

**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 2nd April – 9th April 2023

This Week's Collect. Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday Lent:

Eternal God, in your tender love towards the human race you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon a cross. Grant that we may follow the example of his great humility, and share in the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of all-redeeming grace, in your great love you gave your only Son to die for the sins of the whole world. Help us by your Holy Spirit to worship you with reverence, and to enter with joy into the celebration of those mighty acts whereby you bring us life and immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

April 2nd 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes – Palm Sunday

Forthcoming services at St James':

Thurs 6th April 7pm: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday 7th April 11am: Good Friday Service **12.00pm** Good Friday in the Village

April 9th 8.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes - Easter Communion

April 9th 10.30am: Revd. John Lansley Easter Sunday & Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Monday 3rd April – 2.30pm Monday Fellowship meeting (Pam Drapers house)

Monday 3rd April - 7.30pm Steward/Elders Meeting

Wednesday 5th April – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (In Church)

Thursday 6th April - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

There will **not** be a Coffee Morning on Easter Saturday 8th April. We will return on Saturday 13th May.

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 Andrew Gillespie, prayers Pam Alexander, reading Pat Fagan.

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

LENT COURSE: RADICAL WELCOME

Radical Welcome is a four-session programme from the educational charity Inclusive Church aimed at helping churches begin to look at what it might mean to go beyond being inclusive - to be radically welcoming. The Wednesday fellowship group will run the final session of this course on **5th April 7.30-9pm @ St James'**. Matthew Dyer will run sessions 3 & 4 of this course after Easter, dates tbc. You're more than welcome to join us! To join, or find out more, please email Kieran: kieran.bohan@yahoo.co.uk

PRAYERS

We pray for all that are in need of our prayers this week. We pray particularly for Paul Holt, Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Ray Jennings and Amy Bates' cousin- Claire, Dot Woods and family on the passing of Edie Lane and Bob Andrews.

Easter Egg Help! Centre 56 and one of the Refuge Centres for women and children both of which we support are struggling to find enough Easter eggs for the children. Please would you consider a small donation or supermarket voucher or donate a small chocolate egg? You can bring to church and place in donation box or ring Wendy on 07867795179 before 5th April. Thank you.

The Benevolent Fund The collection at the communion service on Easter Day (9 April) will be the Methodist Church Easter Offering. This is organised by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund. Donations will support the work of Mission Partners and the churches they serve in many parts of the world; and it will contribute to emergency funds that enable the Methodist Church in Britain to support our global partner Churches and organisations as they respond to crises when they occur.

Dan Holmes in Concert at St James'

We are delighted to be welcoming Dan and Sue Holmes back to St James' on the weekend of 15th and 16th April. Come and join us for a relaxed evening as Dan shares his beautiful self-penned songs about the events and experiences that happen along life's way.

Doors open at 6.30 pm, concert starting at 7.00 pm on Saturday 15th April.

Tickets from Lynne Barker: £6 adults, £1 children or pay at the door.

Proceeds in aid of St James' Development Fund.

Dan is unable to bring CDs this time but will be offering download cards instead.

Anyone who purchases a download card can go to his website and download the album on to their computer/tablet/electronics enabling them to listen to the music on any device they choose. Each download card will be available for 5 pounds, or you can get all five albums for 20 pounds. (Cash only as Dan can't take cards.)

First aid training.

If you are interested in taking part in a first aid course at St. James, please let Jayne McLaren know asap.

Church Flowers & Lent Cross Easter Day service

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. Donations are particularly welcome for the Easter flowers.

At the **Easter morning service**, we remove the symbols of suffering and pain from the foot of the cross and we transform the cross with flowers - symbols of new life and hope. You are invited to bring some flowers with you to help us decorate the cross during the service.

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: newsletter@stjameswoolton.org