

**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 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**This Week's Collect:**

God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am:** Rev John Lansley

**This week's readings:**

**Isaiah 48: 8-13**  
**Luke 1: 26-38**

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, Gift Service  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, Christingle and Carol Service  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm:** Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am:** Matthew Dwyer  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am:** Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion

**Forthcoming events:**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – 11.30am** – Morning Coffee  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 – 12.00** – Coffee morning and Carol singing in the village  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm** – Liverpool Phoenix Choir (details below)  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.15pm** – Wednesday Fellowship meeting  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm** – Making Christingles

**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: Steve Elliott,**

**Reading: Irene Elliott Matthew 3 v 1 - 12**

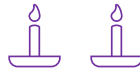
**Prayers: tbc**

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

### Advent Liturgy

One candle in the darkness brings hope; the second is to remind us of the prophets who believed in God during dark days and looked forward to the coming of God's chosen one.

Bible Reading: Isaiah Chapter 35 verses 3 to 6



### Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-along is postponed.

The new date for the concert will be 24<sup>th</sup> January but will be confirmed nearer the time.

### 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](mailto: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.

### Benevolent Fund

The collection on 30<sup>th</sup> November for St James Benevolent Fund totalled £232.91 plus gift aid. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute.

### 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 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.

### 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.

### **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*

### **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](mailto:St.James.notices@gmail.com)*