

**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 23rd – 30th July 2023

This Week's Collect:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which last for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 23rd July 10.30am – Steve Elliott

This week's readings:

Mathew 13 v24-30, 36-43
Psalm 139 v1-12,23-24

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 30th July 10.30am – Revd. Peter Hughes Holy Communion (* *Coffee Wendy Doig*)
Sunday 6th August 10.30am - Yvonne Campbell

Forthcoming events:

Thursday 27th July 9.30am-11.30am – Morning Coffee

Thursday 27th July 7.30pm – Worship Planning meeting

The Summer Coffee Morning/Brunch will now be held on **Saturday 12th August** in the Church Hall. Watch this space for details and put in your diaries now

WORSHIPPING BY PHONE

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

to the live afternoon telephone worship at 2.30 p.m. which lasts 15-20 minutes.

Just dial 0333-006-7775 from your landline telephone between 2.20-2.30pm; then enter the "Pin" number: 08 39 09 01 and say your name when asked to do so. You will be able to chat to everyone else who joins until the service starts. Worship includes an opening prayer, a Bible reading, the Lord's Prayer said together, a short reflection on the reading, prayers of intercession and a blessing before we share the words of The Grace.

This Sunday the host is Graham Martin, speaker is Revd. David Goodwin (Superintendent Minister of the Liverpool South Methodist Circuit), prayers: Pam Bellis, Reading: Wendy Doig - Matthew 13 vs 24-30

Everyone is invited to, and very welcome at, this time of worship and fellowship.

Pat Fagan

It is with great sadness that we inform you that our beloved and loyal servant, Pat Fagan, a treasured member at St. James', Woolton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday evening. Please keep her family, church family and friends in your prayers as they grieve and come to terms with the void she has left behind.

Funeral details have not been arranged yet and will confirmed in due course.

Good night and God bless Pat 🙏💔💔
Always in our hearts.

Prayers

For Lillian and John Jeffers. Father God please be with John and Lillian, and with the medical team caring for him. May your love give them strength, peace and comfort at this worrying time.

For Margaret Dee's sister Janet, Margaret, Nick and all the family and for the medical team caring for Janet.

For Alan Smith still recovering from his fall.

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.

FIRST AID COURSE

We still have a few places left on the first aid course at St. James Church on **Saturday 23rd September 2023 9.30am-12.30pm**, please let Jayne McLaren know asap if you'd like to attend. Thank you.

Message from Mercy Ships

Dear Friends from St James' Church,

Thank you so much for choosing to support Mercy Ships. Your kind donation of £160 from your church will help people find hope and healing. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to your community for your love and support.

Your support makes moments like these: Gamai was only a toddler when she fell, pouring boiling water over herself. She was left scared and unable to move her arms and hands. She could not even get pain relief. No one could help her then you stepped in. Thanks to your generous support, Gamai can stretch out her arms and hug her mum for the first time in years. Your love heals children like Gamai. Your amazing gift will be doubled so your love will go twice as far at no extra cost to you. THANK YOU.

Joanne Balaam CEO

Eddie and Susan Sykes

We met Eddie and Susan Sykes on our visit to Scotland last week.

They send their love and best wishes to everyone at St James's.

Rev Eddie was minister of St James's from 2001-2004. Since then, he has served in the Bahamas, and, after returning to the UK a few years ago, in North Lancashire and most recently as Superintendent of the Forth Valley Circuit in Scotland. Eddie retires next month, and he and Susan will be making their retirement home in Kelso in the Scottish Borders. Their sons, Jonathan and Thomas, are both married and live in North America.

Geraldine and Peter Bounds

The Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on Sunday 30 July will be for Action for Children. Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

Their vision is that every child and young person has a safe and happy childhood, and the foundations they need to thrive. Their mission is to protect and support children and young people. They do this by providing practical and emotional care and support. They seek to make sure their voices are heard and they campaign to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

They are:

- **passionate** about all children having a safe and happy childhood;
- **ambitious** for children and young people; and
- **inclusive**, and strive to ensure that all children are included,

and they **collaborate** internally and externally with other organisations to get the best outcomes for children.

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. We will then deliver those flowers to people after the Service.

If you know someone who you feel would be blessed by receiving flowers from Church, please speak to **Jonquil** or a steward.

We will also need some more volunteers to take flowers out to people.

St James' Pre-School

At St James', we offer high quality care and education for children aged 2 – 5.

Term time 9.15am – 12.15pm.

Places available for September.

Nurse funding for all 3 & 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds.

For more information please T: 0151 428 7525 E: stjamespreschool@hotmail.com

You can also visit our website at: www.stjamespreschoolwoolton.weebly.com

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Notices next week

You can download all weekly notices and newsletters [from our website](#).

Anything you wish to be included in the weekly notices,

or the monthly newsletter, please email by Thursday evening: St.James.notices@gmail.com