selflessly gave to everyone you touched.

We keep your family and friends in our prayers as we all grieve the gap you have left.

Good night and God bless Pat, forever with us and in our hearts.
**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.

**First Aid Course**
We still have a few places left on the first aid course at St. James Church on **Saturday 23rd September 2023 9.30am-12.30pm**, please let Jayne McLaren know asap if you’d like to attend.
Thank you.

**St James’ Pre-School**
At St James’, we offer high quality care and education for children aged 2 – 5.
Term time 9.15am – 12.15pm.

**Places available for September.**
**Nursey funding for all 3 & 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds.**
For more information please T: 0151 428 7525 E: stjamespreschool@hotmail.com
You can also visit our website at: [www.stjamespreschoolwoolton.weebly.com](http://www.stjamespreschoolwoolton.weebly.com)
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**Notices next week**
You can download all weekly notices and newsletters **from our website.**
Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices, or the monthly newsletter, please email by Thursday evening:
[St.James.notices@gmail.com](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)