

**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 – 29th March 2026

This Week's Collect:

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 22nd March 10.30am - Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion, Passion Sunday

This week's readings:

John 11 verses 1 to 16

John 11 verses 17 – 37

John 11 verses 38 - 45

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 29th March 10.30am – Jayne & Andrew McLaren, Palm Sunday

Thursday 2nd April 7.00pm – Rev Peter Hughes, Maundy Thursday

Friday 3rd April 11.00am – Matthew Dyer & Steve Elliott, Good Friday

Sunday 5th April 8.30am - Easter Reflection led by Pam Bellis, Irene Elliott and Pam Alexander followed by breakfast in the church hall at 9:00 am

Sunday 5th April 10.30am – Rev Peter Hughes, Easter Service & Holy Communion

Sunday 12th April 10.30am - Rev Robert Barthram, Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 25th March 7.30pm: Wednesday Fellowship group at Margaret Dee's home

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

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,

Reading: Chris Hickey John 12:1-8, Prayers: Jayne & Andrew McLaren

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

Lent Liturgy

Reading: Mark chapter 15: verses 12 – 15

Pilate spoke again to the crowd, "What, then, do you want me to do with the one you call the king of the Jews?"

They shouted back, "Crucify him!" "But what crime has he committed?" Pilate asked.

They shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free for them.

Then he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be crucified.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we cannot fully understand the pain you suffered.

You were whipped by those who you had come to help.

Teach us how to forgive others when they hurt us - just as you forgave those who hurt you.

In the name of Jesus. Amen

Benevolent Fund

As part of St James' mission, you will remember we made a defibrillator and bleed kits available to our community. They are situated on the Church Hall wall on High Street, close to the bus stop.

Although these are fully paid for, thanks to grants we received, there are some ongoing costs: the defibrillator battery and pads and the bleed kits will need to be updated when they reach their expiry date. The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **22 March** will be held towards the cost of these. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ron Swindells House Move

Dear friends at St. James,

On the 31st of March I will be leaving Reynolds Court and moving into full time care at Broughton House Retirement Home 37-39 Ashfield Road, Sefton Park, Liverpool, L17 0BY.

My family and I have made this decision realising that full time care and observation is a requirement for my health and wellbeing.

The landline phone will no longer be available but I will still have my mobile number.

Visiting is very welcome but staff at the care home would appreciate a call to advise about a visit to avoid clashing with mealtimes etc. (0151 728 9811)

Lots of love Ron Swindells

Easter Flowers

We invite your donations towards our Easter flowers. If you would like to donate, please see Jonquil or one of the Stewards on duty.

Easter Breakfast

If you would like to join with us before the Easter Service please add your name to the list which is on the table at back of church or contact Jonquil.

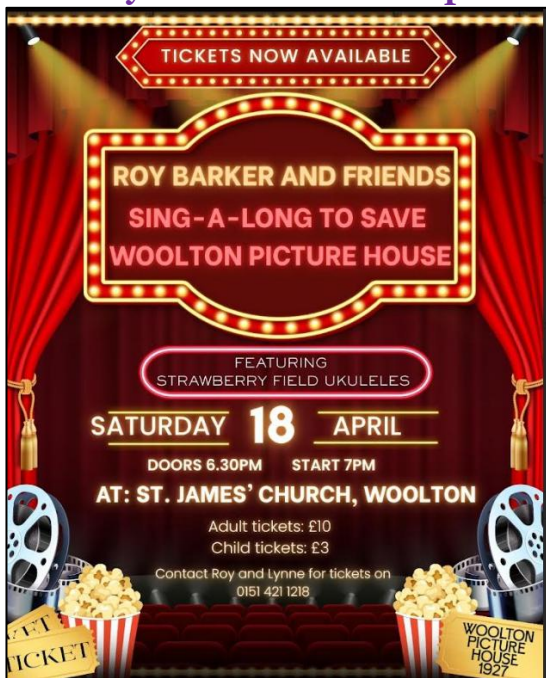
Lent Food Collection

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to this collection so far. There is still time, and next week, on Palm Sunday, all the gifts received will be blessed as part of the offering during the service. They will then be distributed to the various centres we support in time for Easter.

ON PALM SUNDAY ESPECIALLY - if anyone would like to make a cash donation instead of food, the money will enable the various centres to buy food vouchers so that some families can choose the things they need personally. There will be collection boxes in church in the usual place.

Thank you again for sharing and caring.

Roy Barker & Friends present "Sing and Save Woolton Picture House"



Featuring Strawberry Field ukuleles on Saturday 18th April at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

This is a fundraiser for Woolton Picture House, all proceeds will go to them.

Come and join us!

Get your tickets now: adults: £10, children: £3.

Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

Irish Music Night

On Saturday **9th May** Anita and friends will be entertaining us with a night of Irish music. It will be a lively fun filled night and all the proceeds will be going to Christian Aid.

Tickets will be available in a few weeks. Jane Laverty

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.

EASTER SERVICES 2026

PALM SUNDAY March 29th - 10.30a.m.
led by Jayne and Andrew McLaren

MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 2nd – 7.00p.m. HOLY COMMUNION
led by Revd Peter Hughes

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd – 11.00a.m.
led by Matthew Dyer & Steve Elliott
This will be followed by a short act of Community Worship with St Mary's
and St Peter's Churches, in the centre of the village at 12 noon

EASTER SUNDAY - April 5th
8.30 a.m EASTER REFLECTION
led by Pam Alexander, Pam Bellis and Irene Elliott followed by BREAKFAST from 9.00 a.m.
&
10.30 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION** led by Revd Peter Hughes

Everyone is welcome
AT ALL SERVICES

&
TO BREAKFAST AT 9 A.M. ON EASTER SUNDAY
*(but please tell us you are coming by calling Jonquil or leaving a message on the 'contact'
option of the Church website)*

&
TO BRING A FEW SMALL FLOWERS TO HELP TRANSFORM THE LENT CROSS
DURING THE 10.30M SERVICE

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