

**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 19th – 26th November 2023

This Week's Collect:

Eternal God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in justice and peace your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week's Worship:

Sunday 19th November 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes

This week's readings:

Matthew 25: 14 - 30
1 Thessalonians 5: 1 - 11

Forthcoming services at St James':

Sunday 26th November 10.30am: Revd. Peter Hughes, Holy Communion (**Coffee Jayne and Andrew McLaren*)

Sunday 3rd December 10.30am: (Advent Sunday) Revd. Sheryl Anderson

Forthcoming events:

Saturday 18th November 10.00am – Christmas Fair

Monday 20th November 10.00am – 3.30pm – EDI Training (St James)

Thursday 23rd November 9.30am – 11.30am – Coffee morning

Saturday 2nd December 7.00pm – Roy and Friends Sing-a-long

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 speaker is Liz Hudson

prayers: Jamie Cook,

reading: Norma Hannah: Extract Timothy Chapters 4 and 5.

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.

St James Memorial Book

We are starting a memorial book to record members of St James who have died. Once all the names we have been given have been entered, the book will be placed on the table in the entrance to the church for anyone who may wish to look at it. If you have a loved one or friend who was a member of regular worshipper at St James', and who you would like included in the book would you please email pambellis@hotmail.com with their name and date of death if you know it, but that is not essential, just the name will be enough. Thank you.

Roy Barker & Friends Christmas Sing-a-long is on Saturday 2nd December at 7.00 pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

Come and join us for some Christmas fun and lots of singing. Wear your Christmas hats and sweaters and bring your voices. Proceeds will be split between St James' Church Projects Fund and the Steps to Work programme at Strawberry Field. Strawberry Field continues the legacy of caring for young people in the local community as a safe, calm and spiritual home for trainees. The Steps to Work programme empowers young adults aged 18 – 25 with learning difficulties, who are neurodivergent or have barriers to employment into paid work.

Get your tickets now: adults: £6, children: £1. Contact Roy and Lynne Barker 0151 421 1218



Ron Swindells Big 95th Birthday

Ron will be celebrating his 95th birthday on Saturday the 18th of November and be away celebrating with his family for a long weekend in Wales. He shares his special day with that other small but influential and well liked character Mickey Mouse who on the same day took his first public performance in Steam Boat Willy and they both have influenced and cheered up many many people since 1928.

Mickey and Ron have always been cheerful, thoughtful and caring and seems to be liked by all !

Rob, Margaret, Sharon and Alan together with grandchildren and partners Iain and Claire, Robert, Graeme, Adam, and Helen, Emily and Kate and Great Grandchildren Sophie, Fern, Charlotte and Jude wish him a Very Happy and Special Birthday.

Monday House Fellowship

The November Meeting of the Monday House group will be on **Monday 27th November at 2.30pm** in the home of Pam Draper.

Benevolent Fund

In the season of remembrance, the Benevolent Fund collection at the communion service on **26 November** will be devoted to the Royal British Legion.

This is the country's largest Armed Forces charity, with 180,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners and charities; giving support wherever and whenever it's needed. It provides lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. Its support starts after one day of service and continues through life, long after service is over – from providing expert advice and guidance, to recovery and rehabilitation, through to transitioning to civilian life. And not just for members of the Armed Forces, but for their families too.

Every year in November, it distributes paper poppies to raise vital funds to help today's Armed Forces community. It remembers those who lost their lives on active service in all conflicts; from the beginning of the First World War right up to the present day, as well as all those who have served in the forces and their families.

Christmas Wish Tree

This year we will once again be having a Christmas Wish tree. Instead of exchanging Christmas cards with friends at church you are invited to write a wish and hang it on the tree. If you wish to make a donation, the collection will be given to Christian Aid. Thank you for your 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. 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.

Notices next week

Please note there will be no weekly notice sheet for Sunday 3rd December so any notices to be included for the next TWO weeks will be in the sheet for 26th November. Please email anything to be included this week.

**Many thanks
Helen**

*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*