

**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 18th – 25th February 2024

This Week's Collect:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 18th February 10.30am: Mr Paul Holt

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 25th February 10.30am: Revd John Lansley - Communion Service

Sunday 3rd March 10.30am: Obeth Thevanesan - All Age Worship

Sunday 3rd March 3.00pm: Marie Curie Service at St James'

Forthcoming events:

Wednesday 21st February 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship Group – weekly in Lent

Thursday 22nd February 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Monday 26th February 2.30pm – Monday House group at Pam Draper's house.

Wednesday 28th February 7.15pm – Wednesday Fellowship group – weekly in Lent

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, the speaker is Chris Bolton,
prayers: Liz Hudson, reading: Chris Bennett: Genesis 9 vs 8-17**

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.

Monday House group

The Monday House group will meet at Pam Draper's house on Monday 26th Feb at 2.30pm.

Church repairs

Church loft roof repairs - Work will be starting on Monday 4th March to carry out the required repairs to the church extension loft roof; it is expected that the work will take about 3 weeks to complete. While the work is taking place the church toilets will not be available and will be screened off to secure the work site. For the Sundays **10th, 17th and 24th of March**, if you need to use the toilets, either before or during the church service, a steward will be available to take you across the road to use the toilets in the church hall. Church roof repairs - we are still awaiting to hear when the repairs to the missing ridge tiles and slates will start. This work will require scaffolding to be erected at the side of the church and until the work has been completed, the path down the side of the church will remain closed. Thank you for your support in these matters and I do hope that this will not cause too much inconvenience to everyone. Pam Bellis, Chair of Finance and Property

Donation request

A mother of three children who uses Centre 56 service is in desperate need of a buggy for a young child.

If anyone can help, please contact Wendy Doig on 07867795179

Messages from Kieran Bohan

FEBRUARY is LGBT+ History Month, an annual celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans & non-binary history in the UK. The aim is to be an exciting, informative and celebratory month, to educate out prejudice and make LGBT+ people, in all their rich diversity, visible. This year's theme is #UnderTheScope to celebrate LGBT+ peoples' contribution to medicine and healthcare historically and today. READ MORE: lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk. The Methodist Church has published a prayer for LGBT+ History Month 2024, by Pam Gold, coordinator for the Methodist LGBT+ Solidarity Circle. READ MORE:

methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/the-inclusive-methodist-church/lgbtplus/lgbtplus-history-month-2024/a-prayer-for-lgbtplus-history-month-2024.

DISCERNING ORDAINED VOCATIONS: UPDATE

Last month the Chair of Liverpool Methodist District told us that this month, THREE candidates from the District were being assessed for training to become Presbyters in the Methodist Church: Hayley from the Emmaus Circuit, Sue from North Liverpool and South Sefton, and Kieran from Liverpool South, a member of St James' Woolton. This is the first time there has been so many applicants from the Liverpool District in more than ten years. On Friday 9th February they all found out they are being recommended for ordination training this autumn, subject to approval by Methodist Conference in June, following DBS checks and assessments of health and training needs. Training will begin in late September - either full- or part-time in Birmingham, or circuit-based in Liverpool, depending on their circumstances. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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.

*You can download all notices **from our website**.
Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,
please email by Thursday evening: St.James.notices@gmail.com*