

**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 21st – 28th January 2024

This Week's Collect:

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Grant that we may hear the call to discipleship and gladly proclaim the gospel to a waiting world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 21st January 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes - Covenant Service with Holy Communion

This week's readings:

**Exodus 24.3-11; Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34; Romans 12.1-2;
John 15.1-10**

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 28th January 10.30am: Revd. Sheryl Anderson - Chair of Liverpool District of the Methodist Church

Sunday 4th February 10.30am: Rev Stuart Radcliffe Missional Discipleship Enabler, URC Mersey Synod

Forthcoming events:

Monday 22nd January 7.00pm – Special Projects meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 7.30pm – Worship Consultation in church

Thursday 25th January 9.30am – 11.30am – Morning Coffee

Monday 29th January 7.00pm – Mission Action Group

Wednesday 31st January 7.15pm - Wednesday Fellowship Group (**date changed*)

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 Pam Bellis, the speaker is Rev Peter Hughes,
prayers: Jamie/Kate Cook, reading: Jamie or Kate Cook: John 15 v 1-10.**
Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.

Benevolent Fund

The benevolent fund collection at the Covenant service on **21 January** is for the Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Princes Park Debt Relief Project.

CAP is a national charity committed to the alleviation of Poverty. One way it does this is through supporting local affiliated initiatives of Church Groups set up to help people in debt. The Princes Park Project has been set up with support from members of Princes Park Methodist Church, and the neighbouring New Life International Church, to help people in the local Liverpool 8 community who are trapped by debt.

The Advice Project is staffed almost full time by volunteers and works by visiting people in debt in their homes, compiling information about the clients' personal and financial circumstances, and then referring them for specialist advice and intervention to CAP's professional team. This team will compile options open to the client along with a financial statement and budget for the client to make an informed decision. The volunteers will present the professional advice, and interpret or, where necessary, obtain clarification from the qualified debt advisors. Solutions could include debts written off (Insolvency) or a managed repayment scheme during which the client would be protected from their creditors and aggressive debt collectors. Volunteers remain with the client for support if they want it during their journey towards debt freedom.

The Project has to raise its own funds both to cover office expenses and to contribute to the costs of the team of professional advisers. While this project is enthusiastically supported by members of the Princes Park congregation, they need additional help to sustain the project for the future.

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.

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.

Thank you messages:

The letters and cards of thanks on the next page have been received from the unit staff to which your very generous donations were given.

Thank you to all of you who gave so generously. Your gifts are very gratefully received and help so much to make special times such as Christmas a happier time than some children and adults have ever had. Wendy.

*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*

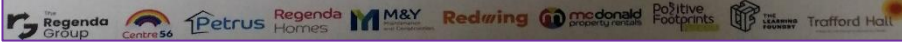


Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to thank you for your generous and much needed support for our 2023 Christmas campaign. The response from people like yourself was overwhelming and made such a difference to the families we support. Myself and the team would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you on behalf of everyone here at Centre 56. We appreciate your generous and continued support.

Best wishes for 2024 Paula, and the team at Centre 56.

Thank
You



We wish you all a very Happy Xmas
and a prosperous New Year.

To/
Wendy and all from St James Church



Thank you for your kind and generous
donation to YMCA Ait Bank House
The donations will help make Xmas a
better time for all the residents of the
service

YMCA Ait Bank House

Hi Wendy

Thank You

Christmas Gifts/Toiletries/Toys/Biscuits & chocolates/Wrapping paper etc- Thank you

With regard to your kind Christmas donations as above, on behalf of all our residents and children here at FAE House, we would like to thank your good self and all involved for making it possible. Our residents reported back that they were really grateful for the items. As you know we support families and children in refuge so these items brought some happiness and positive wellbeing to them.

We appreciate your inclusion of us and hard work in organising this. 10 out of 10 residents with children benefited from the donations.

Thanks again to you and your colleagues from all of us (staff).

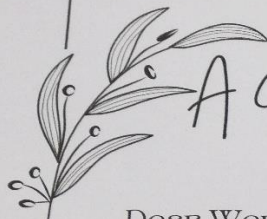
Joy Thomas, Estelle Lowe, Anna Zelinkova, Shauna Middleton. Senior Team: Alice Phipps & Tricia Hopkins

JOY THOMAS

EMPOWERMENT PRACTITIONER

(SHE/HER)

YMCA TOGETHER



*A Great Big Thank
You*

Dear Wendy,

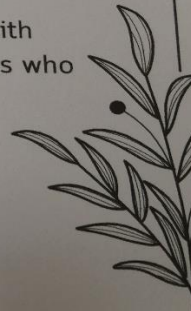
Hope this letter finds you well and we hope you are having a lovely Christmas.

We would like to say big thank you for all the support and donations to our women and children, particularly in this time of the year.

We are happy to inform you that your kind donation will be used in buying treats for all our women and children in refuge to assure they have the best Christmas.

We are thankful to have built up a relationship with you knowing there are people filled with kindness who are willing to help our service.

We couldn't do it without you.
Thank you again.



Sincerely,

Grace House