

**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 19th – 26th March 2023

This Week's Collect:

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to those who struck him and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Sunday Lent:

O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that, when we were dead in our sins, you sent your only Son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth, he is light and life; exalted upon the cross, he is truth and salvation. Raise us up with Christ that we may walk as children of light. We ask this through Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God, for ever and for ever. Amen.

This Sunday's Worship:

March 19th 10.30am: Revd. Patrick Evans - 4th service in Lent, Mothering Sunday & Holy Communion

Forthcoming services at St James'

March 26th 10.30am: Stuart Radcliffe

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

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 22nd March – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Wednesday Fellowship Group (in Church)

Thursday 23rd March - 9.30am – 11.30pm Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th March – 7.30pm Liverpool Phoenix Voices concert (St James)

Monday 27th March – 7.30pm Finance and Property 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 Graham Martin, speaker is Liz Hudson, prayers Jayne McLaren, reading Wendy Doig (Mark 4:1-2a, 35-41).

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 this course on 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th March 7.30-9pm @ St James'. Matthew Dyer will run this course on 6th, 13th, 27th March and 3rd April 8-9.30pm @ 93 Waylands Drive, L25 0LX. 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 Ron Swindells, Robyn Hyde, Joan Greenall, Ken Kitchen, Heather Hughes, Debbie Stanford, Ray Jennings and Amy Bates' cousin- Claire, Dot Woods and Bob Andrews.

Monetary Offerings

Your monetary donations are vital to the running and future of St. James Church, please contact Margaret Dee if you would like to change your giving to a Standing Order or join the Weekly Envelope scheme. Also, if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aid.

Message from Kathy Till, Open Doors

Thank you for all the help and support that you and your congregation gave me. I was truly blessed by the response I had from the people I spoke to and for the generosity of the gift (£200). Once again, thank you for the opportunity to share about our persecuted brethren at St. James. Every Blessing, Kathy

Benevolent Fund collection

The benevolent fund collection at the communion service on 19 March will be in aid of Merseyside and Cheshire Blood Bikes, a group of volunteers – mostly motor-cyclists – who try to make a difference by helping our local NHS. They transport blood units, blood samples, human baby milk and other essential items 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, at no cost to the NHS, thereby reducing NHS transport costs and allowing more funds to be used to improve patient treatment.

Their mission statement is to relieve sickness, protect health and save our NHS money to be used in the frontline, by the provision of emergency transport of urgently needed blood, donor breast milk, drugs, human tissue and other medical requirements between hospitals, hospices, blood transfusion units and blood banks primarily but not exclusively in the North West region of England.

Fundraising

In February Faye and Danny Laverty successfully climbed Kilimanjaro. Faye was raising money for a Liverpool charity. Weapons down gloves up organised by the No more knives team. She has raised £1,414 so far. Faye says: *"I love my city and I want to give back to the community, the people of Liverpool. WDGU aims to reduce crime and offers opportunities to young people through sports, education and employment. Everyone is capable of great things, and WDGU gives young people the opportunity to change their lives and thrive (which is what us scousers do)."* A big thanks to all who supported Faye and Danny with donations, prayers and encouragement. Photos will be shared in the next monthly newsletter.

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.

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.

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*