

**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 22nd – 29th October 2023

This Week's Collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 22nd October 10.30am – Peter Lyth

This week's readings:

2 Corinthians chapter 4 verses 5-12
Mark Chapter 2 verse 23 - chapter 3 verse 6

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 29th October 10.30am – Revd. Peter Hughes, Pastoral Visitors Dedication and Holy Communion (**Coffee Margret Peterson & Chris Hickey*)

Sunday 5th November 10.30am: Paul Holt

Forthcoming events:

Monday 23rd October 7.00 pm - Special Projects Meeting held in the church.

Thursday 26th October 9.30am – 11.30am – Coffee morning

Monday 30th October 7.30pm – Mission Action Group

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE:

IF YOU CANNOT COME TO WORSHIP AT ST JAMES IN PERSON WHY NOT LISTEN IN

The New 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 is Revd. David Goodwin,
prayers: Kate Cook, reading: Jamie Cook.**

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.

St James Memorial Book

We are starting a memorial book to record members of St James who have died. Once all the names we have been given have been entered, the book will be placed on the table in the entrance to the church for anyone who may wish to look at it. If you have a loved one or friend who you would like included in the book would you please email pambellis@hotmail.com with their name and date of death if you know it, but that is not essential, just the name will be enough.

Thank you.

Benevolent Fund

Our Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **29 October** will be devoted to the Open Table Network. This is a growing partnership of Christian worship communities which welcome and affirm people who are: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA) and their families and friends, and anyone who wants to belong in an accepting, loving community.

The main focus is on enabling LGBTQIA+ people to belong in a faith community, and to be empowered to take an active role in building and leading their community. Others also come to Open Table who feel 'on the edge' of traditional church for other reasons, e.g. divorce, mental distress, neurodiversity, homelessness, seeking asylum. Ages range from 18 to 80+. We sometimes have young people under 18, who usually attend with a friend or carer, and some children of LGBTQIA+ parents.

The name 'Open Table' sums up a Communion in which everyone can take part, without exclusion, judgement or a test of belonging or 'worthiness'. Many LGBTQIA+ people have been excluded, or fear exclusion, from this central act of hospitality of our Christian faith and story. People who belong to Open Table communities say it improves their mental health, and gives them confidence and hope.

You can read more at www.opentable.lgbt/our-impact or watch the short film 'Will it be Open Table?' [3 mins], with subtitles if you need them, at youtu.be/Y7L398VU1ck

Shoe box appeal

This year's shoe box appeal that St. James is supporting is called 'Link to Hope'. It supports families and the Elderly in places like Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

As we are so close to their closing date for this year (5th November), we are only able to give monetary donations and I will buy items online on Amazon and have them sent direct or if you want to do this yourself, nearer the time I will provide the link to give donations or choose your own items to send. For any more details or questions please speak to me.

<https://linktohope.co.uk/>

Thanks, Jayne McLaren

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.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 18th November. 10.00 until 1.00.

I hope this date is in your diaries!!!!

This day always creeps up on me very quickly once September is over and in no time at all we will be preparing the hall and looking forward to a visit from Santa.

Any help and support anyone can give will be very welcome. Cake and jam makers please consider helping us. Can I ask that absolutely no nuts are used. A list of ingredients would be most helpful. Thank you. We would like toiletries and gift items. Plants. Boxed gifts you may not have used but are lurking in your cupboards!! Please contact me on 07867795179 if you can help in any way. Wendy Doig.

OCTOBER is Black History Month

Black History Month is a time of celebration, recognition and sombre reflection. Black people from African and Caribbean communities have been an integral part of British history and society for hundreds of years. Despite racism and unfairness, black people continue to break barriers and use creativity and innovation to influence lives today. This year's theme, 'Saluting our Sisters', pays homage to black women who had contributions ignored, ideas appropriated, and voices silenced. READ MORE: blackhistorymonth.org.uk

We give thanks for Revd Sonia Hicks, the first Black woman to be President of the Methodist Church in 2021, and Revd Dr Tessa Henry-Robinson, the current Moderator of the United Reformed Church, the first Black woman to be elected to this office.

A prayer for Black History Month 2023: www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/racial-justice/black-history-month-2023/a-prayer-for-the-start-of-black-history-month-2023/

Notices next week:

*You can download all weekly notices **from our website.***

*Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,
please email by Thursday evening: St.James.notices@gmail.com*