

**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 5th – 12th May 2024

This Week's Collect:

God of mercy, as we rejoice in the resurrection of your Son, the Bread of Life, feed us with your plenty and increase in us compassion for the hungry; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 5th May 10.30am: Peter Foster (**Coffee Jayne & Andrew*)

This week's Readings

Acts 10 44-48

1 John 5 1-6

John 15 9-17

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 12th May 10.30am: Steven Mitchell - All Age Worship (**coffee Jonquil & Dave*)

Sunday 19th May 10.30am: Paul Holt

Sunday 26th May 10.30am: Rev Peter Hughes - Holy Communion

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th May 9.30 – 11.30am – Morning coffee

Saturday 11th May 10.00am – 12.00pm – Coffee morning

Monday 13th May 7.15pm – Safeguarding meeting

Wednesday 15th May 7.15pm - Wednesday Fellowship Group

Monday 20th May 7.30pm – Steward/ Elders 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 Pam Bellis, the speaker is Rev Peter Hughes,
prayers: Kate / Jamie Cook, reading: Kate / Jamie Cook - John 15:9-17**
Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.

Minister's message:

Hello Everyone and welcome to a new month.

May is my favourite month of the year, with everything coming to life, the longer days and warmer weather.

This month Ascension Day, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday all fall within the month of May. As I mentioned last month, the period between Ascension Day (Thursday 9th) and Pentecost Sunday (Sunday 19th) has become known as the season of "Thy Kingdom Come".

At the time of Jesus's ascension into heaven, when he returned to his Father, the disciples asked him questions about the Kingdom of God and when it would come. Jesus replied that discussion of times and dates was not important. What the disciples needed to get ready for was the coming of the Holy Spirit. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and the disciples were empowered to share the good news of Jesus. This resulted in many people coming to faith in Jesus as the Kingdom of God grew and spread around the world.

Today we pray that people will discover Jesus and enter the Kingdom of God. The challenge is for us to pray for our friends and neighbours to experience that love of Jesus in their hearts and lives.

Just as nature springs to life around us during May, so may God the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit be seen in our lives and our world today.

God Bless
Peter

Gathering for Worship & Praise at Strawberry Field - Sunday 12th May 5.15pm onwards

Our friends at Strawberry Field invite us to join them for their monthly gathering for Praise.

This month the theme will be Thy Kingdom Come and will include several "stations" for people to explore and experience.

You are welcome to come from 5.15 onwards and the event will end by 7pm.

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.

Benevolent Fund

The benevolent collection from 28th April for Mission Mexico was £194.30 plus gift aid.

Thank you to all who were able to contribute.

Christian Aid week 12th - 18th May 2024.

Fancy a challenge, goal to work towards, a bit of fun. Then join us for St. James sponsored walk on Sunday 12th May. We will be leaving from Church after the service, 12ish and walking to the Liver buildings (around 6.5 miles).

All you need is a packed lunch, smile and your friends and family to sponsor you. Anyone is welcome, you can do part of the walk and if younger people want to join on their scooter or bikes that's fine. A family day out raising money for a great cause. So put the date in your diary and get some practice in. More details to follow. If you are interested let text **Jane (Lavery)** on 07963961951

If you would like to donate there will be a sponsor form at the back of Church and the following link will take you to the fundraising page.

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2024/st-james-sponsored-walk>

Quiz night:

St Peter's are inviting us to join their quiz night on Friday 17th May for Christian Aid.

Details and tickets in link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-christian-aid-quiz/st-peters-christian-aid-week-quiz-2024/e-obkxqv>

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.

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*