

**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 30th November – 7th December 2025

This Week's Collect:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 30th November 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

This week's readings:

Matthew 24: 36 – 44
Romans 13: 11 - 14

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 7th December 10.30am: Rev John Lansley
Sunday 14th December 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, Gift Service
Sunday 21st December 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes, Christingle and Carol Service
Wednesday 24th December 11.30pm: Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion
Thursday 25th December 10.00am: Matthew Dwyer

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 4th December 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee
Saturday 6th December 7.00pm – Sing-along concert
Saturday 13th December 10.00 – 12.00 – Coffee morning and Carol singing in the village
Saturday 13th December 7.30pm – Liverpool Phoenix Choir (details below)
Wednesday 17th December 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship 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 Graham Martin, Speaker: Paul Holt,

Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Prayers: Liz Hudson

Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.

Advent Liturgy

One candle in the darkness and the dark is filled with light. God is light, and our lives are judged in the light of God's love. God is love and we look forward to the time when God's will is done and the Kingdom will come. On Advent Sunday we remember the promise of Jesus to come again and bring this about.

Bible Reading: Isaiah Chapter 42, verses 5 to 9



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre on Saturday raised just in excess of £1,000 to date. Thank you to those who supported us and especial thanks to our few stalwart helpers.

Liverpool Phoenix Voices

Liverpool Phoenix Voices are performing 'A Child is Born' here at St. James on **Saturday 13th December**. Starting at 7.30. Tickets £8 (Concessions £5. Children free). Tickets available on the door or can be reserved by emailing - liverpoolphoenixvoices@gmail.com. A selection of seasonal pieces will be performed including 'A Child is Born in Bethlehem'. 'The Lamb'. 'The Snowflakes' plus two world performances by local composers.

Christmas Wish Tree

We will once again be having a Christmas Wish Tree in church where you can hang a card with your wishes on and you may wish to do this rather than giving out individual cards. The trees will go up at the beginning of December. Any donations given for the Christmas Wishes will go to Christian Aid. Thank you all for your support

Pam Bellis
MAG group

Gift Service

Our Gift Service on the 14th December is a little later than usual this year which means it is getting very close to Christmas for our organisations to be able to sort and distribute gifts. We would like to ask that you will consider buying the following specific gifts which can be brought on the day. There will be a box in church this Sunday and on the weekend of the 7th December and at the coffee morning on the 13th December, if you would like to bring gifts before the service on the 14th.

Gifts of money may be brought to the service or passed to a steward prior to the 14th. These gifts are turned into gift vouchers which are used specifically to help with food hampers for the many families struggling at this time of year more than usual to put food on the table as well as buying gifts for the children.

Gifts to bring: Toiletry gift sets for men and women. Warm hats, gloves and scarves for both men and women. Chocolate selection boxes. Packs of men's and ladies underwear. (only small and medium sizes please), Children's toys but please no soft toys.

We will be supporting Action for Children. Centre 56. The Whitechapel Centre and the two Refuge accommodation centres for women and children fleeing from abuse, which we have supported for many years.

THANK YOU.

Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-a-long is on Saturday 6th December at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices. Proceeds will be split between St James' Church Projects Fund and 'Include Me' CIC. 'Include Me' meet here in Woolton and provide an opportunity for people to get together and make friendships.

Get your tickets now: adults: £7.50, children: £1.

Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218

Request from Liz

If anyone has got a cot mobile we could borrow for the school's Christmas Experience on December 9th. We'd only need it from Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th and will take great care of it.

Christmas Coffee Afternoon:

On Saturday 6th December (1pm-3pm), the young people at 'Next Level Youth Club' are hosting a Christmas Coffee Afternoon at St Mary's Church, Halewood. You are warmly invited, and can expect to find hot drinks, cakes, music and Christmas cheer! The young people, from across the circuit, have been working very hard to plan and prepare for this event during their weekly sessions in Halewood and Huyton. We have been marketing, decorating, designing and much more to get everything ready for the day. This will be the first 'Next Level Youth' event, and the young people would be so grateful for your support and attendance to encourage them to keep going with their mission and faith. We will be raising money through donations, to put towards our Spring Harvest trip in the spring.

If there are any children or young people in your church, who might not be able to make 'Next Level', but would still like to get involved on the day, please do contact Marrison. We would love to hear from you.

If you are able, we would be extremely grateful for any sweet treat/cake donations for the day. But please don't worry if not.

We hope to see you there!

For any questions or donations, please contact Marrison:
marrison.circuit youth@outlook.com

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*

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.

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.

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