

**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 17th – 24th May 2026

This Week's Collect:

Lord of Hosts, purify our hearts that the King of Glory may come in, even your Son, Jesus our Redeemer; for he 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 17th May 10.30am – Rev John Lansley

This week's readings:

Genesis 1: 24-31

Luke 5: 1-11

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 24th May 10.30am – Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

Sunday 31st May 10.30am – Andrew Gillespie

Sunday 7th June 10.30am – Robina Murdoch (Bible month 1)

Sunday 14th June 10.30am - Rev Dr Clement Matarirano (Bible month 2)

Forthcoming events:

Monday 18th May 7.30pm – Steward / Elders Meeting

Thursday 21st May 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 Liz Hudson, Speaker: Rev John Lansley,
Reading: Dave Tilley Acts 12:1-17, Prayers: Pam Bellis**

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*

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.

A free event: BBC's Songs of Praise Sing Gospel

Tuesday 19th May 2026 - recording at 7pm (doors open from 5.30pm)

Invitation to come and join BBC Songs of Praise at Liverpool Olympia celebrating the joy and power of Gospel music with very special guests and plenty of opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits! There is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Venue: Liverpool Olympia, West Derby Road, Liverpool, L6 9BY. Tickets can be obtained at no cost by following this [link](#).

Benevolent Fund

Christian Aid Week is in May each year, and the Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **24 May** will therefore be for Christian Aid (CA). The World Mission Christian Aid Week is our shared moment to come together – across churches, communities and households – to stand alongside people living in poverty.

By funding urban farming projects alongside specialist training and the provision of tools and seeds from CA's partner Beacon of Hope, CA can help parents fight food insecurity, grow fresh vegetables in small city spaces and earn an income to support their families. We are invited to help mothers living in crowded informal settlements so they can protect their children from hunger and grow a more hopeful future.

This CA Week, our support could help mothers in many parts of Africa, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. Most parents wake every single day knowing that they must go and earn money, otherwise their children won't eat that evening.

For one focused week, thousands of people across Britain and Ireland give, fundraise, pray, walk, run, bake, dance, make, act together and do whatever it takes to help make lasting change.

Let us do so too.

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