

**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 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

**This Week's Collect:**

Your glory, O God, fills heaven and earth and all creation resounds with your praise. As we rejoice in your presence, may we know your power to save and praise you for your faithfulness, now and for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**This week's Worship:**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am** - Rev Dr Clement Matarirano (Bible month 2)

**This week's readings:**

Philippians 2:1-30

**Forthcoming services at St James':**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am** – Rev Peter Hughes (Bible month 3) Holy Communion

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am** - Andrew Gillespie (Bible month 4)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am** – Paul Holt

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am** – Rev Peter Hughes, Holy Communion, All age worship

**Forthcoming events:**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – 11.30am:** Morning Coffee

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm** – Steward / Elders meeting

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm** – Wednesday Fellowship Group (Steve & Irene Elliott's home)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm** – Church Council

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7.30pm** – Pastoral Meeting

**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: Pam Bellis,  
Reading: Chris Bennett: Exodus 25: 1-16, Prayers: Liz Hudson**

## Ron Swindells

The funeral of Ron Swindells will take place on **Monday 22nd June** with the committal at Springwood Crematorium at 10:00am, for family and close friends only, followed by a Church service to celebrate Ron's life at St James Church, Woolton (L25 7RJ) at 10:45am

Afterwards, will be at The Hayloft, Allerton Manor Golf Club (L18 3JT) following the service which we would love those who knew dad or have a story to tell to join Ron's family and friends for refreshments and a catch up.

## A glimpse of Ron 18/11/1928 - 30/5/2026

Ron was born in Stockport and moved to Garston at the age of 5. His mum and dad and Ron started their worship in Liverpool at Island Road Methodist Church, Garston and soon after Ron joined the ranks of the 56th Liverpool there and attended through the war years.

As a family, with his wife Beryl, Robert and Margaret they moved to Woolton in 1968. He had many jobs within the Church here at St James being various stewards but his main love was within the Boys Brigade becoming a warrant officer in 1969 after their move from Prescot. He became a Lieutenant in 1971 and became Captain in 1979. He held various positions within the Liverpool Battalion and officiated in the then No. 2 Group camps too.

He retired from his official Brigade duties at age 70 in 1998. He continued his support of the Liverpool Battalion as an Honorary Vice President and was always happy to represent the 26th at many events.

Ron was a valuable member of St James Church and will leave his friends there with wonderful memories of special times shared through worship, church weekends, choir, the working party, various committees and coffee mornings to name a few.

Ron passed to Glory with no suffering and with his beloved family around him on Saturday 30th May 2026 after 90 years of Brigade involvement and even longer service in Methodism.

You will be missed by us all Ron  
Good night and God bless,  
Your friends at St James 



### **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*

### **Benevolent Fund**

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **21 June** is for MHA (Methodist Homes for the Aged).

For more than 80 years, people have trusted MHA to meet their needs and aspirations in later life. They've been finding assurance and creating friendships through its care homes, retirement living properties and community groups, and enjoying the warmth, comfort and spirituality that's so central to living later life well.

Whatever their needs or aspirations, with MHA people find support for every part of their later life journey. Maintaining an active and independent lifestyle? Seeking new friendships? Searching for care that's made for their needs? MHA is here to help with all of these things and more.

MHA exists for one reason - to help older people to live later life well, with dignity, independence and connection. Its approach is always person-centred and relationship-focused – about getting to know each person, understanding what matters to them, and providing care and support that truly reflects their needs, preferences and personality.

Alongside the efforts of its amazing teams, it's the kindness, donations, fundraising and volunteering of people like you that helps MHA to continually accelerate its positive impact on the lives of others.

### **Walk for UNICEF**

Jane Laverty, friends and work colleagues are walking 30 miles, from Woolton to Southport Pier on **July 13th**. To walk the 30 miles is challenging, if anyone would like to join for all or part of the walk, they are more than welcome.

All money raised will be for UNICEF, who support children in crisis all over the world. There will be a sponsor form in Church and Just Giving page if anyone would like to donate (details to follow).

Thanks, Jane

### **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.

### **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.

### **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)