

**ST JAMES' METHODIST & UNITED REFORMED CHURCH  
WOOLTON L25 7RJ**

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Peter's day off is Friday - messages and emails left on Fridays will not be received by him until Saturday.



**Sunday December 9th 2018**

*Welcome to everyone in Church this morning.*

**If you are worshipping with us for the first time, St James' offers you a very warm welcome and we hope you'll come again.**

**Refreshments are always provided after Worship – please join us.**

We would like to keep in touch with you to let you know what's going on at St James', so please fill in your details on the '**NEW TO CHURCH**' slip.

A lift is available for access into church, and there is a ramp at the rear of the building. We have large print hymnbooks; other items are available in large print or braille on request. There is a loop system for people with hearing aids. **If you need any help, please ask a steward.**

**This Morning's Preacher** is Liz Hudson

**This Morning's Worship** is a Parade and Gift service

**Our Welcomers** are Jayne McLaren and the Miller family

**The Vestry Steward** is Pam Bellis

**The Book Stewards** are Margaret Dee and Tony Laverty

**Our Readers** are members of the Brigades

**The Readings** are Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 1; 68-79 and 3; 1-6

**Your church is open for coffee on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 12.30**

**The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent**

God of all holiness, your promises stand unshaken through all generations and you lift up all who are burdened and brought low: renew our hope in you, as we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

**The Church is registered for Gift Aid** If you are a taxpayer, and not using the envelope system, please complete a Gift Aid envelope with your offering.

**Offertory card** - If you make an offering by standing order, please take a card from the table at the back of the church to place on the plate to represent your gift.

**DATES TO NOTICE:**

Monday December 17<sup>th</sup>

Property and Finance Committee at 7.30 pm

Monday January 21<sup>st</sup>

Special Projects Meeting at 6.30 pm

Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Worship Consultation, 30 Stuart Avenue, 7.30 pm

Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup>

\*Defibrillator Training in church hall at 7.45 pm\*

(See notice below)

**CHRISTMAS AT ST JAMES'**

December 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Parade and Gift Service

23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 am Christingle: 6.30 pm Carol Service

24<sup>th</sup> 11.30 pm Christmas Eve Communion at **Garston Park**

25<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Christmas Day worship

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS NOTICE**

Please do not let the circulated leaflet deceive you into thinking there would be a Coffee Morning on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. **There won't.**

**CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER AT 6.30<sup>pm</sup>**

Readers are needed for the Carol Service when we will have a series of Carols and 5 Bible Readings. If you would be willing to read at this Service please contact Peter either by phone or email as soon as possible.

**WOMEN'S GUILD**

December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas meal at Spire

The Guild will now break for the winter until March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE 2018: "Christmas Journeys"**

Our Christmas Experience will be taking place between **Monday 10th and Friday 14th December** this year. The children from Woolton Primary School will be visiting us on Thursday 13th December.

If you would be available to lead children through the Christmas Experience that day your help would be much appreciated. Please speak to a member of the Mission Action Group or Peter if you are available to help.

All Church groups are welcome to enjoy the Christmas Experience, so please speak to a member of the Mission Action Group or Peter about a time for your group to visit the Church and be guided through the Experience.

## ***FELLOWSHIP GROUPS IN DECEMBER***

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 89 Kings Drive

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at Sue Moister's

## ***THE CHRISTMAS SINGALONG***

Raised an amazing £1,112, which with matching funding means that the Alder Hey Children's Cardiac Fund will receive £1,056.

## ***CAROL SINGING***

**next Saturday** at the Farmers Market from 10.30 am for about an hour, then back to St James' for a cuppa. Our next session is on **18th December** starting at Tesco at 4pm and then Sainsbury's at 5 pm, St James' for a cuppa or to eat their tea for those who want it, then on to Marie Curie at 7 pm. All are welcome to join us as always.

## ***THE POSADA***

Mary, Joseph, and the wonky donkey are on their travels again, and if you would like to help them on their way please speak to Kate or Jamie Cook on 0151 2221671 or 07514 409604.or any of the stewards.

## ***FULWOOD COURT METHODIST HOME***

Every Tuesday, two volunteers operate a small shop table which offers small items for sale to residents - biscuits, sweets, toiletries, etc.

**There is now an urgent need for more volunteers.**

If you could offer up to an hour and a half on a Tuesday morning, on dates to suit you - it could be one morning every two months - your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Coffee Morning held on December 1<sup>st</sup> raised £700.

## ***TODAY'S GIFT SERVICE***

We shall be distributing gifts to:

Women and Children's Refuge Centres.

Action for Children.

Whitechapel Centre.

Garston Food Bank.

You can offer:

**UNWRAPPED gifts** of children's toys/books/games - ages 2 to teenage.

Toiletries for men and women and also teenage boys and girls.

Warm hats, gloves, socks.

Boxes of festive chocolates, biscuits, items e.g. jars of coffee, tinned food,

Christmas puddings, which could go into food packs.

## ***SANTA STEVE***

and family raised some £700 last Sunday for the Toilet Twinning Project.

## ***BE PREPARED FOR THE ADVENTURE.***

**Are you interested in being involved with enabling the Scouting adventure?**

Due to increased demand, Our Beaver, Cub and Scout sections wish to expand their leadership and support teams. You will be helping alongside existing leaders; roles can be hands-on or backroom with flexible time requirements. For more information, please contact one of our leaders or Colin Howard (Group Scout Leader) at thehowards@talk21.com.

## ***BUON NATALE***

Rosy Vicenzi in Naples sends greetings: her letter and a card are on the board at the back of the church.

## ***CHRISTMAS CARD TREE***

we have a Christmas card tree this year, on which people could write a message to all their friends in church, and leave a donation in favour of the Alder Hey Cardiac Unit in lieu of postage etc. This tree is now available.

\*The ladies from the Tuesday Coffee Morning have suggested that instead of sending each other Christmas Cards in Church this year they will make a donation to a charity (still to be decided). Therefore, there will be a tin at the back of the church every Sunday and Tuesday from now until Christmas for those who wish to take part.

## ***DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SESSION***

We are now the proud owners of a defibrillator thanks to the fund raising walk by Rob Swindells of the BB with help from Amy and team in the GB. This machine was purchased from the Oliver King Foundation and is now fitted in the front entrance of the Church Hall.

To find out more about the Oliver King Foundation contact:

Web: [www.theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk](http://www.theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk)

Email: [info@theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk](mailto:info@theoliverkingfoundation.co.uk)

Twitter @TheOKFoundation Tel 0151 728 3470

Or look at one of the booklets placed on the information table in church.

**A training session** on the use of the machine is planned for Thursday, 31st January at 7.45 in the church hall which is to be presented by the Foundation. The session will run for approximately an hour and a half. If you would like to attend there will be a list to sign placed on the information table in church: or email: [Wendy Doig on wdoig45@gmail.com](mailto:WendyDoig@gmail.com) .

## ***BENEVOLENT FUND***

Please see Peter or Jayne if you would like to nominate a charity for our collections in 2019. The collection on December 30 will be for Christian Aid.

## ***CHRISTMAS FAIR***

Thank you to everyone who supported, helped, visited, donated to the Fair this year. This event is held every year to raise funds which are specifically used for the upkeep and general maintenance of the hall buildings. We are grateful for the support and commitment of all our groups associated with St. James'.

**The amount raised this year is £1638.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY - December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Peter Hughes	<b>Offertory count</b>	Margaret Peterson & Chris Hickey
<b>Welcome</b>	Cook family	<b>Tea/coffee</b>	Jonquil Dickson & Pat Fagan
<b>Steward (V)</b>	Dave Dickson	<b>PowerPoint</b>	Dorothy Peers
<b>(W)</b>	Jayne McLaren	<b>Music</b>	Peter Bounds
<b>(B)</b>	Margaret Dee & Liz Hudson	<b>Flowers</b>	
<b>Readings</b>	Emma and Carol Skyner	<b>Delivered by</b>	Pam Draper
<b>Prayers</b>	Chris Bennett	<b>Tuesday coffee</b>	Glenys Evans and Irene Taylor

## ***USED POSTAGE STAMPS***

We continue to save these and you will notice that a collection box for the RNIB is now on the table next to recycling box. Please cut the stamp from envelope leaving 1cm of paper around the stamp. Please do not just tear off and leave most or a double layer of envelope as this adds to the weight to be dispatched and gives a great deal of work for the sorters at the collection end! Foreign stamps should go in a separate envelope.

## ***A POLITE REMINDER***

to all groups using our hall and church premises to please check that lights are switched off, all internal doors closed, all external fire doors checked where necessary and that toilets are checked before you leave the premises. Please also return and stack chairs correctly. Clean (!) tables after use and stack safely in trolleys, ensuring the safety straps are secure and wheel locks in place. If you have any issues to report please contact Wendy Doig.

**Notices for next week:** please send to Derek Long at dandjlong765@gmail.com or on 722 1014.