Merciful God, grant that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may reveal your glory among all peoples, to the honour of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week’s Worship:
**Sunday 27th August 10.30am** – Paul Holt

This week’s readings:
- Ezekiel 34: 11-16a
- Luke 15: 11-32

Forthcoming services at St James’:
- **Sunday 3rd September 10.30am** – Revd. Alison Hall
- **Sunday 10th September 10.30am** – Stephen Mitchell

Forthcoming events:
- **Thursday 31st August 9.30am-11.30am** – Morning Coffee
- **Monday 11th September 7.30pm** – Steward/Elders meeting

**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 Pam Bellis, speaker is Graham Martin**
**prayers: Liz Hudson, reading: Norma Hannah: Matthew 16 vs 13-20**
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.
Coffee Morning
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.

**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.

**September Newsletter next week**
If you have any holiday snaps, celebrations, or events to include or want to give a shout out to anyone starting a new school/college or uni, Helen would love to hear from you!

**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.

**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
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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.notifications@gmail.com